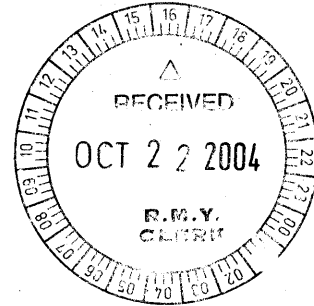




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FILE No. - P04

**RE: GENERAL MOTORS OF CANADA – PROJECT BEACON
OUR FILE: F16-01**

Honourable Sir, the Finance and Administration Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on September 29, 2004, Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

"WHEREAS General Motors of Canada Limited 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, aluminium, research and development, manufacturing innovation etc.) which will include a significant involvement of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology 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 FURTHER THAT UOIT and Durham College are critical to the Region's economic prosperity and that PROJECT BEACON will enhance the research role of UOIT;

AND FURTHER THAT General Motors of Canada will be enhancing 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 component across the Region;

AND FURTHER THAT PROJECT BEACON will enhance and increase design and engineering capacity of General Motors Canada through the new proposed Automotive Innovation Network. GM Canada will direct more than 130 million dollars in new support towards the training of the next generation of Canadian automotive engineers and designers;

AS WELL AS accelerating the commercialization of automotive/transportation related research and development in Canada – a key element of much broader return on investment that would be achieved by government support of PROJECT BEACON;

AND FURTHERMORE General Motors of Canada as 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 Regional Municipality of Durham strongly encourage the Ontario and Federal governments to partner and financially support General Motors of Canada's PROJECT BEACON;

AND FURTHER MORE THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the 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 Sobara, Minister of Finance, Christopher Bentley, Minister of Labour and all local MP's and MPP's whose constituency lie in the boundaries of 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 Mayor's for Automotive Investment, as well as the cities of Montreal and Sherbrooke in the Province of Quebec, as well as the Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce in Durham in Durham Region, UOIT/Durham College Board of Directors and DRMA, requesting their support of this resolution regarding PROJECT BEACON."

Favourable consideration to partnering and financially supporting General Motors of Canada's PROJECT BEACON, would be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P.M. Madill".

P.M. Madill, A.M.C.T., CMM I
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