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June 11, 2018

His Worship Tony Van Bynen Mayor, Town of Newmarket 395 Mulock Drive P.O. Box 328 Station Main Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4X7

Dear Mayor Van Bynen:

Thank you for your support of the \$25,000,000 Funding Agreement between York Region and York University for the development of the new Markham Campus in York Region. This financial contribution represents a significant portion of the funding envelope needed to ensure that the full vision and potential for York Region's first university campus is realized.

As you know, the campus will provide more than 4,000 students with access to over 20 degree programs, including innovative joint-programming with Seneca College. In addition, York will partner with local businesses and industry to provide unique experiential learning opportunities for students which are directly linked to the region's major economic clusters.

I am deeply committed to strengthening York's connectedness, and to realizing our aspiration to become known as Canada's most engaged university. To that end, I would like to extend an offer to meet with you to discuss the Markham Centre Campus, its programming and to answer any outstanding questions that you may have about the project. My team and I would also be willing to provide your Council with an overview of the campus. This would give us an opportunity to talk about ways in which York University may be able to partner with the Town of Newmarket to meet some of your local needs and goals.

Thank you again for supporting the funding agreement that will allow the development of the Markham Centre Campus to move forward towards completion in the fall of 2021. I look forward to continuing to work with you as the Markham Campus moves forward through the construction process and beyond.

Sincerely,

Rhonda L. Lenton, PhD President and Vice-Chancellor

