

ONTARIO EAST

Welcome to Kingston

Food processing investment opportunities

OVERVIEW: Kingston is one of Canada's largest 25 cities and has much to offer potential investors: strategic location with access to markets, cost competitiveness, brain power, bilingual capability, and a diversified economy.

LOCATION: Kingston's strategic location, at the convergence of Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River and the Rideau Canal, was one of the original reasons for the development of the city. Kingston is a major distribution centre between Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and New York State with immediate access to markets of more than 130 million people within a day's drive. Kingston's location offers convenient access to Highway 401, rail and air service and is within a 30 minute drive of the US border crossings. Several companies have recognized this advantage and have consolidated their operations into Kingston.

ECONOMY: Kingston has a balanced and diverse economy with a strong private sector that accounts for 50 per cent of local employment. We offer a blend of business and hospitality services, logistics, warehousing, research, development and manufacturing companies. Our strong public sector is the core of the economy and helps to ensure that growth and investment in Kingston continues.

POPULATION: 155,000 Census Metropolitan Area

OPPORTUNITY: A variety of property sizes, different zoning types and city locations are available. Several factors combine to make Kingston the perfect site for industrial and commercial companies.

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES:

- Stable infrastructure, services and facilities
- A highly-skilled and available workforce
- First-class research and educational institutions
- Access to advanced telecommunications infrastructure
- Competitive land prices within fully serviced business parks
- Abundant local supply chain to support business success
- Assistance and incentives for eligible developments
- Significant quality of life and amenities



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