

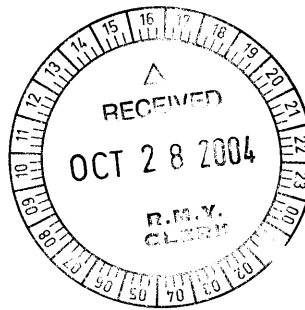


Department of Corporate Services

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October 21, 2004

The Right Honourable Paul Martin  
Prime Minister  
House of Commons  
Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6



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Re: General Motors of Canada Limited - Project Beacon

City Council considered the matter at a meeting held October 4, 2004 and adopted the following resolution:

"That whereas General Motors of Canada Limited (GMCL) has proposed a bold new initiative, Project Beacon, to accelerate Canadian-based automotive innovation and competitiveness in conjunction with Canadian education institutions and automotive suppliers (including auto parts, steel, aluminum, research and development, manufacturing innovation etc.), which will include a significant involvement of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and Durham College, as well as other educational institutions such as Fanshawe College, McMaster University, University of Waterloo, McGill University, Sherbrooke University, Montreal Ecole Polytechnique, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique and Niagara College who are currently/potentially involved in the project. And by such action significant high skilled training will be delivered by UOIT and Durham College; and,

Whereas UOIT and Durham College are critical to Oshawa's economic prosperity and that Project Beacon will enhance the research role of UOIT; and,

Whereas GMCL will increase their competitive advantage in the automobile/transportation markets by modifying their manufacturing technology and processes to enhance flexibility resulting in a positive impact on employment in Oshawa and throughout the Region of Durham; and,

Whereas Project Beacon will enhance and increase the design and engineering capacity of GMCL and through the new proposed Automotive Innovation Network, GMCL will direct more than 130 million dollars in new support towards the training of the next generation of Canadian automotive engineers and designers; and,

Whereas accelerating the commercialization of automotive/transportation related research and development in Canada – a key element of much broader return on investment would be achieved by government support of Project Beacon; and,

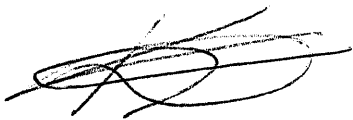
Whereas GMCL is in discussions with the Ontario and Federal governments concerning their participation in Project Beacon's investments and initiatives for Canada and Ontario.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Oshawa strongly encourage the Ontario and Federal governments to partner and financially support General Motors of Canada Limited's Project Beacon;

And further copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Paul Martin, Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance, David Emerson, Minister of Industry, Joe Volpe, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Joe Cordiano, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Training Colleges and Universities, Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance, Christopher Bentley, Minister of Labour, Stephen Harper, Leader of the Opposition, Jack Layton, NDP Leader, Gilles Duceppe, Leader of the Bloc Québécois, and all local MP's and MPP's, whose constituency lie in the boundaries of Oshawa, Durham Region, City of Kawartha Lakes, Cobourg, Port Hope, Northumberland County, City and County of Peterborough, Waterloo Region, Niagara Region, York Region, City of Toronto, City of Hamilton, as well as the Regional and local Municipal Councils of the above cities and regions, as well as the Mayors for Automotive Investment, as well as the cities of Montreal and Sherbrooke in the Province of Quebec, the Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce in Durham Region and Northumberland and Peterborough Counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes, UOIT/Durham College Board of Directors and Durham Region Manufacturers' Association, requesting their support of this resolution regarding Project Beacon."

By copy of this letter, I am advising the above of Council's resolution and requesting their support. Your consideration of this matter is appreciated.

If you need further assistance, please contact Cindy Symons-Milroy, Director of Economic Development, at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-5636, ext. 3859.



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