

## AECOM – Paper Edit

### **Doug Allingham – Executive Vice President**

Aecom has about 50,000 employees around the world, and we operate in most countries. It's a multi-disciplinary engineering architectural planning firm. We pretty well can do anything from roads to water treatment plants, bridges, buildings, large master planning projects, you name it we can probably do it.

We have a very large team of about 300 employees within the Whitby area within two offices. We have engineers, we've got environmental planners, we've got structural building people. And we focus mainly in Whitby on transportation, transportation planning, structural engineering which is buildings and bridges, waste water treatment plants and also subsurface utility engineering.

We've worked very closely with the UOIT and Durham College over the years. We were involved in the expansion of both Durham College and the new UOIT. We did a fair amount of servicing work associated with some of the new buildings on the campus.

The Abilities Centre is a very exciting project. It's going to be the first of its kind in Canada. We've had the pleasure of acting as the program managers for the Abilities Centre staff, looking after, supervising the architects and contractors on that project.

The GTA in general is going to grow significantly over the next 20 years, probably another 3 or 4 million people will come to the GTA and a large, significant proportion of that growth will occur in the eastern part of the GTA or Durham Region in particular. So Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington are going to see quite a bit of growth both from the employment side and also on the residential side over the next couple of decades.

We have probably 60 or 70% of our employees in Whitby that live locally but we do have people who come from Peterborough, we've got people from downtown Toronto, we've got staff who come from Markham. But the majority live locally and there's a lot who live within five or 10 minutes of the office.

Whitby, the quality of life in Whitby and in Durham Region in general is what attracts a lot of our employees. When they get here and realize they don't have to spend an hour and a half or two hours in the car every day, it's a five or 10 minute commute, we have a great school system here, we got a great hospital system, we have all the amenities in the community, great shopping, restaurants, you name it it's here now, and people don't have to travel into Toronto for some of those amenities.