



March 5, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Langevin Block
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Dear Prime Minister,

At the Regular Council Meeting of March 2nd, 2020, Essex Town Council received David Cassidy, President of Local 444 as a delegation. At this meeting Mr. Cassidy spoke of the recent announcement concerning the elimination of the third shift at the Windsor Assembly Plant (manufacturer of the Dodge minivan/Chrysler Pacifica). Mr. Cassidy spoke to the impact that the elimination of the third shift and its 1,500 jobs will have on families and the economy. He also spoke to other recent job losses that will negatively impact Canadian families and the national economy including the closure of General Motors in Oshawa and the pending closure of the Nemak plant in Windsor Ontario. Mr. Cassidy asked Council to support Unifor's request to the Canadian government for the development of a strategic Canadian Auto Policy in order to support a strong economy and prevent the loss of good paying Canadian jobs.

Mr. Cassidy and Unifor are calling for a strategic Canadian Auto Policy, that will provide various protections to ensure Canada's automotive industry is competitive and ensure the stability and growth of Canadian jobs in the auto sector. Regulations must be placed on firms who enjoy the benefits of tax incentives (and other investment attraction efforts), requiring such firms to maintain a physical presence here in Canada.

As a result of Mr. Cassidy's delegation, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

(R20-03-063) Whereas the Town of Essex supports the development of a strategic Canadian Auto Policy in order to support a strong economy and prevent job loss; and that requirements be placed on firms who enjoy the benefits of tax incentives and other investment attraction efforts to maintain a physical presence in Canada; and

That accordingly a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Taras Natyshak, MPP and Chris Lewis, MP.

Carried



Of behalf of Town of Essex Council we support the request of Unifor and accordingly ask that the Canadian government take steps to develop a Canadian Auto Policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Auger".

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c.c. Honourable Minister Navdeep Bains
Ministry of Innovation, Science and Industry

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David Cassidy
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