

Media Statement

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WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE – The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has been made aware of the Government of Ontario’s decision to discontinue and withdraw funding for the York University Markham Campus. We send our support and solidarity to the City of Markham and Mayor Frank Scarpitti. Accessibility of higher education in York Region is an important issue and one that we hope will be addressed in the future.

“When a project is as far along as this, it has already become a part of the community.” says Mayor-Elect Iain Lovatt “While I applaud the Provinces desire for fiscal responsibility, this decision is a blow to Markham & Whitchurch-Stouffville. Creating opportunities for higher education close to home is of incredible importance for healthy communities and future generations of learners.”

The campus, located west of the Markham Pan Am Centre, was scheduled to welcome students in 2021 and offer education to approximately 4,200 students. This project has been in development for many years and is already largely underway with the design and development planning phase now complete and construction was scheduled to begin before the end of 2018.

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