

June 27, 2012

Association of Municipalities of Ontario #801-200 University Avenue Toronto, ON M5H 3C6

To All Ontario Municipalities:

The Council for the Town of Ingersoll supported the following resolution from CAW (Canadian Auto Workers) at their regular meeting on June 11, 2012:

WHEREAS the Canadian Auto Industry has seen significant job loss over the past decade. Almost 40, 000 jobs have been lost since the industry's peak in 2003; and

WHEREAS over 100,000 Canadians are presently directly employed in the Canadian Auto Industry; and

WHEREAS Canada has lost two more light vehicle assembly plants during the years since the financial crisis hit: The General Motors pickup truck plant in Oshawa (closed in 2008), and the Ford car assembly plants closed in Canada since the turn of the century; and

WHEREAS in Canada we are scheduled to lose another light vehicle assembly plant within the next year; the General Motors Consolidated plant in Oshawa in June 2013 that will result in the loss of over 2,000 good jobs; and

WHEREAS in 1999 Canada's auto exports exceed our imports by \$15 billion. This positive trend has ceased beginning in 2006. Last year the automotive trade deficit reached an all-time record of \$15.6 billion; and

WHEREAS the Town of Ingersoll recognizes the importance of Canadian Auto Industry to local, provincial/territorial and national economies; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Ingersoll will work to keep good jobs in our communities by:

- Adopting the "Re-thinking Canada's Auto Industry: A Policy to Escape the Race to the Bottom" which includes Taking the Good jobs Pledge; and
- Calling on the federal, provincial and territorial governments to immediately implement a National Auto Policy to support Canadian manufacturing footprint long into the future, and to convene a National Jobs Summit to develop an overall strategy for keeping good jobs in Canada; and
- Calling on Global Corporation to invest more in Canadian operations and good Canadian jobs;
- Sending this resolution to the Ontario Municipal Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and any other relevant bodies for consideration and circulation.

The Town of Ingersoll respectfully requests that all municipalities in the Province of Ontario consider supporting this resolution.

Sincerely,

## ORIGINAL signed by

Marsha Paley, MCIP, RPP, CMO Clerk/ Deputy Chief Administrative Office

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