

PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

The City of Hamilton, McMaster University, Mohawk College and Redeemer University College recognize the importance of post secondary education to our community and share a vision for a long-term relationship that promotes and supports co-operation for the benefit of our citizens and broader society.

To support such co-operation, and recognizing the autonomy of each of the parties, the following principles have been agreed:

- Working in Collaboration – While each party has its own goals and priorities, each recognizes the importance of collaborating, understanding the needs of the other parties, and working towards shared goals wherever possible.
- Access to Education – Recognizing the many opportunities that education creates for individuals and for our community, the parties will continue to collaborate to create new pathways, offer a variety of educational and training opportunities, and seek to eliminate barriers to higher education wherever possible.
- Expanding Impact – Recognizing the importance of post secondary education to the prosperity and vibrancy of our community, the parties will seek opportunities to showcase the diverse research underway, as well as opportunities to apply such research in support of the social and economic betterment of our community.
- Community Engagement – Recognizing and appreciating the ongoing support of community partners and local businesses, and the need to establish relationships that are of mutual benefit, the parties will continue to support and promote experiential learning, civic engagement, work experience, and volunteer programs for our students.
- Community Building – The parties acknowledge the benefits of maintaining a post secondary presence in a variety of locations throughout the city, and will continue to discuss ongoing space and infrastructure needs, including the need for strong transit connections, and will seek opportunities to expand this presence in ways that serve and support our community.
- Sustainability – Appreciating the long-term importance of fostering sustainable practices and technologies, the parties will continue to be leaders in researching, promoting, developing and modeling sustainability within our community.
- Retaining Local Talent – Recognizing the important role that graduates can play in the long-term economic and social life of our community, the parties are committed

to encouraging graduates to settle in the City, develop their careers and entrepreneurial capabilities, and raise their families within our community.

The parties intend to work together for the benefit of our community, including engaging in regular discussions and communications, and sign these principles in a spirit of cooperation.

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