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Celebrating expansion into Burlington

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McMaster University celebrated its expansion to Halton Region today kicking off construction on its South Service Road campus and announcing the new building would be known as The Ron Joyce Centre at the DeGroot School of Business. The Centre, located west of Appleby Line will house McMaster's MBA program and a range of new targeted executive education initiatives.

"As we celebrate another milestone in this important project, we are one step closer to earning a return on the investment that we're making in post secondary education in Halton and Burlington," says McMaster University President Peter George. "Thanks to the visionary support of Ron Joyce, the DeGroot family and our partners at Halton Region and the City of Burlington, McMaster's integrated expansion plan for Burlington will produce significant and substantial benefits to the region's citizens and businesses and unique opportunities for students."

McMaster's Halton Region expansion plan also includes establishing a regional family medicine clinic and resident program and a future affiliation with Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in addition to constructing a new campus for the DeGroot School of Business. The City of Burlington and Region of Halton have each invested \$5 million in the expansion.

"McMaster University's historic expansion into Burlington will deliver a highly respected post-secondary presence, ensure better access to health care for our citizens, increase opportunities for local business retention and growth, and create a stronger economic future for our community.

These investments will produce immediate returns and, perhaps more importantly, lay the foundation for a strong and certain future for the Region of Halton," said Mayor Cam Jackson.

Local entrepreneur and philanthropist Ron Joyce made an early \$10-million commitment to the project. The land on which the new Centre will be constructed will be donated by Michael H. DeGroot of Westbury International.

The Centre will be the new home of DeGroot's MBA program and will also offer executive education opportunities for business professionals, including specialized master's degree programs as well as non-degree programs.

"McMaster's expansion to Burlington provides significant benefits to our students," says Paul Bates, dean of the DeGroot School of Business. "The campus' strategic location in the heart of the business community will allow students to forge close relationships with business leaders and future employers, engage in experiential learning all while completing their studies," he says.