



November 20, 2008

Premier Dalton McGuinty
Office of the Premier
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto Ontario M7A 1A8

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Reference: Haldimand County

My purpose of writing you is to request that the Province identify the Lake Erie Industrial Park located in Haldimand County as both a 'Green Energy Hub' and a 'Provincially Significant Employment Area' in keeping with the policies of the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area.

The 'Places to Grow Plan' anticipates that within the overall region over the next twenty-five years 1.8 million new jobs will be created. Recognizing the cyclical nature of the economy, the Province continues to expect that long term steady growth will occur in all sectors including export based industry, manufacturing and services.

The 6500 acre Lake Erie Industrial Park located within a 3 km influence buffer provides a unique industrial development opportunity within all of Canada. Its location in conjunction with planned highway improvements within the region (the Niagara to GTA and Highway 6 corridors), the increasing importance and growth of the John C. Munro Airport in Hamilton and the potential for cross-border freight ferry access make these lands critically important for the Province. The existing electrical distribution infrastructure in place has the potential to be used for alternative energy generation production to meet the continued electricity requirements of the Province and as such, should be identified as a 'Green Energy Hub'.

Given the significant economic impacts our County has faced in recent years and the forthcoming closure of the OPG plant in 2014, the designation of these lands as both a Green Energy Hub and a Provincially Significant Employment Area would be a catalyst to economic prosperity for the County in the future.

For your information, we are continually promoting this concept with ministers of your government.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at 905 318 5932, Ext 201 or our CAO, Don Boyle at Ext 220.

Yours truly,

Her Worship
Mayor Marie Trainer