Making a dent in U of T's deferred maintenance backlog (while we can)

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## **Executive Summary**



### **Key Components**

- The proposed program would address \$300M in Deferred Maintenance on the St George Campus
- Seeking \$250M in debt room
  - $\circ$  \$200M for UTSG, and
  - \$50M UTM/UTSC/Residences/IT Infrastructure
- UTM/UTSC to manage program through their local processes
- Residences must show ability to repay debt allocation





## The St. George backlog is projected to grow by \$650M by 2034



### ST. GEORGE CAMPUS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG GROWTH



# Building systems from two construction booms are approaching obsolescence simultaneously

#### **POST-WAR**



#### **EARLY 21ST CENTURY**



New College, 1968

Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building, 2006



# Incoming waves of renewals are growing our backlog



Year of construction



## In summary: A growing gap between need and funding

# \$1.2B

The St. George deferred maintenance backlog is increasing by \$200M+ this year.

#### \$41M

Inflation has reduced the purchasing power of our annual deferred maintenance budget.



Our backlog of deferred maintenance is:

- Large due to years of underfunding
- Quickly growing as many building systems simultaneously reach obsolescence

Meanwhile, our capacity to address the backlog now and into the future is diminishing as:

- Inflation continues to erode our purchasing power
- We face significant fiscal pressures
- No government support for infrastructure is coming

# We have a small window to make a significant dent in the backlog

We are proposing a \$300M program for UTSG that will address a significant amount of deferred maintenance over three years

- Supported by leveraged financing without impact to concurrent projects and aligned with the University's debt policy
- ✓ Sufficient to address highest priority assets using the existing prioritization model
- ✓ Potential to yield co-benefits such as annual energy savings, increased flexibility and reduced costs of future capital upgrades
- ✓ Managed to budget, not to scope
- ✓ Equal to ~\$600M in upgrades in 2050





# Today, we prioritize funding for assets with highest risk of failure and greatest potential impact on the University

As part of our annual deferred maintenance program, each asset is assigned a weighted risk score of one to five based on the following criteria:

- The physical condition of the asset based on the facilities condition audit
- The current use of the facility that prioritizes academic and research functions
- The **future use** of the building based on the University's capital plan
- If the asset fails, the severity of impact on building occupants and other building systems







## **Proposed project schedule & expenses**



Target Completion Fiscal 2027/28



# **Proposed financing plan**

#### **One third – from DM budget**

 Partially leverage annual DM budget and future energy savings



#### **Two thirds – financing**

- Finance \$200M over 25 years
- Annual principal & interest payments of \$17M
  - Fully covered by annual DM budget and utilities savings



# **Principles for selection & execution**

- Take an institutional lens to reduce overall campus risk
  - Use existing risk-based prioritization system to select projects based on greatest need and maximum impact on academic mission
  - Ensure a transparent and collaborative project selection approach
- Funding will be used exclusively for deferred maintenance projects, not new spaces or expansion
- Maximize opportunities to increase climate resilience and energy efficiency
- Commit to projects in phases to ensure ability to stay flexible and within budget



