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MEETING DATE YYYY/MM/DD 2024/03/21	MEETING NAME Regional Council		
DATE SUBMITTED YYYY/MM/DD 2024/03/08			
NAME OF INDIVIDUAL(S) Isaac Olowolafe			
POSITION(S)/TITLE(S) President			
NAME OF ORGANIZATION(S) Dream Legacy Foundation/ Dream Suites @ YYZ			
E-MAIL Isaac@dreamto.ca	TELEPHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION	
INDIVIDUAL(S) OR ORGANIZATION(S) ADDRESS Isaac Olowolafe			
REASON(S) FOR DELEGATION REQUEST (SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED) Asylum seeker and affordable housing			
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Current Problem

Peel data shows approximately 1,004 asylum claimant households are residing in Peel shelters and overflow hotels, representing 67% of all households within the system. Since January 2023, Peel has served a total of 1713 individual asylum claimants. The influx of asylum claimants is overwhelming our shelter capacity, where we are operating at 32% occupancy and unable to maintain our 'no turn away' policy. On average per week, we have experienced 155 non-unique turn aways due to a lack of beds. This has resulted in an increase in asylum claimants sleeping rough outside some of our emergency shelters; at times up to 150 asylum claimants, with an average of 46 individuals per night.





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PEEL REGION

Peel failing to comply with 'no turn away policy' as shelter system grapples with 247 percent occupancy rate fuelled by spike in asylum seekers

By Paige Peacock
Oct 02, 2023 - Brampton, Mississauga

As Peel's maxed out shelters are struggling to take in asylum seekers, the Region of Peel is grappling with how to meet the soaring demand for emergency support and failing on its policy to turn nobody away.

"We have staff who have been in the unfortunate position of having to turn folks away since early June/mid July," Sean Baird, Peel's commissioner of human services, told Regional councillors during a September 14 meeting. "Many of our staff have not been in that situation and [where we've] had to actually turn people away so we have folks who are in tears having to have those conversations with folks who are then camped 20 feet outside of the door of that same shelter."

A recent report to the Region revealed Peel is seeing a dramatic rise in the number of asylum claimants requiring emergency shelter. The shelter system in Peel Region has long been used to temporarily house asylum claimants who find themselves homeless while trying to settle in Canada. Historically, according to the Region, asylum claimants have accounted for approximately five percent of Peel's shelter population. In an alarming revelation, the report noted Peel's shelter system is currently operating at a 247 percent occupancy rate and asylum claimants account for approximately 57 percent of these occupants.

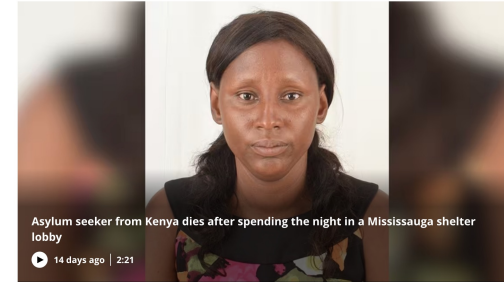
"As a result of rising levels of global unrest, Peel Region, like other municipalities across Ontario and the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), is experiencing sharp and unprecedented increases in the number asylum claimants in need of support," the report states. "The number of asylum claimants seeking emergency shelter in Peel started to surpass historical norms in the spring of 2023. Throughout the summer, the number of individuals and families seeking support increased dramatically, to levels

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An asylum seeker died after waiting hours for a shelter space. Advocates are demanding action

Asylum seeker identified by advocate as Delphina Ngigi, 46, of Kenya, mother of 4

Muriel Draaisma, Tyler Cheese · CBC News · Posted: Feb 22, 2024 11:23 PM EST | Last Updated: February 23



Delphina Ngigi waited for a shelter bed at a Mississauga shelter for six hours in the cold before she was allowed inside to spend the night in the lobby. The 46-year-old had a medical emergency the next day and died in hospital. CBC's Greg Ross has more on what community leaders and advocates are demanding from all levels of government.

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Ottawa giving \$7 million to Peel region to open reception centre for asylum seekers
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Speaking at a news conference outside the Dundas Shelter, located on Dundas Street East

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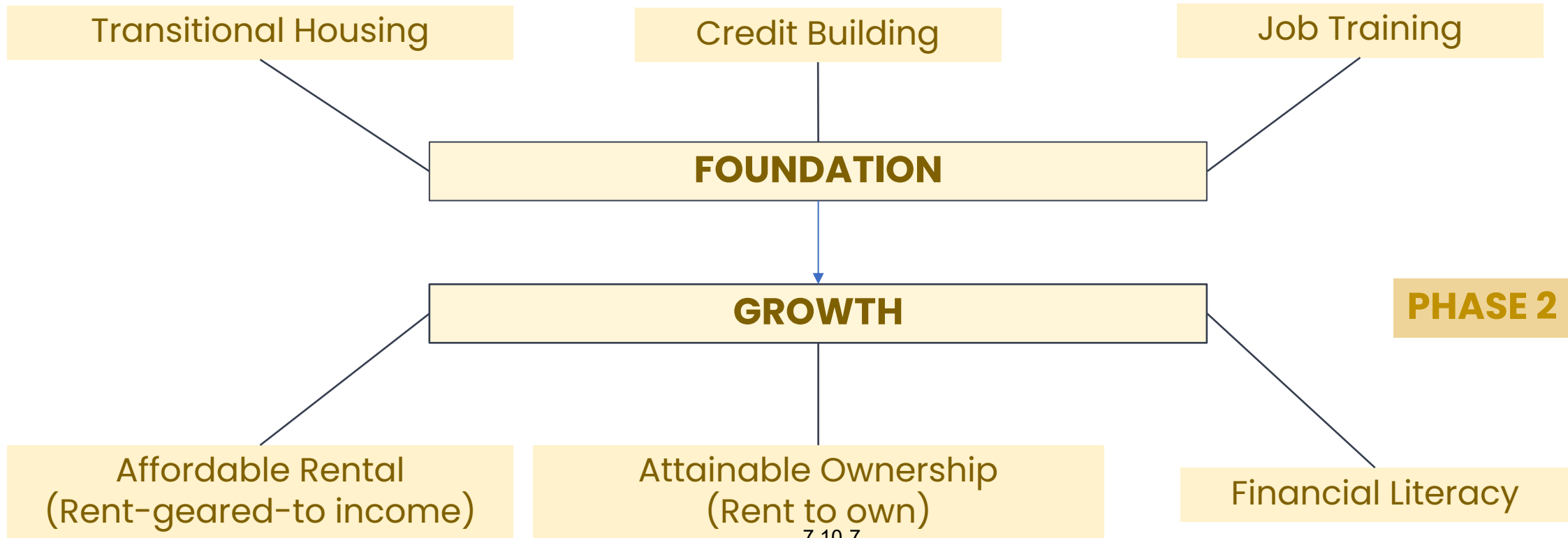
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Collaboration with Peel Region



PATHWAYS TO AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION ASYLUM SEEKERS

PHASE 1



Reception Centre: Sleeping Centre #1

To support the operations of the Sleeping reception and short-term shelter use the following are facility/space design details:

- Accommodation- Provide 24/7 staffing for the facility, including reception/common area, and suites floors.
- Main level to be used for reception area after checking in, dining, administrative/emergency offices, large board room to run workshops or informative sessions.
- Showers, washrooms on each floor.
- Separate floor for individuals identifying as females.
- Common area on each floor, with computers.
- Laundry facilities on site for residents and staff to clean linens.
- Underground parking for staff, with additional parking outside for community services providers and visitors.
- Security and cleaning staff on site and on each floor
- 2 floors that can accommodate 75 residents between both floors.
- Facilities management



Reception Centre: Sleeping Centre #2

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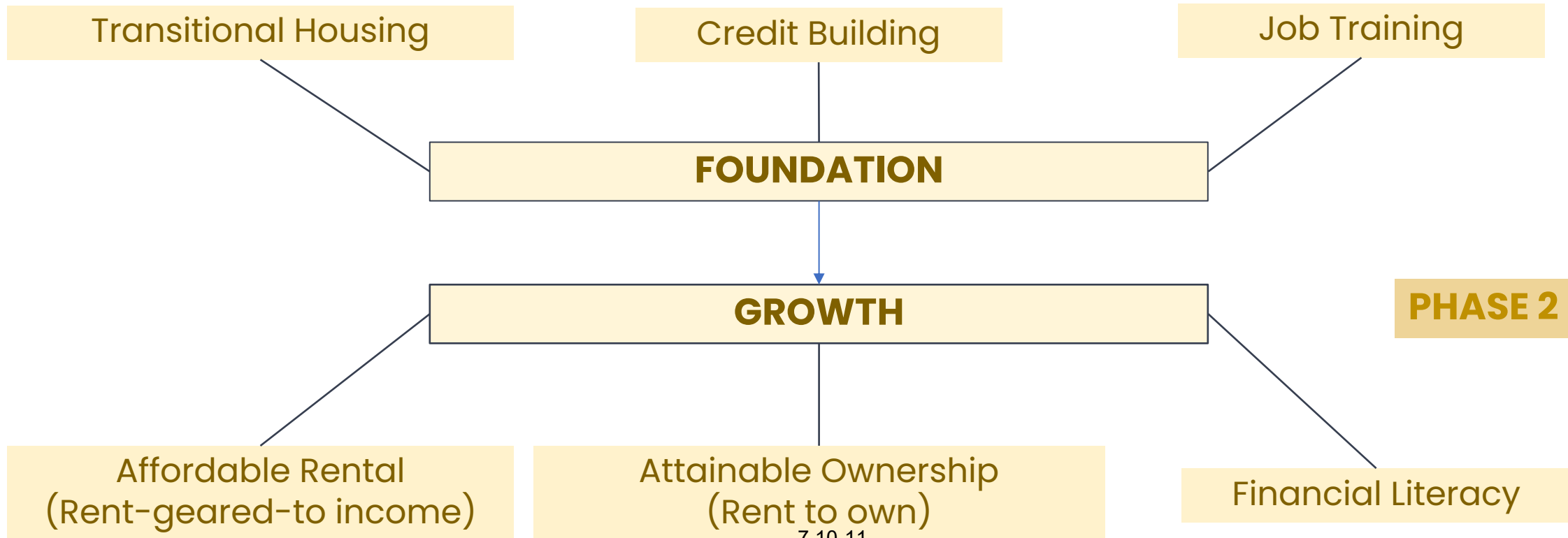
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Peel investing \$2.5 million to help 50 Black families own a home through BlackNorth Initiative

Home ownership linked to intergenerational wealth, business success, community growth and more, says Isaac Olowolafe

By Alexandra Heck Mississauga News
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Isaac Olowolafe is the head of the BlackNorth Initiative's housing committee, which is leading a home ownership bridge program that aims to help 50 families in Peel buy a house. — Isaac Olowolafe photo

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CANADA SUPPORTS HOUSING FOR 200 BLACK CANADIAN FAMILIES

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OTTAWA, ON, Feb. 18, 2022 /CNW/ - Everyone in Canada deserves a safe and affordable place to call home, including those facing systemic challenges to accessing affordable and safe housing options.

Today, the Honourable Ahmed Hussein, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, alongside the Honourable

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TORONTO COMMUNITY BENEFITS NETWORK — The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades was recognized for Leading on Diversity Unions.

TORONTO — The Toronto Community Benefits Network recently presented the third Annual Building Diversity Awards (BDA) Gala in celebration of diversity, equity and

Isaac Olowolafe's mission is to create opportunities for underrepresented leaders

BARBARA SPECTER
PUBLISHED MAY 18, 2021
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Isaac Olowolafe is an entrepreneur, real estate developer and venture capitalist whose mission is to help Black entrepreneurs along their journey.

HIGHLIGHT
Earlier this summer, delegates to Toronto's Collision conference were stuck. The flashy gathering that bills itself as "North America's fastest growing tech conference" was plagued by logistical issues stemming from the pandemic that were preventing an already international video from arriving. One lucky group from Africa did manage to snag visas at the last moment — but on such short notice, had nowhere to stay.

ENTER ISAAC OLOWOLAFE: Among his many pursuits — including being an entrepreneur, real estate

FINANCIAL POST

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Why entrepreneurship, home ownership are two powerful forces in fight against anti-Black racism

Building small businesses, institutional relationships and creating more home ownership leads to a 'thriving community,' says Isaac Olowolafe Jr.

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Advocacy

BlackNorth Initiative Gives New Hope for Homeownership to Black Families

Homeownership is widely acknowledged as the largest single investment most Canadian families will make and can also serve as the foundation for building generational wealth. However, not all families have traditionally had the same opportunities to purchase the home of their dreams.

A promising new initiative by the [BlackNorth Initiative \(BNI\)](#) to help close the homeownership gap between Black Canadians and the rest of the population is inspiring new hope for middle-income Black families across the country.

NATIONAL POST

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Canada visa woes forces attendees to miss major tech conference

Sameer said his company had purchased space on the convention floor in hopes of putting down business roots in Canada — but now he's looking elsewhere

Bryan Passafiume
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BY ISABELLE KIRKWOOD / CANADIAN STARTUP NEWS / MAY 23, 2019

SHOPIFY PARTNERS WITH DMZ, DREAM MAKER VENTURES FOR BLACK ENTREPRENEURS INITIATIVE



BKR Capital, the first Canadian venture capital fund dedicated to black-led businesses sets up office in Montreal

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• BKR Capital also announces an investment in COODEE, its first in a Quebec company.

MONTREAL, Feb. 1, 2022 /CNW/ - **BKR Capital** (formerly known as Black Innovation Capital), announced it is opening an office in Québec, Cision de Montréal en placement du Québec (CIPMQ) through Tringle Capital and Fondation de Commerce Inc in order to be the first Canadian venture capital fund dedicated to black-led businesses. These additional funds were raised by investors such as EDC, WorldBridge, Verity and LaSalle Foundation, among others, who joined existing institutional investors BKR Capital LLC, Covaleur and Tech Venture, already present in Ontario. BKR Capital will open offices in Montreal at **Equus CIPMQ**, a venture capital hub created by CIPMQ.

"BKR Capital offers concrete solutions to a real challenge faced by Black entrepreneurs, which is obtaining financing to start and grow their businesses," said Vito Theberge, Senior Director, Equity 2021 at CIPMQ. "As investors, we are proud to support Black entrepreneurs and their businesses."

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Dream Legacy Foundation and Ontario Tech's Brilliant Catalyst partner to support entrepreneurs in the skilled trades

BRILLIANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Brilliant Catalyst, Ontario Tech University's incubator and experiential learning hub, with support from the Federal Government, has partnered with the Dream Legacy Foundation to launch the B.E.S.T. (Brilliant Entrepreneurship and Skilled Trades) program, designed to cultivate entrepreneurial skills throughout a variety of trades. Brilliant Catalyst at Ontario Tech is in a unique position being the only national platform with entrepreneurial support in Canada.

The demand for people skilled in trades has never been higher in Canada, and Ontario Tech is at the forefront of providing relevant education to aspiring entrepreneurs. Through

BKR Capital is working on "diversifying the face of success"

Canada's first Black-led venture capital firm is changing representation on both sides of the funding table.

By Flannery Dean
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LAUFT, which was cofounded by Jamaican-Canadians Graham Wong and Dean Hanisch, currently has 6 locations around the GTA and recently secured a government contract for a Full Service Workplace Solution that will expand its presence to the national capital area ([read about it here](#)).

New Ryerson DMZ program offers fellowship for Black tech entrepreneurs

The Black Innovation Fellowship will help between 10 and 25 startups in its first year and is touted as the first initiative of its kind in North America.

By Paul Hunter Feature Writer
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Black Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub

What is the Knowledge Hub

The Black Entrepreneurs Knowledge Hub ("Knowledge Hub") is one component of the Black Entrepreneurship Program.

The Knowledge Hub is led by Carleton University's Sprott School of Business and Dream Legacy Foundation.

The Knowledge Hub conducts large-scale qualitative and quantitative research on Black entrepreneurship in Canada, provides a detailed map of Black business ecosystems across the country, and identifies critical gaps where Black

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Dream Legacy Foundation and the DMZ join forces to launch new program built to scale high-potential Black-led tech startups

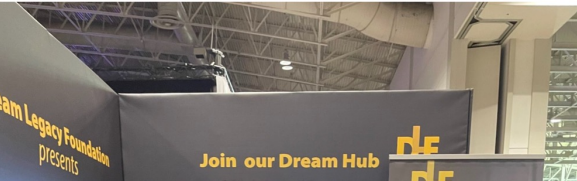


Black Innovation Connections provides Black founders across Canada with a track-based coaching program and \$5,000 grants to fuel business growth

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Minister Ng announces partners to establish Black Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub

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News release

December 13, 2021 – Ottawa, Ontario
Black Canadian business owners and entrepreneurs make important contributions to the Canadian economy, yet they continue to face systemic racism and obstacles to starting and growing their businesses. This has been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of Canada is working to address long-standing barriers through its first-ever Black Entrepreneurship Program—an investment of over \$400 million to support the long-term success of Black entrepreneurs and business owners.
Today, the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, announced that Carleton University and Dream Legacy Foundation have been chosen to establish the Black Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub, the third pillar in the Black Entrepreneurship Program. Minister Ng made the announcement at Carleton University and was joined by Greg Fergus, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and to the President of the Treasury Board and Chair of the Parliamentary Black Caucus, and Yasir Naqvi, Member of Parliament for Ottawa Centre.



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