



Matt Gaskell  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Whitby  
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January 30, 2020

Dear Matt:

The Whitby Chamber of Commerce is please to support Report CAO 1-20: Employment Land Investment Readiness Assessment.

The Chamber shares the Town's sense of urgency in servicing employment lands to ensure economic growth in Whitby, to attract more local jobs and to be competitive within the Region and GTA.

Particularly we encourage and support advocacy with the Province to move forward and declare the 407/412 corridors lands surplus. The contiguous parcel size and the location to these major highways would draw interest from large and innovative companies and industry providing more opportunities for local employment and economic spinoffs.

We also support staff's recommendation to exercise the necessary steps in continued prioritization of the mid-block arterial road project south of Hwy. 407 and Baldwin Street and to begin engaging with private landowners at Baldwin Street, south of 407 and the North Whitby employment landowners. These are important components to ensure we take advantage of this opportunity expeditiously.

Economic development is one of the major pillars of interest among our members and as such the Whitby Chamber of Commerce is willing to assist the Town in advocacy in this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Bovie".

Chris Bovie  
Chair, Advocacy Committee  
Whitby Chamber of Commerce

cc.

MPP Lorne Coe  
John Henry, Regional Chair and CEO, Durham Regional Chair John Henry  
The Honourable Don Mitchell, Mayor Town of Whitby