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GOVERNING COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

At the December 20th, 1973 meeting of Governing Council the following motion was approved:

THAT the document entitled "Community Relations" as amended, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 15 of the External Affairs Committee as Appendix "A", be approved, as a statement of policy of the University with respect to the surrounding community, and as a frame of reference within which the External Affairs Committee should function in this regard.

The document entitled "Community Relations" is attached.

D.T.  
February 17th, 1982

## Community Relations

### I Proposed Policy Statement

The University of Toronto actively seeks to enhance, wherever and whenever possible, its ability to respond to community needs by sharing its skills and facilities with the wider community. It encourages the participation and commitment of the community in activities of mutual benefit and in discussions which deal with issues of mutual concern. It must always honour its responsibility to protect the central purposes for which the University exists.

A wide range of University policies, practices, and activities have an impact on our immediate neighborhood and on the wider community. Throughout its history the University has made a significant intellectual, cultural, and economic contribution to the community and its people have actively participated in its development. Occasionally, our actions have had a potentially disrupting effect. Similarly, actions of the City and Metropolitan governments, the state of local services, and general conditions in the community can all have an important bearing on the University and its people.

### II External Affairs Committee Activities

As part of its responsibility, the External Affairs Committee should learn about the relations of the University with the community, seek ways to improve them further, and develop policies which will provide guidance to the University in dealing with its neighbors.

In fulfilling this responsibility, the Committee should pay particular attention to such areas as: the use of University facilities by the public; community participation in University programmes and events; relations with residents of the immediately surrounding area; the impact of City and Metro legislation on the University; and, the effect of construction programmes on our neighbors. Similarly, the Committee should keep informed on the various means which exist for furthering these relationships, such as the University - City Liaison Committee and local property owners associations. This list, while far from exhaustive, is designed to indicate a range of relationships in which the Committee should have a continuing interest. Knowledge of these relationships will permit the Committee to evaluate the consistency of actions by diverse segments of the University with overall policy and to become aware of the need for changing approaches in our relations with the community, including the development of positive programmes for the further use of the University's individual and collective capacities on behalf of the community.

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November 15th, 1973.

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