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David Crombie's Report Supports Oshawa's Harbour Vision

OSHAWA – Oshawa is excited to have support from the Honourable David Crombie on our vision for a modern, balanced harbour. On September 12, 2007, Mr. Crombie was appointed by the federal government to meet with community stakeholders and prepare a report on the future of Oshawa's harbour. The City presented a harbour vision to Mr. Crombie and urged him to support a modern, progressive direction for Oshawa's harbour.

Mr. Crombie submitted his report to the federal government in February 2008. Seven months later, it has been released publicly but it is not enough. The report and its recommendations confirms and supports the City's vision for the need of new ideas and a real commitment to restoring Oshawa's harbour as an economic, and cultural powerhouse while preserving and protecting our sensitive waterfront lands.

While the federal government acknowledged the Crombie Report, only general comments have been made and there are:

- × **NO** commitments to the report
- × **NO** timeframe for implementing the recommendations
- × **NO** financial guarantee.

Without clear commitments, timelines and the funds from the federal government to support Mr. Crombie's recommendations, Oshawa will not realize their harbour vision.

"The people of Oshawa have demanded that Port Oshawa and surrounding harbour lands become a source of civic pride. For forty years the people of Oshawa have been sorely disappointed", said Mayor John Gray. "David Crombie has vindicated the people's vision as being the right one for our city. It is now time for the federal government to implement their own consultant's recommendations. Through Mr. Crombie's blueprint, coupled with the people of Oshawa's vision, we will turn the harbour around from being the longest running failure in our city's history to a beacon of success with the realization of Port Oshawa's true potential. My Council colleagues and I are committed to ensure the federal government delivers, not dithers."

The federal government needs to immediately step up and work with the City of Oshawa to make our harbour vision a reality. The time for debate and negotiations is over; the time for a new future is NOW!

The City of Oshawa is continuing a grassroots community campaign to impress upon the federal government the significance of funding and implementing David Crombie's recommendations. If you would like to be part of realizing the waterfront's potential, call 905-436-5686 or e-mail ourharbour@oshawa.ca.

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