

# Durham Region Joint Chambers and Boards of Trade

June 17, 2019

The Honourable Marc Garneau  
Minister of Transportation  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Minister Garneau:

Re: Amalgamation of the Ports of Oshawa and Hamilton

We are writing regarding the representation on the Board of Directors of the newly amalgamated ports of Oshawa and Hamilton. Our message comes on behalf of the Durham Region Joint Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, which is comprised of eight individual chambers, and represents nearly 3,000 member businesses in Durham Region.

We are asking that you please take into consideration the Durham Region and ensure that there is equal representation when accounting for the structure and membership of the new Board of Directors.

We are a unique region, with our own economic priorities and strengths. The businesses of Durham Region deserve a voice in the decision making of such an important economic driver. Last year, the Port experienced its highest tonnage ever. Over the past 5 years, the Port Authority has built and paid for a rail spur, at a cost of over \$4 Million, making it fully intermodal and greatly enhancing its marketing opportunities. It is in the process of finalizing a grain terminal to serve the agricultural sector, which is the largest single business sector in the Region of Durham. The Port continues to be an economic engine for the region it serves and the Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade in the region.

We encourage you to place your support in the people of our region and allow us to continue to lend a strong voice under any new governance model. By doing so, you will be showing your commitment to growing jobs and the economy for the citizens of Oshawa and the Region of Durham, all of which contributes to the betterment of our great country.

Best regards,

The Heads of the Durham Region Joint Chambers and Boards of Trade;  
Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade Executive Director, Nicole Gibson,  
Brock Board of Trade President, Christine Dukelow,  
Clarington Board of Trade Executive Director, Sheila Hall,  
Newcastle & District Chamber of Commerce President, Jane Black,  
Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce CEO, Nancy Shaw,  
Scugog Chamber of Commerce Executive Director & General Manager, Kenna Kozak,  
Whitby Chamber of Commerce CEO, Natalie Prychitko,  
Uxbridge Chamber of Commerce President, Angela Horne.



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CC: Marine Policy – Transport Canada,  
Ajax MP Hon. Mark Holland,  
Durham MP Hon. Erin O'Toole,  
Northumberland-Peterborough South MP Kim Rudd,  
Oshawa MP Dr. Colin Carrie,  
Pickering-Uxbridge MP Jennifer O'Connell,  
Whitby MP Celina Caesar-Chavannes,  
Durham Regional Chair and CEO John Henry,  
City of Oshawa Mayor Dan Carter,  
City of Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan,  
Municipality of Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster,  
Town of Ajax Mayor Shaun Collier,  
Town of Whitby Mayor Don Mitchell,  
Township of Brock Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden,  
Township of Scugog Mayor Bobbie Drew,  
Township of Uxbridge Mayor Dave Barton.

