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Durham Region Association of Realtors & Oshawa Chamber Host MAYORAL CANDIDATE DEBATE

On Thursday October 11, 2018 I was shocked. Is this how the Oshawa Chamber of Commerce and the Durham Region Association of Realtors hosted a Mayoral candidate debate.

This election the Chamber decided to have all candidates participate. In the 2014 the chamber had chosen to be selective and only hosted the incumbent and one of their choice.

This brought about scrutiny from the public and outcry that other candidates running were excluded from the debate. To some it had looked like the Chamber had favored or hand picked candidates.

Some had gone as far as pointing finger and denouncing the Chamber for choosing one of their good old boys. Since the only invite was a former mayor and supporter of the chamber. It appeared that in 2018 they learned their lesson and fairness prevailed.

The event took place at Oshawa Jubilee.

During the debate various questions were put to the panel of candidates.

Candidates, Joe Ingino, Dan Carter, Rosaldo Russo, Adam Kunz, Keneth Carruther and Sara Lear were in attendance. Right off the introductions it appeared that candidate INGI-NO commanded control of the debate.

At some points it appeared as if it was Dan Carter versus all other candidates as the challenged kept mounting against Carter.

Candidate Sara Lear at one

Carter will lead local businesses? Is this how he will unite our community?

If someone opposes you. You will run to your lawyers in an attempt to legally extort money from good hard working people? I demand and apology from Dan Carter for his very unprofessional and rude attack on me.

I am a local small business serving my community and helping those in the downtown core via my personally funded DOWNTOWN OSHAWA 'INGI-NO' INITIATIVE.

At the least he could have been man enough to approach me and if there was something he felt I did to him. To meet with me and discuss it. NO INSTEAD he attacks me with the threat of legal action against me for an unknown reason. I have no clue why he is attack-

ing me in this fashion." Dan Carter at the debate

appeared to be flustered and His answers confused. revolved around what appeared to be pre-prepared statistic and municipal jargon.

Mr. Ingino said, "I kept looking over at Dan as he sat beside me during the debate. He kept searching his papers as if someone had prepared his answer for him and all he had to do was much like when he use to read out the news. Remember some script and present. I sat there wondering who prepared his statistical jargon as every time someone challenged he would turn red and sit there gasping for come

backs.

Carter smooth demeanor was shaken up and his lack of leadership qualities came out.

In my opinion Dan is way over his head. Much like he publicly admitted that during his first week as councillor he confided in a former mayor that he felt he was not up to the job. This former mayor turned to him told him to go home. Kiss his wife and come back in the morning... I guess that's when he came back it was his first day as that former mayor "yes men" as she took him under wing and was his mentor. I wonder if he is successful at the mayoralship. Who will mentor him now? Henry possibly as, Henry has endorsed his campaign."

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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 noncompliance. (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.

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point interrupted Dan Carter. Carter was on one of his talks on how he communicates between the Chamber of Commerce and local business people.

Sara Lear stood up and challenged Carter by stating. "You never contacted the company I work for".

Candidate Ingino at one point called out Carter as one of the good old boys of Oshawa, as Joe Ingino was point blank asked if he believed that there was an old boys club controlling city council.

Mr. Ingino after the debate said, "Dan Carter is out of control. After the debate I turned to him to shake his hand and expressed my concern over his agitated demeanor by stating 'Don't take it personally Dan'. He turned around and in a very aggressive and conniving way, looks at me and says 'SEE YOU IN COURT'.



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THANK YOU Joe Ingino