

Questions remain about \$1.9B project

SEPTEMBER 14 MUNICIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chatham-Kent has been identified as the destination for new investment as Canadian Energies advances plans for a major clean-energy manufacturing opportunity in the community.

The proposed investment is being featured as part of the Canadian Investment Summit taking place in Toronto September 14-15. Hosted by the Prime Minister of Canada in partnership with the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and the Public Sector Pension Investment Board, the Canada Investment Summit is a first-of-its-kind, two-day event that brings together leading global investors, Canadian CEOs, and public sector representatives to accelerate new investment into Canada and spotlight communities and projects across the country that are well positioned to attract new business, investment, and employment.

Chatham-Kent has a long-standing manufacturing base and a strong history of attracting and supporting industry. The mayor and municipal senior leaders regularly and actively pursue investment opportunities that build on these strengths, expand the local economy, and create employment in our region. The identification of Chatham-Kent at a national investment forum provides another opportunity to showcase the community to prospective investors and highlight its capacity to support new industrial development.

"We're excited to see Chatham-Kent recognized at a national investment summit and to have our community selected for this project," says Mayor Darrin Canniff.

"This project would represent the largest single investment ever made in Chatham-Kent. We're proud of what our community has to offer. The work we

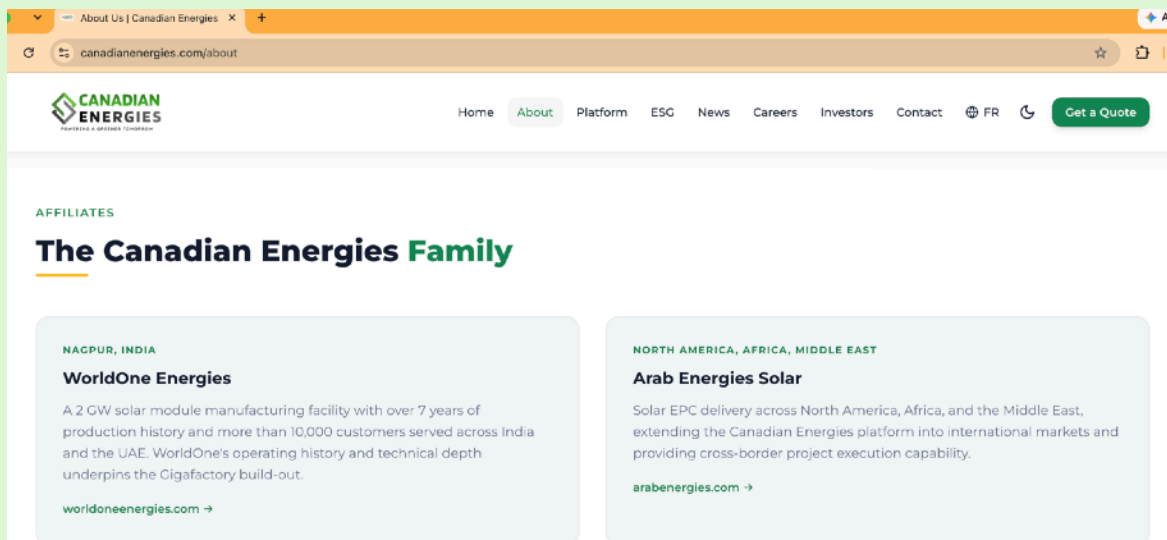
have been doing to grow and promote C-K has earned us recognition on the global stage for investment."

Chatham-Kent's presence in the national investment discussion reinforces the importance of maintaining a strong and diversified local economy and continuing to position the community for future industrial investment.

The Municipality recognizes that projects of this scale involve significant consideration by multiple levels of government. If the project proceeds, support and approvals from the appropriate provincial and federal governments will be required. Any municipal regulatory decisions or approvals required for the project would follow the appropriate

municipal process, including consideration by Chatham-Kent Council, before any municipal commitments, if any, are made.

Specific questions regarding the proposed project and its technical aspects should be directed to Canadian Energies.



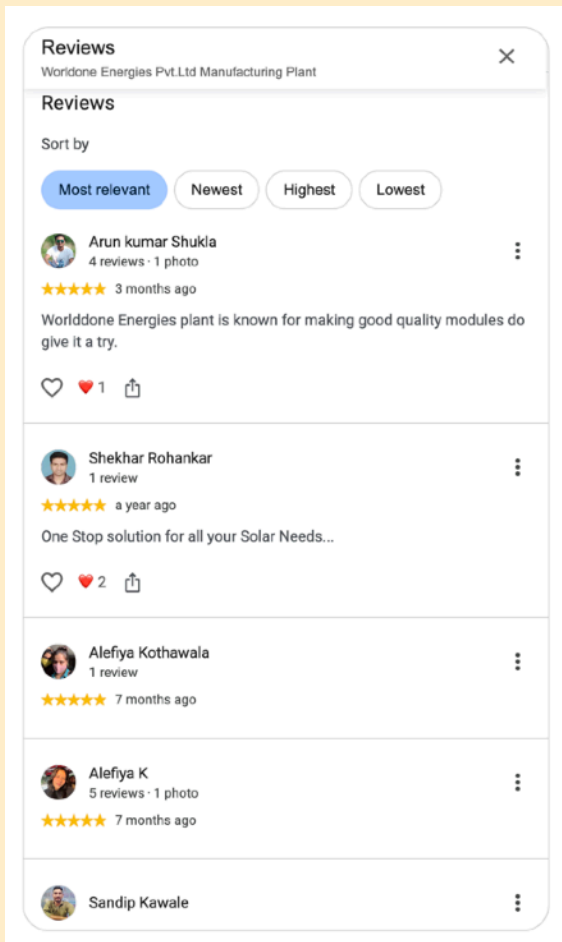
As outlined on its website, Canadian Energies is affiliated with two other companies.

WorldOne Energies is based in India...

Before there was Canadian Energies there was **WorldOne Energies**, based in Nagpur, India. It was founded by **Mark Garvin** and **Murtaza Kothawala**.

According to its LinkedIn page, WorldOne is in the Solar Electric Power Generation business, with a company size of between 51 and 200 employees.

LinkedIn also states it has one manufacturing plant at D-18, Umred MIDC Road, Nagpur - 441203. Maharashtra, Nagpur, Maharashtra 441203, India.



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"In a landmark moment for India's green energy transition, Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, inaugurated a 1.2 GW Solar Panel Manufacturing Facility developed by WorldOne Energies.

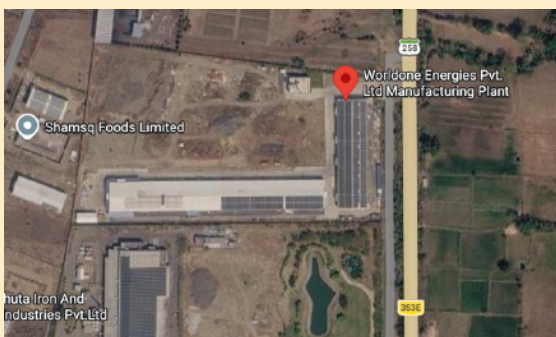
This milestone marks a significant step forward in positioning Maharashtra as a key player in renewable energy manufacturing and clean technology leadership.

The newly inaugurated solar facility is designed for the manufacturing of solar PV modules, cells, silicon ingots and wafers, inverters, and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). With robust domestic infrastructure and advanced automation, the facility will serve both local demand and global markets, strengthening India's clean energy supply chain and export potential.

Murtaza Kothawala, Founder and Managing Director of WorldONE Energies stated, "This is a vision taking shape - to empower India with world-class clean energy solutions, built locally but benchmarked globally. WorldOne Energies remains committed to driving India's Net Zero mission forward."

*Mark B Garvin, Co-Founder of WorldOne Energies added, **"This facility will not only support local manufacturing but will also facilitate exports to the North American market - enabling global reach with Indian innovation."***

Maharaj Singh, Executive Director of WorldOne Energies commented, "Our approach blends cutting-edge technology with efficient manufacturing processes to deliver superior performance and reliability. This facility represents the next generation of solar production - scalable, intelligent, and future-ready."..."



Clockwise from top left: Google reviews for WorldOne Energies Pvt. Ltd. Manufacturing plant feature two five-star reviews with a familiar last name; the announcement of the plant opening (note the red highlighted text) and an overhead Google view of the site in India.

To all outward appearances, it's full steam ahead

nadianenergies.com/esg/report/2025



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Forward targets

Target	Horizon	Status
Commission first 1 GW of module capacity in Chatham-Kent	2027	 In progress
Reach 70% Canadian content across tier-1 procurement	2028	 On track
Full Scope 1 and 2 inventory with third-party assurance	2027	 In progress
85% manufacturing waste diversion at steady-state operations	2029	 Planned
2,500+ direct and indirect jobs sustained across the campus	2030	 On track
Net-zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions for owned operations	2035	 Planned

In July of 2025, WorldOne issued a press release which appeared on Instagram stating that: “To meet growing international demand and foster deeper cross-border partnerships, we are now expanding our presence beyond India. A major step in this journey is the establishment of a 1 GW Solar PV Manufacturing Facility in Ontario, Canada.”

Garvin’s LinkedIn profile notes that he is the Founder & CEO of CleanTech, among a list of other things, including a 10 GW Solar Manufacturing|BESS, & EPD Leader|Canadian Energies... It also states he is based in the Greater Toronto Area.

Kothawala’s LinkedIn profile states he is the Founder & MD at WorldOne Energies Pvt. Ltd., and that he is based in Nagpur, Maharashtra, India.

Long before most people, if any, knew anything about the proposed Canadian Energies project announced earlier this week, the company had already identified Chatham-Kent as its location, both on its website and in its 2025 annual report. It stated a timeline of 2027 to 2035, with the commissioning of its first 1 GW of module capacity in Chatham-Kent as ‘In Progress.’ By 2030, its projection notes that over 2,500 direct and indirect jobs will be sustained across its campus.

Compiled by Karen Robinet: Chatham-Kent Ward 7 Candidate

Chatham-Kent 10 GW Integrated Gigafactory Campus

 Canadian Sustainable Energies Ltd.  Chatham-Kent, Ontario  2026–

10 GW

TOTAL CAPACITY

**300
acres**

CAMPUS AREA

3

VERTICALS

**U.S. &
Mexico**

CONFIRMED POS

A 300-acre sustainable special economic zone integrating 3 GW solar module manufacturing, 5 GW grid-scale LFP BESS manufacturing, and 2 GW AI data centre BESS capacity, the largest vertically integrated clean energy campus of its kind in Canada.

Engagement at a glance

Client
Canadian Sustainable Energies Ltd.

Location
Chatham-Kent, Ontario

Timeline
2026–

Sector
Hybrid

Capacity
10 GW total

Status
In Progress

Additionally, the Canadian Energies website clearly states that the Chatham-Kent project is 'In Progress' even though both Chatham-Kent Mayor Darrin Canniff as well as CAO Michael Duben told council Monday night that is not the situation.

canadianenergies.com/for/utilities

WHAT YOU GET

A partner engineered for institutional discipline.

-  Utility-scale BESS blocks from 20 MW to 500 MW, 2 to 8 hour duration
-  Bifacial 605 to 650 Wp solar modules with 25-year linear performance warranty
-  Full O&M and asset-management services post-COD
-  Chatham-Kent SEZ manufacturing base for guaranteed North American origin
-  Coordinated approach across IESO, PJM, MISO, and NYISO markets

An SEZ (Special Economic Zone) manufacturing base can mean perks like lower taxes, simplified customs and less red tape.

Canniff: Project is in its 'very early days'

At the Sept. 14 council meeting, Canniff said he is/was under a Non-Disclosure Agreement which prevented him from discussing the proposed project.

However, the municipality's hand was forced Monday when officials were told that Canadian Energies would be presenting at the Canada Investment Summit held earlier this week.

"They've already looked at a number of places, but seem to like Chatham-Kent and let us know their prospectus document was going to name Chatham-Kent so we thought we better tell people," said Duben, adding that, "it certainly is exciting."

Canniff said, "we've been working with them quite a while now," and noted that the project is still in its "very early days."

Several councillors raised concerns that they had been kept out of the loop and were blindsided by the Monday announcement.

As it was announced by the company, the Chatham-Kent project would consist of three components across "a 300-acre sustainable special economic zone."

It would include a 3 GW solar module manufacturing plant, a 5 GW grid-scale LFP BESS manufacturing

plant and a 2 GW AI data centre BESS capacity. According to the company's website, this would be "the largest vertically integrated clean energy campus of its kind in Canada."

Coun. Alysson Storey asked if it would be possible for the project to be separated into the three components for council approval, noting that the solar module and LFP BESS components might be "less problematic," for residents than the AI data centre component.

Canniff said the company had stated the AI data centre would be built elsewhere and chastised Storey for her comments which he said could be of concern to the company.

He added that there are 444 other municipalities that would be happy to be home to this project.

Both Canniff and Duben stated that a lot has to happen before the project can come to fruition, although Duben said that in terms of zoning approvals, it's out of the municipality's hands if it's on private property that meets the zoning requirements.

"If it's zoned for manufacturing and already zoned for manufacturing, they'll be allowed to do that," he said.

"We don't get to decide what businesses do."

Who/what/where is Arab Energies Solar ?

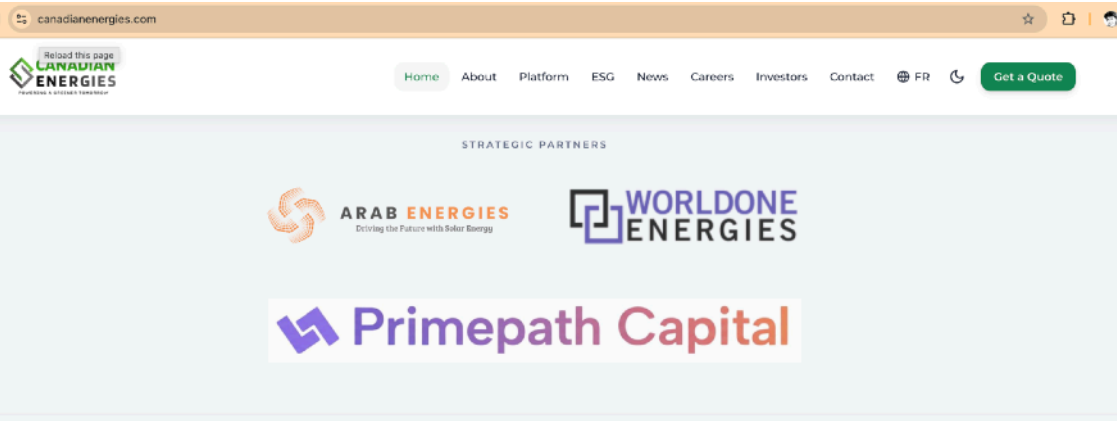
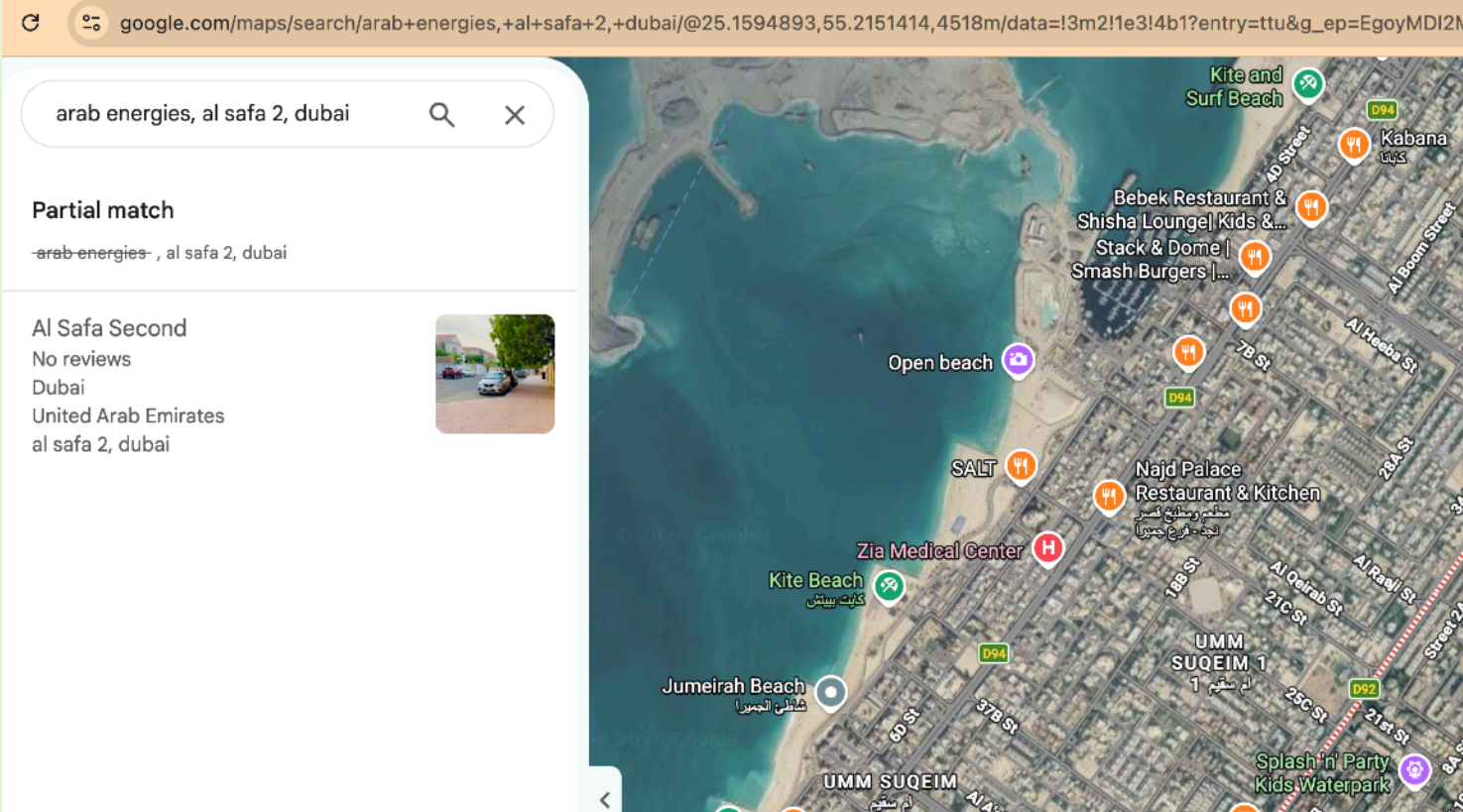
Of course, there is one other company that is also in the mix with WorldOne Energies and Canadian Energies, and that is Arab Energies Solar.

According to its LinkedIn page:

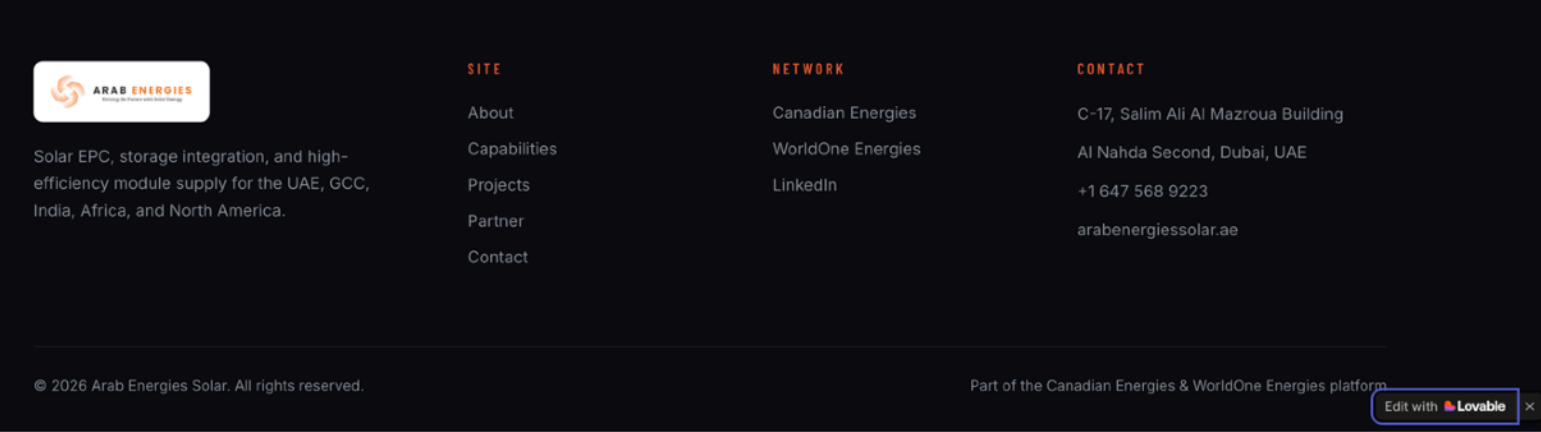
*"Arab Energies Solar, we believe in the power of renewable energy to create a more sustainable future. With a passion for clean energy and a commitment to our customers we are dedicated to delivering the best possible **solutions**.we offer a diverse range of high-performance solar products designed to maximize efficiency, reliability, and sustainability. Our cutting-edge solar technology ensures seamless integration for residential, commercial, and industrial applications."*

You may have noticed the rather breathless tone of this, as well a little typo, and I can assure you they are not mine. The website attached to the LinkedIn page doesn't work either, although I did find another one. And, while the LinkedIn page states that the company was founded in 2024, its arabenergies.com website wasn't registered until July 5 of this year.

According to LinkedIn, Arab Energies is located at Al Safa 2, Dubai. However, a Google map search wasn't able to find it.



The address on the footer on the Arab Energies website (below) is a different one, and it's for an apartment building in Dubai.



Canada Investment Summit 2026

Toronto, Ontario. September 14 and 15, 2026

Canada has what the world wants.
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Now, all of this brings us to the Canada Investment Summit, where the proposed Chatham-Kent project was one of 167 “investment-ready projects valued at an estimated \$327 billion, presented to global investors,” according to the Daily Commercial News by ConstructConnect.

And, as if all this isn’t mind-boggling enough, the website connectCANADAcree identified the Chatham-Kent project as one of five stand-out CRE (Commercial Real Estate) projects.



By: Joel Bowey

5 CRE Projects Stand Out In Ottawa’s \$1T Investment Push

4. Canadian Energies Campus — Chatham-Kent, Ont.

Project: Canadian Energies is proposing a 300-acre manufacturing campus combining solar-module and battery-storage production with infrastructure intended to support other energy-intensive uses.

Who Owns The Land: Canadian Energies has identified a 300-acre Chatham-Kent site for the campus but has not publicly disclosed the property or its land-control structure.

Why It Matters: A project of this size would create demand beyond the campus itself, including space for suppliers, logistics operators, contractors and other businesses serving the manufacturing operation.

So, where do we go from here?

I would love nothing more than to see a \$1.9 billion project coming to our community and bringing thousands of jobs with it, but there are some serious concerns that need to be addressed.

At what point did Chatham-Kent administration/council know that Chatham-Kent has been the stated location of this project since last year?

At Monday's council meeting, we were told that this information was so hush-hush, it had to be kept from most of council until that day. Further, we were told that there are 444 other municipalities in Ontario that would leap at the chance of this type of investment and questioning any of it could derail the plans.

Chatham-Kent has been identified as the site by Canadian Energies multiple times over the past year and local officials are either oblivious or not being upfront about it which should raise concerns. The company already has a published timeline in place for this project, so it's difficult to understand the disconnect between that and what municipal officials are telling us.

Any company that's coming into a community with such a large project and at this point, a lot of unknowns on the part of the general public, should anticipate and be able to deal with a little scrutiny as there are valid concerns to be addressed.

Unfortunately, Canadian Energies has already had to issue a clarification on the project due to the misinformation that has been circulating among the general public.

This should be no surprise to anyone given the way the announcement was handled, but that is neither here nor there at this point.

In its media clarification, the company noted that: "While some of the products that we expect to manufacture at the Chatham-Kent facility may be used to support and power data centres elsewhere, our Chatham-Kent facility will not be a data centre. It is expected to be a major Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) manufacturing facility and will also house the production of other clean energy components, including solar modules."

For the average residents who doesn't know much about this type of technology, there are obvious concerns which immediately come to mind, ranging from the impact on the environment, demands on our infrastructure, proximity to fresh water and so on.

I know I'm looking forward to hearing more about what could be a very exciting project for Chatham-Kent, but in the meantime, I'd like to know a lot more about what it involves.