



## Booming Growth

Durham Region's booming growth offers exciting and immense development potential.

**“We’re confident the booming growth of our community offers the very best opportunity for investment in the GTHA.”**

- Market-Ready land is available now. Desirable new parcels will be coming to market soon.
- The Region is responding to massive demand by ensuring a continuing pipeline of serviced land, continuously adding outstanding new opportunities for commercial and industrial development.
- 2019 commercial/industrial building activity was \$900M, a 55% increase over 2018. 2020 was over \$1B.
- Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is relocating their headquarters, and are developing the first grid-tied Small Modular Reactor (SMR) in the world. Both projects are in Durham Region.
- The Region and municipalities are nimble and open for business – we collaborate to help businesses with their investments.



## History of Innovating

Durham Region's history of innovating has laid the foundation for today's business community.

**“We’re confident our innovation community will continue to solve the world’s biggest challenges.”**

- Since 1864 when Robert McLaughlin began his journey to transform human mobility, businesses in Durham have changed the world. Today Durham is leading the way in advanced mobility: in Autonomous, Connected, and Electric technologies.
- Durham Region is the Clean Energy Capital of Canada.
- With Spark Centre and 1855 Accelerator as key assets, our innovation community is part of the Toronto Region to Waterloo Tech Corridor – one of the premiere geographies of innovation and economic impact in North America.
- 360Insights is one of the largest incentives SaaS providers in the world, and busy acquiring its competitors. Built from the ground up in Durham Region.
- Ontario Tech University is No. 1 in cross-sector research among Canadian undergraduate universities. The university is working closely with industry to change the world.



## In-Demand

Durham Region is an in-demand region, made up of many complete communities.

**“We’re confident you’ll love our creative side. Explore it in our 14 vibrant downtowns.”**

- Durham Region is a collection of complete urban communities situated alongside rolling countryside. There is something new to try every weekend. From Durham Caribbean Festival and Fiesta Week, to the Peony Festival and a heritage railway.
- Remote work in Durham Region is ideal with multiple co-working spaces, larger homes, and 15-minute GO Train service which is extending with four new stops.
- Huge diversity in cuisines available. Strong local food movement connected to local producers. Durham is home to the Apple Capital of Canada. 10+ craft breweries to experience.
- 350km of recreation trails. 1200 members in the Durham Region Mountain Bike Association. More than ten conservation areas, a provincial park and over 500 spacious community parks. Come visit the Trail Capital of Canada.
- Music scene that in the past ten years has launched globally successful acts such as Shawn Mendes, Daniel Caesar, Lennon Stella, and Junos-recognized Dizzy, Meghan Patrick, Crown Lands, and Protest the Hero. Great venues that play host to national and international touring acts.
- Board game and pinball cafes, record shops, vintage stores, multiple food truck alleys, permanent makers’ and farmers’ markets. 14 museums and 12 art galleries.



## Talented

Durham Region is a talent-filled region.

**“We’re confident innovative businesses can find the talent they need in Durham Region.”**

- Three post-secondary schools graduating world-class talent. More than 25,000 students enrolled at the tri-institutions annually.
- Durham College’s AI/Hub is pioneering the application of Artificial Intelligence in business environments and offers an Honours Bachelor of AI.
- Ontario Tech’s Brilliant Incubator and ACE Climatic Wind Tunnel are just two of the incredible research and development talent assets on campus.
- Key programs at Trent University Durham GTA include Bachelors of Business Administration, Computing Systems, and Communications & Critical Thinking.
- Growing technology sector; home to over 12,000 highly skilled tech sector workers.
- We punch above our weight in tech talent growth: nearly 40% growth in tech talent over the past 5 years.
- Established energy cluster, and home to 10,000 highly skilled engineering, environment and energy sector workers.