



Statement from the Regional Chair and CEO

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Durham Region's Strengths Highlighted in Bid for Amazon

Whitby, Ont. – “The talent, diversity and competitiveness of Durham Region make it an ideal location for a company like Amazon to establish a corporate headquarters. With our unique blend of natural spaces, urban amenities and room to grow, Durham is a great place to live, work, innovate and invest,” said Durham Regional Chair and CEO Roger Anderson.

The bid highlights Durham's excellent quality of life as a magnet to attract a highly skilled and educated labour pool. Our post-secondary institutions are internationally recognized for innovative, market-driven programming that generate a steady stream of bright and competent graduates in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. We welcome the provincial commitment to increase the number of STEM graduates. Local centres of excellence bring entrepreneurs, innovators, investors, researchers and students together to exchange ideas and help each other succeed. Together with local companies, they are working to create an innovation ecosystem. Our commitment to addressing climate change has been described as setting the gold standard of municipal sustainability.

As the eastern gateway of the GTA, Durham is on track to reach one million residents by 2031, and offers immediate access to a diverse market of over six million people. The Region's affordable real estate, low cost commercial and industrial land and competitive development charges make it an attractive choice for businesses and families.

The bid showcases the very best of what Durham has to offer. We appreciated the opportunity to work closely with our area municipalities and our regional economic

development organization, Toronto Global, and our neighbouring communities in the GTA to identify sites and put together the strongest possible submission.

View the Toronto Global statement and the full Amazon bid book at www.investdurham.ca

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