



# The Power of Place: Mississauga and the University of Toronto

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# Did you know UTM and the City of Mississauga have a collaboration MOU?



**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU")** dated June 1, 2023 (the "Effective Date")

**BETWEEN:**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA**  
(the "City")

– and –

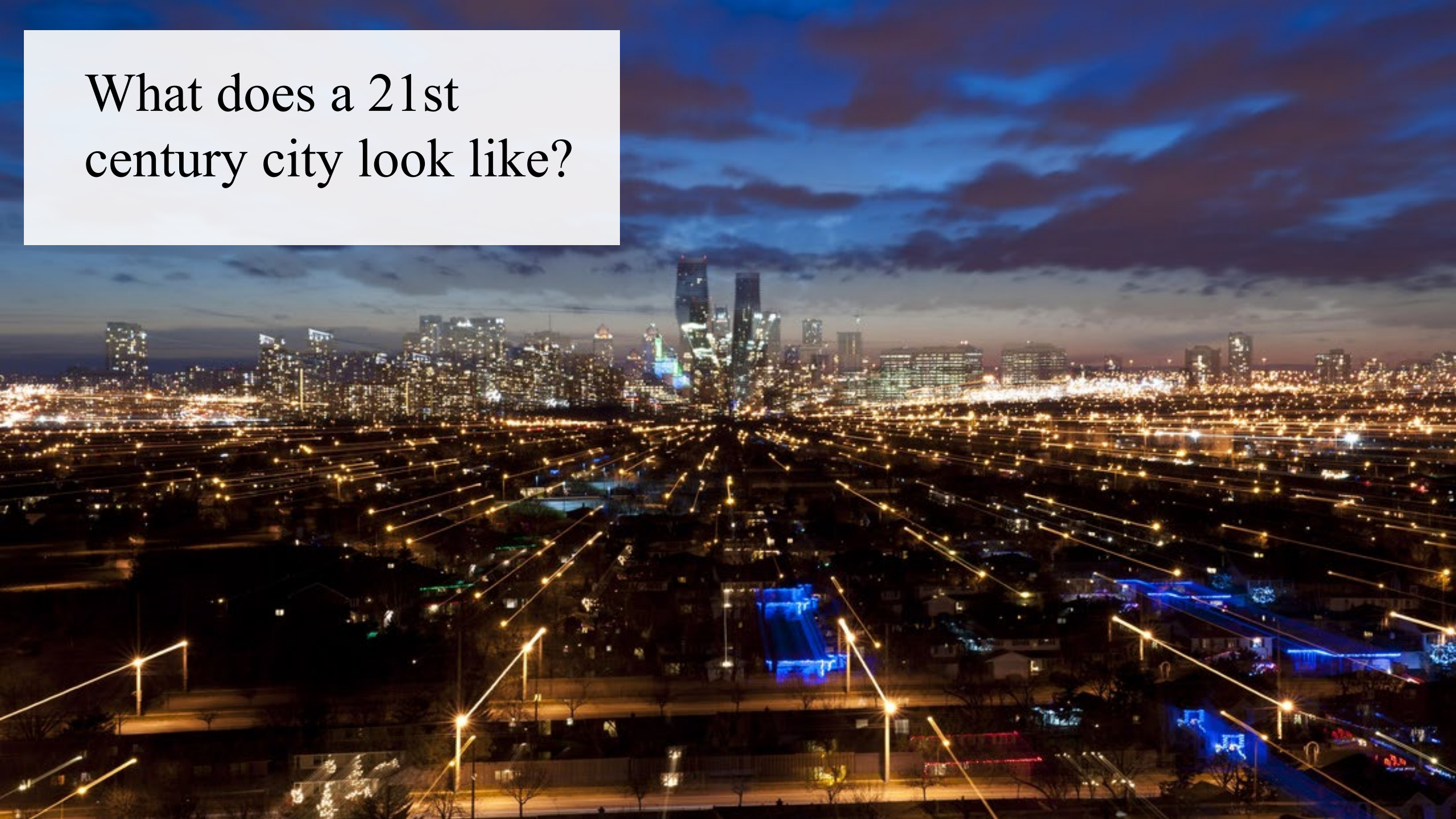
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, AS REPRESENTED BY**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA**  
(the "University")

**RECITALS:**

- A. The City's Strategic Plan vision is to inspire the world as a dynamic and beautiful global city for creativity and innovation, with vibrant, safe and connected communities; where the rich diversity of cultures, historic villages, Lake Ontario and the Credit River valley are celebrated;
- B. The University's Statement of Institutional Purpose expresses its commitment to being an internationally significant research university, with undergraduate, graduate and professional programs of excellent quality and to fostering an academic community in which learning and scholarship of every member may flourish, with a vigilant protection for individual human rights, and a resolute commitment to the principles of equal opportunity, equity and justice. Within the unique university context, the most crucial of all human rights are the rights of freedom of speech, academic freedom, and freedom of research;
- C. The City and the University wish to strengthen their long-standing positive working relationship and undertake joint activities that support their respective goals, strengthen areas of common interest, and nourish reciprocal relationships;
- D. The University of Toronto Mississauga's Strategic Framework combined with the President's Three Priorities for the University of Toronto set the foundation to expand the nature and scope of working together with the City for mutual benefit, leveraging our location, expanding international relationships, and re-imagining undergraduate education;
- E. The City's Strategic Plan and implementing strategies, such as the Mississauga Economic Development Strategy, recommend harnessing the significant innovation potential of the University and building on the University's significant contributions within the city's social and urban landscape;

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What does a 21st  
century city look like?



A strong city requires a  
strong university – and  
vice versa.



Promote truth + reconciliation



Foster healthy populations



MISSISSAUGA



Build sustainable communities



Combat racism



Advance a prosperous future

# How are we collaborating?

- **Innovation and research** to support City policy-making; and leveraging the University's urban research strengths
- **Experiential learning opportunities** for students –with the City
- Deep collaboration on **economic development and entrepreneurship**
- Collaborating on **comms and events**
- New **strategic collaboration table**
- New **operational collaboration table**



# Mississauga + NNN for better health



## Current State of Type 2 Diabetes in the Peel Region

The overall goal of this report is to provide a baseline understanding of the current situation in Peel Region as it relates to chronic disease and, specifically, type 2 diabetes.

- 10 Community-based participatory research projects
- Actionable state of diabetes in Peel research
- Deep and direct engagement of Mississauga policy-makers to access “implementation science” in real time
- Partnership and collaboration on Cities Changing Diabetes/Cities for Better Health

# Experiential learning for next-gen talent and city-builders

## CITY OF MISSISSAUGA Transportation & Works Department



*"The most exciting accomplishment of my internship experience was participating in a public-facing mobility program from the preparation process to its official operation. I had numerous opportunities to enhance my communication and data analysis skills. Additionally, I contributed to defining the parameters of community programs and conducting key location reviews of the Micro-mobility infrastructure within the City."*

*Yueyao, Micro-Mobility Assistant*

- Deep engagement of MUI and City to support real-life learning through
  - internships,
  - capstone projects
  - in-class project, and
  - opportunities to learn from with today's city-leaders
- Connecting people and processes to streamline EL placements, and hiring of UTM grads
- Introducing UTM's new co-op internship program to city leaders
- Vision – expanding student EL and career opportunities with the City organization



# Sustainability research for policy-making

- CUE led an innovative co-learning and co-design initiative connecting City policy-makers with faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students to match urban environmental priorities and challenges with research capacity at UTM and launch targeted research projects led by students.
- Projects contributed to City priorities outlined in the Climate Change Action plan and Stormwater Master plan



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