

Office of the Mayor

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Fennell Leads Peel Council to Unanimously Endorse Sheridan College's University Plan

Today, Peel Regional Council unanimously endorsed a motion moved by Mayor Susan Fennell, and seconded by Mayor Hazel McCallion, to support Sheridan College's plans to become a university. The following is a statement by Mayor Fennell:

"I was proud to lead my colleagues on Peel Regional Council to vote in favour of supporting the creation of Sheridan University – a post-secondary institution committed exclusively to undergraduate professional education.

"Sheridan College is a world-class post-secondary institution with an important presence in Peel, educating thousands of students from Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga.

"Sheridan College is home to campuses in the cities of Brampton and Mississauga, undertaking first-rate research and offering exceptional teaching experiences.

"Last November, Brampton City Council voted to unanimously commit to a postsecondary university education strategy; at the heart of our city's strategy is Sheridan's university vision.

"Brampton has a long, strong and proud relationship with Sheridan. During my first term as mayor, Brampton invested \$2.5 million over five years in the Sheridan Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Design Technology.

"A university presence will lead to new job creation, new businesses, a stronger economy and greater prosperity by elevating the quality of life for residents.

"Establishing a university in Brampton is a gift of quality education current and future generations of residents will embrace."

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