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Focus on Infrastructure

Oshawa has always been, and continues to be, a wonderful city to live and raise a family. With Ontario's first public university in over 40 years, the redevelopment of the downtown core with the state-of-the-art sports and entertainment complex and the Durham Regional Courthouse, to the development of the Durham Regional Cancer Centre, great things are happening here. We are proud of what we've achieved and are moving confidently into the future working together as a team.

I have had the honour and privilege of representing the residents of Oshawa at Queen's Park for over 15 years. Whether it is the revitalization of the downtown, establishing health care services, and facilities; seniors programs and support; environmental initiatives; transportation infrastructure; new educational facilities and programs; or developing important economic strategies with municipal partners and the business community; through this experience I have been able to address the concerns and focus on significant investment for our great city. As your provincial representative in the Ontario Legislature, I have continued to work hard to ensure great things are happening in Oshawa.

While there have been some recent economic challenges for our community, the investment and hard work is starting to pay off with some encouraging signs of progress. Last year was the second highest on record for residential growth in Oshawa. In addition, the Conference Board of Canada recently reported that Oshawa will post the third highest gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate in Canada for 2011. With the diversity and potential that has been created, Oshawa has become a city of choice for people to live, work and raise a family.

As a lifelong resident of Oshawa, I am extremely proud of the success we have achieved together. I am proud to present some of the infrastructure development that is taking place in our community – investments and programs that build for the future and that we can all take pride in.



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UOIT – Ontario's First University in 40 Years



Here's the announcement

I am proud to have contributed to the development of Ontario's first public university in 40 years. The University of Ontario Institute of Technology right here in Oshawa has already achieved tremendous prominence in its brief history and an exciting future lies ahead. Full-time enrollment is currently at 7000 undergraduate students and another 500 in graduate studies for the 2010/11 year with future development and expansion on the horizon.

The development of the new Automotive Centre of Excellence at UOIT is instrumental in collaborating with our industrial partners and developing cleaner efficient vehicles for the future. This dynamic testing and research facility will go a long way in linking all segments in the field

of automotive innovation and will further enshrine Oshawa's education and automotive sectors as world leaders in auto technology.

The spin-off impacts from supportive industries, businesses and service sectors will all benefit our community.

UOIT recently opened its new downtown Oshawa campus at the refurbished Regent Theatre. Along with the opening of its faculty of education on Simcoe Street and the restoration of the former Alger Press building which will open in September housing classrooms, study space, student services, research space and a small café, UOIT has significantly enhanced the atmosphere of downtown Oshawa.



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New Cancer Centre for Oshawa

The R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre at Lakeridge Health in Oshawa was officially opened in June 2008. The brand new 90,000 square foot facility in Oshawa possesses state-of-the-art equipment and oncology specialists who offer a wide range of care for cancer patients in a location that is respectful and personal.

The presence of the Durham Regional Cancer Centre represents years of hard work and cooperation amongst numerous agencies, ministries, medical professionals, construction and design teams, as well as municipal, provincial and regional governments. I am proud to have been actively involved with this magnificent project since its beginning stages and welcome the addition of this key medical treatment facility to Oshawa.

The residents of Oshawa deserve to have this type of world class facility at their service.



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Highway 407 East Extension



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The eastern development of Highway 407 represents the largest single economic stimulus for Oshawa and the Region of Durham. I have always been a big supporter of the Highway 407 East extension all the way through our region and I recognize the huge economic stimulus and other positive aspects that it will bring to our community.

As former Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation I was responsible for facilitating the current Highway 407 development into the Region of Durham. I worked with ministry officials, municipalities and regional representatives to bring this to fruition. I will continue to work with all officials in the same manner to ensure the rapid construction of Highway 407 through our community and expedite its completion to Highway 115/35 in one phase.



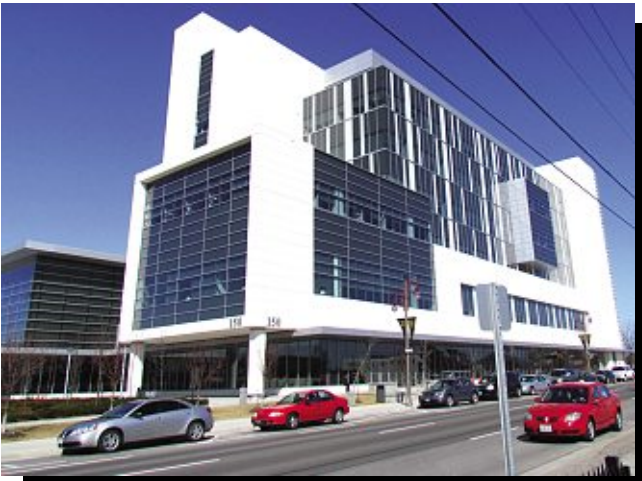
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Downtown Oshawa Courthouse

Access to justice services in Durham Region has improved immensely following the construction of the new Durham Consolidated Courthouse in downtown Oshawa.

The state-of-the-art, integrated facility consolidates justice services from seven locations in the Region of Durham. It houses 33 courtrooms, five judicial hearing rooms and related legal and court services.

Although the new courthouse is located in Oshawa, the facility benefits all of Durham Region through improved and centralized access to the justice system. The project demonstrates how we are implementing sound planning and sustainable community revitalization practices, including the adaptive re-use of brownfield sites in the downtown core.



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New Stevenson Road Interchange



Here's the announcement

Development for a brand new Stevenson Road interchange began many years ago with the appropriate planning and procurement of funding.

Construction is now complete on the new, full-service Highway 401 interchange at Stevenson

Road, and is leading new investment along Champlain Avenue with continued construction jobs and future retail and service sector opportunities. It complements the existing infrastructure and provides convenient access for General Motors, the Oshawa Centre and other businesses and residents in this area of our city.

I will continue to work with our municipal and regional representatives to stimulate investment in jobs and boost development with appropriate transit, infrastructure and community facilities.



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Conant Complex



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I was pleased to announce millions in investment for a new branch of the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre's along with Oshawa Community Health Centre's new facility, the Dr. Bryce A. Brown Wellness Centre.

Oshawa Community Health Centre and the Conant Branch of the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres are now conveniently located at the Conant Complex, a new multi-use community facility located on the former site of Conant Public School.

I have been able to work with the Oshawa Community Health Centre on many occasions and admire the effort and unique, innovative care this organization provides to our community. I have also had the opportunity to support and assist the dedicated individuals of the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres on numerous undertakings and I am proud of this exciting new development in this area of the city.



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There's much, much more happening ... let's talk.



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