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Laurier welcomes Ontario government's plan to support new post-secondary campuses in both Milton and Brampton

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University welcomes the Ontario government's commitment to seek expressions of interest to establish new post-secondary campuses in both Milton and Brampton.

Laurier has been working with the Town of Milton and other public and private-sector partners for more than eight years to develop plans for a university campus in this vibrant community, which is located on the northwest side of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). In 2014, the Town extended the original memorandum of understanding and agreed to donate 150 acres of land valued at approximately \$50 million to the university as part of its endorsement of the Laurier Milton campus plan.

"We are pleased that the Ontario government is moving forward with plans to bring post-secondary educational opportunities to an under-served area of the GTA," said Max Blouw, president and vice-chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University. "Milton is one of the fastest-growing communities in Canada with a diverse and highly educated population. A university campus will strengthen and complement the Town's vision of a diversified workforce to drive economic prosperity and meet the evolving needs of Ontario's economy."

The Ontario government announced Wednesday that it is seeking formal expressions of interests from universities to build post-secondary campuses in both Milton and Brampton. The two new campuses will help the province implement the recommendations of the Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel, which [tabled a report](#) in June on how the province can build on its world-class skills, education and training systems to prepare Ontario's current and future workforce for the technology- and knowledge-based jobs of today and tomorrow.

"Laurier welcomes the opportunity to participate in the process announced today by the Ontario government," said John Bowey, chair of the Wilfrid Laurier University Board of Governors.

The Laurier Milton proposal is well known within government and the community and is aligned with Ontario's priorities for improved student access, experiential learning and better pathways for skills development. It reflects a long-standing partnership between Laurier, the Town of Milton and Halton Region to bring innovative post-secondary education to this dynamic and rapidly expanding community.

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