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The Honorable Marc Miller
 Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
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Sent by E-Mail

February 20, 2025

Re: Impacts of the International Student Program Changes to Local Post Secondary Programs

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on February 18, 2025:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax recognizes the significant contributions of Durham College (DC) to our local economy and community through its diverse range of programs and skilled graduates;

AND WHEREAS the recent changes to the International Student Program (ISP) by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) have negatively impacted post-secondary institutions in Ontario, including Durham College, by reducing international student study permits and limiting eligibility for Post-Graduation Work Permits (PGWP) to programs in fields of study identified as having national labour market shortages, irrespective of local labour market needs;

AND WHEREAS the Blue Ribbon Panel report commissioned by the provincial government highlighted the need for long-term, sustainable funding for the post-secondary sector, noting that Ontario’s colleges are funded at 44% of the national average, with tuition revenue first cut by 10% in 2019 and then frozen for the past six years;

AND WHEREAS the financial sustainability challenges faced by Ontario's post-secondary institutions have been exacerbated by significant wage and cost inflation, as well as the growing reliance on international enrolment;

AND WHEREAS DC has compiled a short list 34 programs not currently PGWP eligible to the IRCC list of fields of study (ATTACHMENT #1) which provide skilled graduates who are vital to growing our local economy, and in some cases, the College relies on international student enrolment in these programs to create financially viable cohorts for domestic students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Ajax Council calls on the federal government to add the 34 programs listed in ATTACHMENT #1 and offered at DC to the IRCC list of fields of study; and
2. Ajax Council calls on the provincial government to enact the recommendation in the Blue Ribbon Panel report to provide long term, sustainable funding for the post-secondary sector; and
3. A copy of this resolution be sent to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Minister Marc Miller, the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Regional Municipality of Durham Chair John Henry, and all lower tier Durham Region municipal Councils.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or Thomas.street@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



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Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Mayor S. Collier
Regional Councillor M. Crawford
Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities
Durham Regional Chair John Henry
All Durham Region municipalities

Of the 86 programs/CIPs MCU requested IRCC to consider, **34 are offered by DC.**

| Major Code | Program Name | Credential | CIP |
|------------|--|----------------------------------|---------|
| OFHS | Office Administration - Health Services | Ontario College Diploma | 51.0705 |
| DAII | Dental Assisting (levels I And II) | Ontario College Certificate | 51.0601 |
| DENT | Dental Hygiene | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 51.0602 |
| DOFA | Dental Office Administration | Ontario College Certificate | 51.0705 |
| CMGT | Culinary Management | Ontario College Diploma | 12.0504 |
| CSK | Culinary Skills | Ontario College Certificate | 12.0503 |
| EVPN | Event Planning | Ontario College Diploma | 52.0907 |
| HROM | Hospitality - Hotel and Resort Operations | Ontario College Diploma | 52.0901 |
| HSKL | Hospitality Skills | Ontario College Certificate | 52.0901 |
| TDMK | Tourism - Destination Marketing | Ontario College Diploma | 52.0903 |
| IDCR | Interior Decorating | Ontario College Diploma | 19.0605 |
| ARHY | Architectural Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 04.0901 |
| BMTY | Biomedical Engineering Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 15.0401 |
| CETC | Civil Engineering Technician | Ontario College Diploma | 15.0201 |
| CETY | Civil Engineering Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 15.0201 |
| CHEM | Chemical Engineering Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 15.0615 |
| CLBT | Chemical Laboratory Technician | Ontario College Diploma | 41.0301 |
| ELTC | Electronics Engineering Technician | Ontario College Diploma | 15.0303 |
| ELTY | Electronics Engineering Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 15.0303 |
| EMTY | Electromechanical Engineering Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 15.0403 |
| ENVT | Environmental Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 15.0507 |
| EVTN | Environmental Technician | Ontario College Diploma | 15.0507 |
| HBCM | Honours Bachelor of Construction Management | Baccalaureate Degree | 52.2001 |
| HCTM | Honours Bachelor of Health Care Technology Management | Baccalaureate Degree | 51.0701 |
| METC | Mechanical Engineering Technician | Ontario College Diploma | 15.0805 |
| METY | Mechanical Engineering Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 15.0805 |
| NDE | Mechanical Engineering Technician (non Destructive Evaluation) | Ontario College Diploma | 15.0805 |
| CYCA | Child and Youth Care | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 44.0702 |
| FPTY | Fire Prevention and Technology | Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 43.0201 |
| CORC | Construction and Hoisting Techniques | Ontario College Certificate | 49.0206 |
| EDVT | Electric Drive Vehicle Technician | Ontario College Diploma | 47.0614 |
| EETN | Electrical Engineering Technician | Ontario College Diploma | 15.0303 |
| MPTN | Motive Power Technician - Service And Management | Ontario College Diploma | 47.0604 |
| PETN | Power Engineering Techniques - Fourth Class | Ontario College Certificate | 15.1702 |