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Conestoga College Expands Downtown Presence with New Campus and Residences

KITCHENER, ON- Conestoga College announced today a significant expansion of its Downtown Kitchener (DTK) campus, including new classroom spaces and student residences, to accommodate its rapidly growing student population.

The college has purchased two buildings: a 12-story office building at 22 Frederick St. in Kitchener and a five-story former student residence at 60 University Ave. in Waterloo. These acquisitions, along with a planned new campus in Guelph, represent an investment of over \$90 million in purchase, lease, and renovation costs.

“We’ve grown much faster than we anticipated,” said John Tibbits, president of Conestoga College. “We never planned to grow this quickly, but the demand is large, and the needs are large.”

The expansion comes as Conestoga’s student population has surged to more than 40,000 with over 19,000 international students. The new facilities will address the pressing need for affordable housing and additional classroom space.

Key features of the expansion include:

- Conversion of 22 Frederick St. into classrooms and student residences
- Repurposing of 60 University Ave. in Waterloo for Conestoga student housing
- Construction of a new campus building in Guelph

Kitchener Mayor Berry Vrbanovic welcomed the announcement, stating, “We want Downtown Kitchener to be known as an ideas hub implementing the knowledge-based economy of tomorrow. These student developments support one of the fastest growing economies and communities in the country.”

Conestoga College will host a preliminary media tour of the new facilities, featuring drawings of the final setup, on February 10, 2025.

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