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President of General Motors of Canada
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Re: The Importance of Keeping General Motors Oshawa Assembly Plant Open

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of December 3, 2018 and adopted the following recommendation:

“Whereas General Motors, its employees and the City of Oshawa have experienced an historic 100 year successful partnership in this community; and,

Whereas on November 26, 2018 General Motors announced its need to accelerate its transformation for the future by building upon world-class engineering in advanced technologies and increasing investment in electric and autonomous vehicle programs and linked this to its rationale for closing the Oshawa assembly plant at the end of 2019; and,

Whereas there are numerous employees of General Motors and associated industries, services and businesses in Oshawa and Durham Region that depend on the operation of the Oshawa assembly plant and the well-being of those families that are affected by General Motors decision is a priority of the City; and,

Whereas good jobs for Oshawa and Durham workers is a key priority and the closure of the Oshawa assembly plant will have a negative impact on the lives of those affected families as well as on the local, regional, provincial and national economies; and,

Whereas the local General Motors workforce has consistently demonstrated its flexibility and ability to embrace innovation to continue to transform the automotive sector for the benefit of the company and North American economy; and,

Whereas General Motors has acknowledged that the local talented workforce has a proven record of accomplishment for setting high quality standards and winning international productivity awards; and,

Whereas there is an opportunity to build on our rich automotive history, utilizing the skills and abilities of Oshawa’s professional autoworkers that have established a proven foundation for innovative and the capacity to tackle economic challenges. All of which

makes Oshawa the ideal location from which to drive General Motors new focus on electric and autonomous vehicle programs; and,

Whereas Oshawa has already realized substantial investments in cutting-edge automotive technologies that support and advance the development of electric and autonomous vehicles here in our community including the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) and its world-class facility that produces cutting-edge automotive technologies; and,

Whereas in August 2018, the Federal Government announced up to \$9.46 million in funding to support the integration of a Moving Ground Plane allowing the U.O.I.T. to increase the number of full-time jobs at ACE, generate new training opportunities, promote research and development and encourage the advancement of cleaner and safer automotive technologies; and,

Whereas Oshawa has been selected to be a Technology Development Site that is fully integrated with Province's Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Network (AVIN) program; and,

Whereas through unique market-driven programs Durham College and U.O.I.T. are creating the next generation of engineering and technical leaders to support the growth of the advanced automotive industry; and,

Whereas we believe that our mutually beneficial relationship with General Motors can continue long into the future by developing alternatives to closing the assembly plant in Oshawa; and,

Whereas the City is committed to building upon our strong partnerships with General Motors, the federal and provincial governments, the post-secondary institutions and the local business community to support the General Motors employees and their families and other local businesses affected by the decision by General Motors;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the City of Oshawa is committed to work with General Motors and Unifor in order to keep the Oshawa Assembly Plant open beyond 2019 and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to General Motors and Unifor with a request that the President of General Motors, the President of General Motors Canada and the President of Unifor meet with the Mayor.
2. That the Mayor send a letter together with a copy of this resolution to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford and all MP's and MPP's in Durham Region, Peterborough County, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland County and the City of Toronto requesting them to initiate actions to convince General Motors to keep the Oshawa Assembly Plant open and requesting that they meet with the Mayor.
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Region of Durham, all Durham municipalities, the City of Toronto, municipalities in Peterborough County, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Chamber of Commerces/Boards of Trade in the Durham Region, the Durham Region Labour Council, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Ontario

Federation of Labour and the Mayors Auto Caucus, and any other organization deemed appropriate by the Mayor, requesting their support to keep the Oshawa Assembly Plant open.

4. That the Mayor continue to lead the efforts on this matter.”

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding this resolution to Unifor, Region of Durham, all Durham municipalities, the City of Toronto, municipalities in Peterborough County, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Chamber of Commerces/Boards of Trade in the Durham Region, the Durham Region Labour Council, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Ontario Federation of Labour and the Mayors Auto Caucus, and any other organization deemed appropriate by the Mayor, requesting their support to keep the Oshawa Assembly Plant open.

If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact Paul Ralph, Commissioner, Development Services Department at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



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