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### MAYOR DAN CARTER

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#### **SENT VIA EMAIL**

Ivano Labricciosa  
Chair  
Downtown Oshawa BIA  
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Dear Ivano,

This letter is to provide an update on some of the new developments and investments in the downtown core. We are committed to the ongoing revitalization of and investment in the downtown to further transform the heart of our city.

The City is investing in the rebuilding of our downtown streetscape to create a more welcoming downtown for visitors and residents. With phase 1 between Mary and Ontario Streets complete and phase 2 between Ontario and Simcoe Streets nearing completion, we are excited to see the additional space created for pedestrians, outdoor patios and cafés.

Over the past year, we have had a lot to celebrate, including the grand opening of 70 King Street East, the former Genosha Hotel property; Lovell's new luxury suite development, which has opened its doors at 14 ½ King Street East; and construction of Atria's new condominium development at 80 Bond Street East that represents an investment of \$125 million.

While construction is well under way at 80 Bond, a number of buildings in the downtown core are undergoing retrofits including:

- a year-round indoor farmers market, Oshawa Farmers Market, opening in early 2021 at the former Royal Bank building located at the corner of Simcoe and Bond Streets;

- Altum Health, a division of the University Health Network, will open in 2021, offering physiotherapy services at the former Bank of Montreal building at Simcoe and Athol Streets;
- Priority Submetering Solutions offering suite metering and billing services for utilities at 21 Simcoe Street South;
- The Music Hall, which is moving to 44 Bond Street East; and,
- 39 King Street East, which is being turned back into the Biltmore Theatre offering virtual and live entertainment.

We look forward to welcoming these new businesses over the next several months.

The Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force, chaired by Councillor Tito-Dante Marimpietri, continues to actively work to support local businesses, including small and main-street businesses in the downtown, impacted by the pandemic. Some of the key actions of the Task Force to date include developing a re-opening tool kit for our local businesses, the temporary patio program for local restaurants, and partnering on the creation of a digital transformation project to help companies embrace e-commerce opportunities. The Task Force has advocated for rent relief programs from the province and urged for continued discussions with Metrolinx on the GO Train East expansion.

Earlier this year, the Task Force identified a streamlined approval process as key to supporting local economic recovery efforts while continuing to ensure community health and safety. I am pleased to report that in a recent municipal benchmarking study of major housing markets across the GTA, Oshawa ranked No. 1 for development approval timelines. Furthermore, year-to-date residential and total construction values have surpassed last year's totals at \$280 million and \$384 million, respectively.

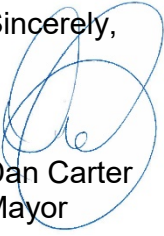
Another of our top priorities is ensuring that our families, seniors and all residents feel safe and comfortable to learn, work, shop and dine in the downtown and to visit entertainment and cultural attractions, the library and seniors community centre.

I assure you that as your Mayor, I continue to make it my priority to advocate for resources and funding to address criminal activity in the downtown. In talks with the Durham Region Police Services and the DRPS Board, I am urging for their full support and requesting sufficient police funding, increased foot patrols, police presence 24/7 year-round, and an investment in CCTV cameras through a partnership with the BIA.

In closing, thank you for continuing to support downtown Oshawa. Please join me in welcoming our new downtown businesses and the developments that are under way. My door is open – if you would like to discuss your ideas and priorities, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at 905-436-5611 or by emailing [mayor@oshawa.ca](mailto:mayor@oshawa.ca).

I encourage you to share this letter with your organization's membership and governing boards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Carter', enclosed within a circular blue scribble.

Dan Carter  
Mayor

cc: Nancy Shaw, Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce  
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