

A message from Dr. Janet Morrison



Steps Toward Recovery

May 7, 2020

Dear colleagues,

My update today is very brief – sorry! You can rest assured that I'll have more news to share about the fall term next week. Specifically, you'll find information below about:

- **The Student Wellbeing Outreach Initiative**
- **The resumption of construction at HMC**

The Student Wellbeing Outreach Initiative

Recognizing the significant impact that the pandemic has had on student wellbeing and mental health, a network of staff from Student Affairs, Information Technology, and External Relations has been connecting one-on-one with students to lend a sympathetic ear, provide support, and facilitate referrals to resources.

The newly-launched Student Wellbeing Outreach Initiative has reached out to approximately **6,800** international students and connected successfully with over **3,600** by phone. The next phase will focus on our domestic students scheduled to return this Fall.

Our colleagues conducting the calls have shared that students are deeply appreciative of the personal check-ins.

HMC Construction

On May 1, the Government of Ontario announced that -- effective May 4 -- essential construction projects would once again be permitted at colleges and universities. Given the importance of our third building at our Hazel McCallion Campus to enrolment recovery and the student experience, as well as the cost implications of further delay, we are preparing for construction to resume this week. The 70,000 square foot building is being constructed as a partnership between Sheridan and Sheridan Student Union; it includes athletics facilities, Student Union space and meeting rooms.

Again, I'd like to thank you for your dedication, patience and understanding. Your tireless efforts are noticed and deeply appreciated by our students, their families, our industry and community partners and your colleagues. You make me ever proud to lead at Sheridan.

Warmly,

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