



# Logic

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***"I live a dream in a nightmare world"***

## Oshawa Harbor Our Gateway To Prosperity

One of Oshawa's great assets has idled for years. Whether lack of vision or just plain political indifference. Our Harbor has not seen any real development. It is time to awaken the giant opportunity. This includes developing our harbor front to world standards. The harbor plays a key role in any community as it is the catalyst in tourism, industry and trade. The proximity to the U.S. makes Oshawa the ideal destination for weekend tourist. You may be thinking. Great, how do we make things happen?

Here is were the Harbor and it's development requires crucial planning. No, more cookie cutting development.

The Harbor front needs to go to international tender. We need to create a competitive air to attract major world investors/architects/planners/designers. We need to strive for world class. This will be disclosed in my main project blog.... so stay tuned. Other cities and nations are accomplishing great feats. Why have we in Oshawa missed out?

Here is the chronology of a sleeping potential that with your help is soon to awaken in 2018.

The harbor sits on a 23 acre plot of the city's harbor lands. The site is divided into the south-east corner lot, a small chunk at 1609 Simcoe Street South and the West Wharf.

In 1966 - Oshawa transferred 61 acres of land along what is now Simcoe Street South and Harbor Road over to the Crown. (Good decision at the time as Oshawa did not want to clean the lands.... Bad decision as it was giving away prime lands).

Over the next 40 years, the groundwork for the Oshawa Port was put in place, but large swaths of land continued to go unused. (Administration after administration could not agree on what to do. Various attempts were made none came to fruition due to inner city politics and lack of vision).

Then, in 2006, the city made it clear it wanted the land back, and when a rail spur was announced on the property, Oshawa took the Crown, CN and the Oshawa Harbor Commission (the precursor to the Oshawa Port Authority) to court. (A clear example of desperate attempts to do something with little or no real results. The city of Oshawa has become toxic with no vision and bad decision. This needs to change)

A settlement agreement was signed in 2010. The federal government agreed to not only pour \$9.2 million into the environmental clean up of large chunks of the land, but also put more than \$10 million into moving their port operations from the west wharf over to the east wharf to better facilitate a people-friendly port in Oshawa.

In total, 48 acres of land was returned to the city in the agreement in five separate chunks – all, save for one, are east of Simcoe Street South and south of Harbor Road. A small 4.5 acre site sits north of Harbor Road.

The remaining sections are divided into a 20.5-acre section known as the Marina Lands, and the remaining 23 acres that abuts Simcoe Street is divided into the southeast corner lot, a small lot at 1609 Simcoe St. S. and finally the West Wharf. (All lands that still sit with no development and no real plans in 2018.)

If council did not make this dream come true by January 2017, it could quickly turn to a nightmare as, under the settlement agreement, they will pay up to \$4.2 million to the crown for non-compliance. (It is 2018 and taxpayers are on the hook for \$4.2 million plus)

In hindsight, this should not have been a problem. The city should have seen this as an optimal opportunity. Under an INGINO administration. The Oshawa harbor would go to International tender. Architects/designers/investors would all compete to bring forth a world class facility. A facility that would see the rise of a world class marina. Catering to both small recreational vessels and large carriers. We would operate a full service marina along with a 5 star 50 floor facility. Offering ultra luxurious condos and apartments. As well we would create condominiums and retail shopping along the north, east and west flanks of the site. This giving the area a true tourist feel and attraction. A place you would want to come down to shop and or go for walks in the evening or any time. For tourists it would bring an oasis of sort as it would be the perfect get away.

Project like these will mean 5,000 new good paying jobs. Estimate Tax revenue increase of 30%. A tourist revenue generator of 500 million a year.

Imagine the possibilities.... a daily ferry to the U.S. Lake side tours. A convention center facility over looking the lake. It is not a dream. It is a reality with the right planning and leadership. All at no cost to the tax payer.

As your new major... the peer that this administration closed. Will once again be opened to the public. No more restriction out of unwarranted fears. The people need to take back control of the City and your vote for INGINO is the first step.

The Ingino vision is real. The Ingino plan is attainable with the fine tuning of our municipal team. At the City of Oshawa we have great staff with great skills and minds. We need to bring that raw talent out and to the surface. Talent that will yield great opportunity and play a key role in our new future. It will open doors that have never been opened before. It will awaken the Giant that has been asleep for so long.

IT'S TIME TO AWAKEN OUR POTENTIALS. I request your assistance to make it happen by extending a vote for INGINO in 2018.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

There was a time when our parents warned us to stay clear of bad influences although now it may a warning about bad influencers.

An influencer with 10 million followers, Josh Ostrovsky also known by the probably offensively title 'The Fat Jew' has sent out his own warning about influencers and suggests they should 'Get a real Job'. As one of the baby boomers who hasn't fully connected with this phenomenon I can only think of two influencers that I have seen recently in the mass media which for me is the TV. One of these was presented as the dutiful, although very well dressed, wife whose husband went to trial and eventually jail for financial offences. The other is the wife of a prominent sports person. Both promote some products although I can't really remember what as I am not in their target demographic.

Advertisers have often used 'famous' people to promote their products and will continue to. There is nothing much wrong with being told which clothes to wear or which beer to drink although suggestions about who to gamble with are a worry. The difference with influencers is that they do not seem to have a base built on previous achievements but rather a fame based on how many likes or postings they make and pictures with 'that' product which they love - because they get well rewarded to say so.

There are medical experts who tell us not to follow the suggestions some of these people make or the products they promote. Another local case involved an influencer giving medical advice about cancer treatment based on a quite profitable approach they were said to have used to cure their own cancer. This eventually led to court action to prevent further harm.

There are many influences, or influencers now, that should be listened to although most are older family members, actual medical doctors, community leaders including religious people and teachers although a good dose of common sense may be the best approach.

Lead, don't be led!

Regards, Dennis Fitzgerald  
Melbourne, Australia

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