

September 12, 2011

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

In February 2010, the Board of Governors of Laurentian University approved the establishment of a Laurentian University campus in downtown Barrie as part of its long-term capital strategic directions.

On May 10, 2010, I had the opportunity to share with Council Laurentian University's vision for its campus in downtown Barrie. You provided us with very positive feedback which informed the work that the University has undertaken since then, including proposals submitted to the province.

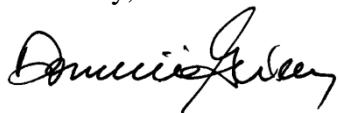
More recently, in May 2011, the University held consultations with Laurentian students, faculty and staff in Barrie, as well with about 30 community leaders including elected officials, members of Barrie's business community, representatives from the City of Barrie, Simcoe County, the Royal Victoria Hospital, school boards, the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) and the United Way, among many organizations, to inform its new 2012-2017 Strategic Plan.

These recent strategic planning consultations also informed recent exciting decisions made by Laurentian's Board of Governors in June related to its proposed downtown Barrie campus.

I would appreciate an opportunity at your meeting of September 26th to update you on these developments and discuss with you the proposed next steps towards the realization of Laurentian University's campus in downtown Barrie.

I thank you in advance for considering our request to present to Council.

Sincerely,



Dominic Giroux
President and Vice-Chancellor