

September 27, 2021

City Council
City of Brampton

Att. Peter Fay, City Clerk

Sent via email

Re: Motion regarding Town and Gowns Committee

Dear sir,

triOS College Business Technology Healthcare is Ontario's largest Private Career College, regulated by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities under the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005. We offer 37 different programs in five faculties at 8 campuses spread across Southern Ontario. Our sister division, Eastern College is the largest PCC in the Maritimes with 4 campuses in NB & NS. We are also the private partner for Sault College and Mohawk College. Currently we have over 60,000 graduates and approximately 5000 students enrolled in our colleges.

In partnership with Sault College, triOS is currently building a new campus at the Bramalea City Centre. Once complete, this campus location will house approximately 1300 international students. We have had wonderful support from the Economic Development Department at the city when we were looking for facility options and truly feel welcomed and supported by them.

We take our responsibility to support our students very seriously and offer a full suite of support services for all our students, particularly our international students, to ensure they have a successful academic career. We want our students to succeed in every possible way, including helping them find part-time jobs while in school and then internships and full-time careers upon graduation. One new initiative we are undertaking this year is to host webinars on the rights and responsibilities of landlords, under both city bylaws and under the Landlord-Tenant Act. As part of our community outreach, we're inviting the 5000 triOS Brampton graduates to consider housing a current international student while helping themselves offset their own costs.

We are delighted to participate in the Town and Gown Committee to facilitate an understanding of what supports exist for students and where they may be improved to have better outcomes. Supporting students is a complex challenge, made much more complicated by the pandemic. Committees like the Town and Gowns Committee are an important tool in understanding the concerns of the community so that they can be properly addressed.

We would also be very pleased to be a co-host of the roundtable discussions on international students as outlined in the motion. We are looking forward to working with the other post-secondary institutions and social service agencies in Brampton. Together, we will be able to identify gaps and work to improve outcomes for all international students, whether in a public or private institution.

If triOS College can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

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