



MAYORAL CANDIDATE JOE INGINO WELCOMES OSHAWA SPORTS ALLIANCE PROPOSED MULTI FIELD COMPLEX IN OSHAWA

OSHAWA - The question was. WHY CAN'T THIS BE IN OSHAWA? Members of Oshawa Sport Alliance made up of Barb Boyes, Executive Director of the Oshawa Lady Blue Knights. Ken Babcock, President of Oshawa Minor Baseball. Phil Navaratne, President of Durham Cricket Council. Will Thurber, President of the Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club. Will Thurber presented at Durham College to a crowd of candidates and City Councillors.

Mr. Thurber explained the many success of all four organization including the very popular soccer tournament held every year. The Frank Sobil tournament. This event alone brought in 1.8 million dollars worth of revenue to the area. Their pitch was imagine what a multi sports complex would bring to Oshawa on a weekly basis. Will Thurber explained that the city even though supportive of their cause needs to do more in creating partnerships. Will disclosed that the City

has a \$253,000 surplus from rental of surplus from rental of surplus from rental of surplus from rental of Civic Fieldhouse. Hinting to the fact that this money could be used as a root for the multi sports complex. Mayoral candidate for Oshawa Joe Ingino took this presentation to heart and vowed to assure that this proposal becomes a reality. Mr. Ingino a prominent local business person that right away recognized the opportunity a facility of such magnitude could bring.

Mr. Ingino explained. "I totally support the initiative of the Oshawa Sports Alliance and can't help to wonder why the city has not jumped all over it. I personally want to be involved one way or another. I am prepared to offer my expertise and contacts to obtain the appropriate funding for this project. A project like that would in my opinion warrant the involvement of a major hotel investor. Sponsorship and hands on interests. The proposal is a win win situation. In the U.S. these type

of complexes are major tourist attractions bringing in millions of dollars worth of revenue to the local market not to mention good paying jobs." Then the question remained why can't this be done in Oshawa? City Councillor Gail Bates at the meeting attempted to make a point of the complex becoming an elite only program... something that was as far fetch as her re-election. Ms. Bates is the classic example of everything that is wrong with Oshawa politics. Ms. Bates was not voted in but

appointed by friends of friends. She in her term in office has been perfect "YES MAN". Contributed little or nothing and went along with the flow on most things. Change is needed at city hall so that great project like the ones presented by the Alliance can become a reality for future generations to enjoy. Not to mention the many jobs and tourism a project like this will bring. Mr. Ingino is to meet with the Alliance in order to work out a plan of action.

Microsoft Announces New Canadian Headquarters in Downtown Toronto

Facility part of a series of investments by Microsoft in Canada over the next four years

Microsoft announced a massive new investment in Canada, with plans for a state-of-the-art new headquarters located in the heart of downtown Toronto. With a move-in date set in Sept 2020, the facility, located at 81 Bay Street, is just one of a series of significant investments Microsoft is making. These investments will enable an expansion of Microsoft's Canadian operations, including increasing staff, modernizing its real estate, and growing its research lab in Montreal that is focused on artificial intelligence. Microsoft says moving to a new facility at 81 Bay Street (CIBC SQUARE) will enable the company to better serve its customers, collaborate with its technology partners and to attract top talent to a central location, one well served by transit and more accessible to universities and innovative new tech start-ups.

"Increasingly, Canada is being recognized as a global leader in technology and the investments we are making today and into the future will help ensure Canada continues to be a hotbed of innovation," said Microsoft Canada President Kevin Peesker. "By relocating our headquarters to downtown Toronto, we will be able to better serve our customers and attract top talent to continue to drive innovation and growth for our Canadian customers and our large partner ecosystem."

Comprising 132,000 square feet over four floors of the 81 Bay Street building now under construction, the new Microsoft Canada headquarters is a significant investment in Toronto's tech cluster. Currently, Microsoft employs more than 2,300 employees across Canada, and supports an extended ecosystem of more than 14,000 trusted partners who sell, service or deploy Microsoft products. The company expects that given the pace of technology and the investments it is making that the Microsoft ecosystem could account for more than 60,000 new jobs by the time its new headquarters opens in two years. "Our Government's Innovation and Skills Plan is working. Leading tech companies are setting up offices across Canada, hiring Canadian talent, and investing in Canada's enormous potential as an innovation and tech hub. Microsoft's latest investment in Canada – totaling \$570 million – will create hundreds of new jobs and benefit several cities, from Vancouver to Toronto to Montreal. I know our highly-skilled, diverse workforce will continue to attract tech investment in record numbers – growing our economy and creating new opportunities for Canadians across the country," said Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

"This announcement by Microsoft offers yet more evidence of the strength of Toronto as a global technology centre, and as a desirable home for major corporations. By choosing South Core as its new home, Microsoft is embracing one of the hottest new areas of downtown and Toronto welcomes them with open arms," said Toronto Mayor John Tory.

Investment in Canada Microsoft has had a headquarters in Canada since 1985, and during that time has injected billions of dollars into the Canadian economy including, most recently, the opening of two datacentres (Toronto and Quebec), an innovation hub in Vancouver, and an artificial intelligence lab in Montreal. Other investments since 2015, include: \$111M in Azure credits into the startup ecosystem by supporting 5,700 start-ups; donating more than \$178 million in cash, software and technology services to Canadian non-profits; and enabling employees to contribute up to 100,000 person-hours annually of volunteer time in support of worthy causes, representing an equivalent dollar value of \$10million.

In addition to today's announcement, Microsoft Canada intends to: grow staff by more than 500 full-time employees, with an additional 500 co-ops/internships by 2022; invest \$21 M in Azure credits to the Canada's Supercluster initiative; invest \$10M over 5 years into Cascadia innovation corridor which is formed between Washington and British Columbia to create new economic opportunities; invest more than \$570M in next 3 years in fixed assets in the country, including relocation and expansion of its research and development lab in Montreal, relocation of its Vancouver sales office, renovation and redesign of its Ottawa, Calgary and Montreal sales offices, and the relocation of its Canadian Headquarters

Construction of the new Microsoft Canada headquarters at 81 Bay Street (CIBC SQUARE) is underway with occupancy expected for September 2020. CIBC SQUARE is a project by Ivanhoé Cambridge and Hines.

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