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York University to build its Markham Centre Campus

Over the past months, as we have all adapted our daily lives to managing the pandemic and its impacts, the University's focus has necessarily been on ensuring the health and safety of our community and our campuses as the top priority.

At the same time, we have continued to advance the important longer-term initiatives that will help to build and secure our future, like the Markham Centre Campus (MCC).

Today marks a bright spot, encouraging us to look ahead to 2023 when the doors to the much-anticipated MCC will open to students.

Earlier today, I was joined by the Premier, Minister of Colleges and Universities, York Region's Chair, the Mayor of Markham and other leaders and dignitaries to officially announce the exciting news that we will be moving ahead with the Markham Centre Campus and shovels will be in the ground in the coming days.

We have long had a bold vision for a new campus in the fast-growing York Region – an opportunity to make sure that we keep our brightest and best in Ontario collaborating across sectors to offer innovative academic programs in high demand areas with a rich array of experiential education activities, and partnering on pressing research problems to build inclusive and resilient communities.

MCC is a state-of-the-art campus that ensures thousands of students have increased access to a high-quality, research-intensive learning experience in York Region.

It has been a great honour to be part of the Markham community these past few years as we have increased our community connections through YSpace, Innovation York, and with IBM Canada.

The success we have today belongs to our entire community – faculty, students, staff, alumni and friends – whose commitment and perseverance have made our vision become a reality. I hope you will join me in celebrating this important milestone.

Please visit www.yorku.ca/markham to learn more.

Sincerely,

Rhonda L. Lenton,

President & Vice Chancellor

