

Corporation of the City of Brampton Mayor and Members of Council 2 Wellington Street West Brampton, ON L6Y 4R2

August 22, 2022

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and express Algoma University's support for the John and Chapel Street Amendment Application (City File: OZS-2022-0035) which is being considered this evening.

Since 2018, Algoma University has grown by over 215%, making it one of the fastest-growing universities in Canada. Student enrolment in Brampton has grown from 270 to close to 3,000 in 2022/23; an increase of over 925%. In the last three years, the University and its partners have invested close to \$40 million. The University is planning/budgeting to continue the investment at an average of \$15 million per year over the next three years.

Algoma University is committed to supporting its students. Finding safe, adequate and affordable housing to aid the growing number of students within Brampton's Downtown cannot be overstated. The John and Chapel Street proposal will be an important contributor to this initiative.

On June 13, 2022, a Letter of Intent (LOI) between Algoma University and 2088295 Ontario Limited (the "Applicant") was executed to identify parameters which to partner in the design, build, and lease process. We are very excited and thrilled to have secured this new partnership. We firmly believe that our students and faculty will greatly benefit from the proposed 39-storey apartment and student residence. It is ideally located at the doorstep of the University with convenient access to basic and lifestyle amenities.

The proposal comprises 276 residential market units and 77 student residences ranging between two and four-bedroom suites and a total of 254 beds. Depending on the student residence's demands, upper floors may be re-purposed for additional office/administration, amenities, common studio and/or lounge space. The proposal will represent another collaborative approach to expanding postsecondary educational opportunities in Brampton's downtown.

Algoma University appreciates the opportunity to participate in the public process and provide its support for this project. We are eager to continue working cooperatively in the best interests of the University, the local community and the Applicant. We encourage City Staff and Council to work closely with the Applicant to secure the timely planning approvals required to advance the project to the next phase.

We respectfully request to be notified of any future decision regarding this matter by City Council and any Council Committees of Council.

Regards,

Craig Fowler, Vice-President, Growth and External Relations

