



“Over the next 20 years, another 3 million people will move to the GTA — and a large, significant proportion of that growth will occur in the eastern part of the GTA and Durham Region in particular.”

Doug Allingham
Executive Vice-President
AECOM



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AECOM delivers global engineering, architectural and planning expertise at a local level

AECOM’s roots in Whitby can be traced back to the early 1960s when, working at Totten Sims Hubicki Associates, employees first began to offer engineering expertise throughout the community.

As part of a company with 50,000 employees around the world, the engineering, architectural and planning experts are now supporting a wider array of projects than ever before.

“We have the expertise in house to undertake any type of infrastructure project from roads to water treatment plants, bridges, buildings, etc. You name it, we can probably do it,” says AECOM Executive Vice-President Doug Allingham. “We focus mainly in Whitby on transportation, transportation planning, structural engineering—which is buildings and bridges—wastewater and water treatment plants, linear distribution systems and also subsurface utility engineering.”

It would be difficult to travel through the community without finding some evidence of AECOM’s work. The business has been involved in the high-profile expansion of Durham College and University of Ontario Institute of Technology, and it is currently serving as program manager for the nearby Abilities Centre. Recent projects have also included completing the environmental assessment for the proposed eastward extension of Highway 407. “It’s been very high profile in the community, extremely successful and is hopefully leading to the construction of about 70 kilometres of new toll highway,” he adds.

“Part of our philosophy at AECOM—even though we’re a large, global firm—is to deliver world class expertise at a local level with a commitment to prompt response,” he explains. “We can provide service quickly and efficiently to the Town of Whitby or the Region of Durham, or adjacent municipalities.”

There are certainly more opportunities to come.

Growth like that will rely on a wide array of skills to plan and deliver the infrastructure necessary to support an influx of residents

Community of Choice...for Business

Fast Fact AECOM is a global engineering company with over 200 staff in Whitby.



and employees, many of which are represented in AECOM's Whitby office. It is filled with engineers, environmental planners, transportation planners, utility experts, architects, CAD operators and designers.

Many of AECOM employees call Durham their home and many live in Whitby, a mere five or ten minutes to the office.

"The quality of life in Whitby and in Durham Region in general is what attracts a lot of our employees," Allingham says. "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've got a great hospital system, we have all the amenities in the community, great shopping, restaurants. You name it, it's here."

Even with the rapid growth, the community has been able to protect the overall quality of life, he adds. "Even though Whitby is growing, there's still a small community feel to the area. People tend to know each other. It's very community and family oriented."

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