



# WHERE CITIES ARE SMART AND THE FUTURE IS SUSTAINABLE

Ontario is a place where things get built, bigger and smarter than before. In our rapidly growing innovation ecosystem, governments and businesses are working together to modernize transit and transportation infrastructure across the province while sharing our expertise with the world. Ontario is also emerging as a leader in smart cities, using data to design more efficient and sustainable communities.

Ontario has the second largest IT cluster in North America with a cutting-edge Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystem. The province's proficiency extends across sectors including agriculture, healthcare, cleantech, energy, transportation, cybersecurity and 5G networks.

## **SMART CITIES BY THE NUMBERS**

**\$400B** GLOBAL ANNUAL SPEND ON BUILDING SMART CITIES

CLOSE TO **700** SMART CITY COMPANIES IN THE GREATER TORONTO AREA ALONE 50B

DEVICES CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET BY 2020

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MUNICIPALITIES FROM ONTARIO WITH SMART CITY PROJECT PROPOSALS

## SMART CITY APPLICATIONS

ECONOMY: Streamline government MOBILITY: Public transit, procedures, digitization, and big data autonomous vehicles, and the analytics

LIVING: Promoting connected communities through smart buildings, healthcare innovation, and the use of data to enhance social programs.

efficient movement of goods

**ENVIRONMENT:** Sensors to detect leakage to preserve natural resources like water. Responsive devices to make energy consumption more efficient.

SECURITY: Secure data platforms, protecting against cyber threats, and protecting smart city data

EDUCATION: Making education accessible to all with shifts to real world experiential learning.

# THE TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE ONTARIO

#### **1. TALENT**

Ontario's number one advantage is its people. Some of the best and brightest minds choose to call Ontario their home. Al experts can be found in several city clusters including Toronto, Ottawa, Waterloo, Hamilton, London and Guelph.



#### 2. INNOVATION AND RECOGNIZED QUALITY

Ontario has one of the most unique and collaborative innovation ecosystems on the planet where business, academia and government work together to drive revolutionary ideas to market. Home to top research

institutions and pioneers in modern artificial intelligence, Ontario attracts some of the largest tech companies in the world to conduct business in Ontario.

#### **3. COMPETITIVE COSTS**

Ontario has some of the lowest corporate tax rates in North America where small and medium-sized manufacturers can also save up to 50% on their after-tax R&D expenditures. Global customers can source high quality products that are extremely cost competitive.





#### 4. ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Open for business to the entire world, Ontario has free trade agreements with 50 countries and is only a short distance from major U.S. hubs.

#### **5. DIVERSITY**

Ontario has welcomed people from over 150 countries and over 200 languages are spoken here. Ontario also has a highly diversified economy with a wide array of industry sectors.



# Humber River Hospital was designed

to be fully digital. This includes North America's first "Command Centre" with screens displaying real-time information from key areas of the hospital. The data includes Emerg capacity and waits, patient status and length of stay.

A SMART SUCCESS STORY

### WHO'S HERE: ONTARIO'S SMART CITY ECOSYSTEM

**MANUFACTURING & ASSFT** TRACKING: Miovision, Geotab, Shoplogix, Aervon

IOT. BIG DATA & ANALYTICS: Google, Acerta, Cisco, Ericsson, IBM

**ENERGY, BUILDINGS &** GEOSPATIAL: Aecon, Ecobee, Accenture, Hitachi

HEALTHCARE & GAMIFICATION: Influitive, Horizn, Bluedot, Humber **River Hospital** 

**RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS & INCUBATORS:** 

University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, MaRS, Carleton University, George Brown College, University of Guelph

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