

Ajax (YOO1) Groundbreaking Remarks

Thursday, October 8, 2020

1pm – 2pm

Good afternoon, everyone.

My name is Angeline Bilodeau, General Manager for Amazon's fulfillment centres in this region.

I'm excited to welcome all of you here today to break ground at Amazon's first-ever fulfillment center in Ajax.

I would like to thank our tremendous partners and supporters with us today:

- The Honourable Rod Phillips
- Mayor Collier
- The Town of Ajax
- Our developers Blackwood and Broccolini
- Crestpoint, our landlord, and all of our colleagues who have joined us today and are playing a critical role in this milestone development for Ajax and for Amazon in Ontario.

What you see in front of you is much more than the bare bones of a construction site.

It's the foundation of a one-million-square-foot industry-leading workplace that will create 1,000 good paying, safe jobs with great benefits for the talented people of Ajax.

We'll also generate important indirect jobs through the construction of our centre, thanks to Blackwood and Broccolini.

All in, Amazon employs more than 21,000 full-time and part-time employees across Canada. And we plan to hire many more in this region through this FC and the expansion of our network in southern Ontario.

I'm certain creating great jobs like these is something we can all celebrate – especially these days.

This facility will be state-of-the-art. It will manage large customer purchases like sports equipment, patio furniture, fishing rods, pet food, kayaks, bicycles and other household goods. It will be a power-house designed with safety front and centre.

Amazon's ability to open new facilities is not something that can be done without the unwavering support from the Province of Ontario and the local Ajax community. So, again, thank you to everyone who was involved and has partnered with us throughout the process.

Ontario and Ajax are a great places to do business, and we are proud to continue to invest in communities in which our associates live and work.

Thank you again to our government leaders for welcoming Amazon to Ajax, and to Blackwood, Broccolini and Crestpoint for bringing our new FC to life.

Let's break ground!