

January 13, 2010

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King St. W.
Chatham, Ontario
N7M 5K8

Attention: Mayor Hope and Council Members

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Letter of Support- Twinning with Toowoomba, Australia

As the Recognized Voice of Visionary Leadership for Business, the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce fosters initiatives that enhance the economic prosperity and quality of life for the Chatham-Kent community.

As our vision states, we encourage progressive infrastructure, fostering of entrepreneurship and business linkages, integrating business and community wellness and actively promoting Chatham-Kent. We appreciate that a community that works together towards a common vision will be recognized from afar and provide Chatham-Kent with great rewards.

Currently, there is a welcomed opportunity to twin with the Municipality of Toowoomba in Queensland, Australia. There are many similarities in our communities, such as economy, agriculture and amalgamation, for example, ones of which we can share in experiences and learn from one another. Chatham-Kent has so much to offer and, in return, realize some of the benefits our Australian counterparts can contribute. Gaining knowledge and expertise from one another enhances the opportunities from one another, as well as the potential for additional global relationships.

As such, on behalf of the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I am pleased to provide this Letter of Support for our Municipality of Chatham-Kent to twin with the Municipality of Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. We encourage this relationship, recognizing its partnership and importance in showcasing and promoting our diverse community assets while, in turn, furnishing the business community of Chatham, and Municipality of Chatham-Kent, with greater opportunities and potential.

Yours truly,

G.A. (Gail) Antaya
President & CEO