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**EnvisionTO Letter of Support**  
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To Whom It May Concern,

By way of introduction, I am Chief Archaeologist and Managing Partner of Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI). We provide a wide range of consulting services, including archaeological assessment, built heritage and cultural landscape assessment, archaeological salvage excavation, and large scale archaeological resource and cultural heritage planning studies for municipalities, many within the City of Toronto. In addition to managing ASI, I am also an Adjunct Professor and Associate Professor of the Graduate Faculty of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto and fulfill similar roles in Anthropology at Western University. I am also Chair of the Board of Directors at the London Museum of Archaeology, an affiliate of Western University. I submit this letter to offer my enthusiastic support for Summer Leigh's **EnvisionTO** project plan.

One of ASI's core values is the dissemination of knowledge concerning Ontario's cultural heritage and we are committed to supporting projects that promote heritage conservation and foster communication and understanding of Toronto's impressive 12,000-year-old history.

**EnvisionTO** will be a virtual-reality portal to experience Toronto's historical urban topography. Using Toronto's Open Data catalogue, City Archive documents, and 3D data from the Ontario Heritage Trust, **EnvisionTO** will digitally re-create pre-confederate Toronto to the present. Such a tool has never been made – and is sorely needed by archaeologists, historians, urban planners, architects, developers, researchers, students, tourists and curious citizens.

Your support for this project will help ensure a visually comprehensible approach to both conservation and adaptive reuse of heritage properties; influencing and shaping the physical world for generations.

I am excited about the potential to envision Toronto's past with technologies of the future and I hope you too will join the team.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Williamson  
Chief Archaeologist and Managing Partner