



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 southeast 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.

THANK YOU
Joe Ingino

Ontario Files Arguments to Challenge the Federal Government's Carbon Tax

Ontario's Government for the People took the next step in its fight against the federal government's plan to impose a carbon tax on Ontario families and businesses.

Rod Phillips, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, announced that the government has filed a statement with the Court of Appeal summarizing the arguments it will make challenging the con-

stitutionality of the federal government's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. This is part of the government's efforts to put money back in the pockets of the hard-working people of Ontario. The province's position in court will be that the federal act imposes an unconstitutional tax on Ontarians because:

Putting a price on greenhouse gas emissions is not

within the power of the federal government. Provinces are capable of regulating greenhouse gas emissions themselves and there is no need to expand the scope of the federal government's powers to allow it to impose a one-size-fits-all federal carbon price. Greenhouse gases are caused by a wide range of activity and are not the kind of single, indivisible matter that the federal

government can regulate as a national concern.

The federal act imposes unconstitutional taxes contrary to Section 53 of the Constitution Act, 1867. The act does not require the funds to be used for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. As a result, there is not a sufficient link between the charges and the stated regulatory purpose - reducing greenhouse gases - for the charges to be valid. Accordingly, the charges imposed by the act are unconstitutional, disguised taxes.

"We have a mandate from the people of Ontario to use every tool at our disposal to protect Ontario families and businesses from the federal carbon tax," said Minister Phillips. "A carbon tax has nothing to do with the environment and everything to do with increasing government revenue. It will drive up the cost of gas, home heating fuel and everyday items for people across this province."

This fall, the government will be introducing an integrated made-in-Ontario environmental plan that will fight climate change and keep our air, land and waters clean for future generations. Ontario will continue to be a leader in protecting the environment while respecting and protecting taxpayers.

Durham Region hosts annual farm tour to showcase local agriculture

Whitby, Ontario - The Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) successfully hosted its 16th annual farm tour at Reesor Elevators in Port Perry. The theme was "Harvesting the sun in Durham Region," and covered a variety of topics including: crop production; different types of crops produced locally; farm equipment; handling, storage and processing; marketing; and end use consumer products.

"Agriculture is one of the largest industries in Durham Region," said Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. "It is important we provide this unique opportunity to showcase agriculture directly from individuals who are involved in the industry." Almost 100 participants attended this year's event, including elected officials, representatives from various levels of government, the educational sector, public agencies and local agricultural implement dealers.

"This year's tour focused on educating participants about the crop industry and the work that goes into growing crops, from primary production to end products," said Zac Cohoon, Chair of DAAC. "We received a number of presentations from a variety of subject matter experts. We truly appreciate the support we get from the agricultural community in hosting this annual event."

DAAC is a volunteer advisory committee that provides advice to the Region on agricultural and rural-related matters. Since the inaugural tour in 2003, DAAC has showcased more than 40 farms and other agricultural facilities, to more than 1,100 participants.