

## **Ford Motor Company of Canada distribution centre - Paris, Ontario**

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The County of Brant is pleased to welcome the Ford Motor Company of Canada distribution centre to Paris, Ontario. The new state of the art parts distribution centre at the corner of Rest Acres Road and Highway 403, will be approximately 562,000 square feet. The facility will be one of two new parts distribution centres being constructed in Ontario replacing Ford's 900,000 sq. ft. Bramalea facility in order to improve customer satisfaction and expedite parts delivery time to dealers.

"The County of Brant continues to search out and secure opportunities to stabilize and grow our local economy. This includes attracting and supporting small, medium and large businesses such as Ford," said Mayor David Bailey. "We want to be a place where people can live, work and play all in their own community and attracting employers such as Ford, continues the County in the right direction."

As the County continues to grow, it is important to balance the industrial, commercial and residential growth to stabilize the tax base and provide jobs for residents. To do this, the County has adopted a progressive, forward thinking approach to working with businesses. This includes a holistic approach to maintain and create new infrastructure, continually evolving the County's economic development program and policies to attract business and collaborating with regional partners and stakeholders to ensure a positive outcome.

Vicano Developments Limited was successful in negotiating a long term lease agreement with Ford to construct and lease the new Ford distribution centre on a 30 acre parcel of industrial land it owns facing Highway 403. The Vicano proposal was on a competitive basis and successfully outperformed multiple submissions from other proponents in southwestern Ontario. It's proximity to Highway 403, speed of delivering the building and strong labour pool were all positive factors in the successful proposal.

"Working with the County of Brant on this project has been a wonderful experience. The County of Brant planning approval process is streamlined, responsive and takes a pragmatic approach to the development approval process. The County of Brant really understands what it takes to attract investment to the

area. All County staff involved treated this project as if it were their own. They are professional, they helped facilitate creative solutions to issues that arose, and were just very pleasant to work with. We commend County Council and County Staff in supporting economic growth in the region with its business-friendly approach,” said Paul Vicano, Executive Vice President, Vicano Developments Limited.

Construction began in May of 2021 and structural steel erection has commenced on site. Completion of the new facility is slated for December 2022.

Picture from left to right, Paul Vicano - Vice President of Vicano Developments, Mayor David Bailey - County of Brant, Peter Vicano - President of Vicano Construction, Marc Vicano - Project Manager of Vicano Construction and Michael Vicano - Project Manager of Vicano Construction.

