



December 26th, 2022

Greetings,

This letter is being written on behalf of the 800 members of the General Motors Salaried Retirees Association (GMSRA) which is a not for profit organization of former GM Salaried employees.

Our membership is very proud of the products produced in Oshawa for over 100 years, and automotive manufacturing that continues to be a major economic driver of Oshawa. Automotive Manufacturing continues to be a major employer for both Oshawa and Durham Region as a new generation continues our legacy of manufacturing. The automotive museum is an important part of celebrating our past, present, and future automotive story.

The museum has been an important part of our community since 1963, and continues to provide valuable exhibitions, walking tours, seminars, and a public gathering space for our automotive story. Despite its important place within our community, this valued asset has had its funding reduced from an average of \$25,000 in the 1990s, to an average of \$5000 in 2022 (Fin 22-41). This is not consistent with growing operational costs and increased funding provided to other institutions within our city. We feel that the Canadian Automotive Museum which is a not-for-profit and a charity should be treated on an equal footing to other institutions telling Oshawa's story.

We are asking City Council to **support all four points** put forward by the Canadian Automotive Museum Board of Directors at the 2023 budget. By meeting all four points City Council will be making a clear indication that they respect Oshawa's automotive heritage, and the story of our membership.

Kind regards

Greg Dean

President

GMSRA



January 15 2023

Attention : Mayor Carter & Oshawa City Council,

I am writing today on behalf of the Durham Region Classic Mustang Club Executive and its Members. We are a Car Club dedicated to the preservation, restoration, enjoyment, and education of the Ford Mustang of ALL years. We are a very active Club with over 200 Primary Members located throughout the region including Oshawa. We were founded in 2000 and every year we focus on raising funds for much needed charities in the region.

The intent of my letter is to request your financial support being reviewed this week as requested by The Canadian Automotive Museum.

The Museum is a critically important place that documents the automotive history for visitors and those to come in the future. Without the Museum and your financial assistance our concern is that over time this history will be lost which is very significant to the region and frankly the City of Oshawa.

We have been fortunate to visit the Museum several times as a Club over the years so we understand the importance of it and the need to keep it operating for generations to come. We also understand as a not for profit car club the challenges of continuing to raise funds to cover off expenses while giving back to the community.

Regards,
Paul Hord
President Durham Region Classic Mustang Club

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M.F.I.P.A. Sec.14(1)

From: gary lockie <[REDACTED]>

Date: January 6, 2023 at 9:55:19 AM EST

To: clerks@oshawa.ca

Subject: Support annual grant funding for the C.A.M. as a part of the four points for funding Museums in Oshawa FIN -22-90 Request

Happy New Year Oshawa Clerk and Council, would you kindly ensure the Mayor ,All Council Members ,the Finance Committee members ,and any internal Budget Committees receive this E-Mail in support of the 4 point museum grant fairness support request to help the Canadian Automotive Museum with Annual operating costs ,upcoming renovations Capital expenses ,and Taxation similar to help given or promised to the Ontario .Regiment Museum and other Museums in Oshawa .This four point request is supported by the Oshawa Labour Council , DOBA ,Unifor, the CAM ,and recent re-election promises of numerous Councillors along many members of the 18% who actually voted in the recent election in 2022. This matter I think may be left over from FIN -22-54 / FIN - 22-90 or any other documentation to resolve Funding for the CAM in 2023 at Oshawa Council that was discussed several times in 2022 at the Finance Committee and Council Meetings ,Thank You ! - Gary Lockie

Sent from my iPad

From: AnnMarie Snider <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec.14(1) >
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 11:25 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>; * Council <council@oshawa.ca>
Subject: support letter

Hello,

I am writing this letter in support of the Canadian Automotive Museum, requesting that the city reinstate their support in restoring funding in which the Canadian Automotive Museum rightfully deserves.

I support the museums'4 point plan.

Reinstatement of an annual operating grant. This grant will not only help with annual operating costs, but it will help the museum, expand and improve, allowing it to provide the space for its growing collection of antique cars which they currently have insufficient space to house. It is not fair to cut vital funds to the museum which had been in place for decades and is now receiving so much less than other comparative museums around the city.

City council approval of a plan to act as a financial partner for future capital projects such as the expansion mentioned above, and any other future capital needs the museum may require in order to continue to provide the city of Oshawa a sufficiently maintained, secure and improved educational based facility within the downtown district. The museum aims to PRESERVE the history of the automotive industry in Oshawa. It will match a \$37,500 grant to go towards their current project plan.

Property tax relief The Canadian Automotive museum has always advocated for property tax relief for decades and requests property tax relief or an equivalent grant of their property taxes, as soon as practicable.

The CAM has done their part, and have followed the steps outlined by **FIN-22-41**. It is the city's turn to prove their support and dedication to helping preserve our city's automotive heritage and give it the recognition it deserves.

In order for our city to grow, we all must remember the automotive heritage that founded it, and continue to support the CAM. CAM needs a city council that also wants to preserve this history and share it with generations to come.

Sincerely,

AnnMarie Snider



To: Oshawa City Council

This letter is in support of the Canadian Automotive Museum. It is imperative that this especially important museum is treated with the same respect and monetary grants that are given to other local museums throughout Oshawa.

Unlike other museums, CAM promotes Oshawa at all functions and doesn't just serve its own interests, but the interests of the City in which it calls home. As a private business we understand the importance of maintaining community support and giving back to the community in all kinds of events. Our day program for adults with special needs relies heavily on word of mouth, private donations and the simple fact that there is a need for such business because government funded programs are overwhelmed.

This museum is an integral landmark in our community and the downtown core. It gives businesses like ours the ability to bring our clients to an educational exhibit where they can visually enjoy what Oshawa gave to the country and ultimately the world with its technology, innovation and beautiful cars. To have a National Museum in our city is something we as a community should be proud of. If this was the Hockey Hall of Fame you wouldn't be reading this yet here we are. Again this is a Canadian Museum for all to enjoy not just car enthusiasts. Other cities have museums, many that are just about the local community. Oshawa having the Canadian Automotive Museum is something that should and could bring in lots of people and revenue for the city. Imagine what our Automotive Museum could accomplish if it had this support from Oshawa council?

I will not sit here and pretend I know exactly why funding was cut or reduced? I will not also try to understand why this council doesn't want to support this important part of not just Oshawa history, but Canadian history. I will though continue to fight for equality and a fair share of the budget for this museum. I will continue to bring my clients to this museum because I know they are welcome there. I know they are accepted here. I know how hard it is to fight for being treated like an equal among a society that is not. I will continue to support the hard work of everyone involved in the museum who supports the downtown core, its surroundings and all events this council

puts together. I hope the city will look again at the 4 point plan that was laid out to them by the CAM board of directors and use it to properly fund this important museum.

Our downtown has become a dissolute place. Many people are afraid to go down there, even during the day. Many businesses have closed up and moved on or just said enough, but not this museum. It still remains after all these years and still believes in this city. Maybe it's time for this council to start believing in them.

Kevin Taylor



ANTIQUE & Classic Car Club of Canada

09/01/23

To : Oshawa City Council

: City Clerk

I am writing to you as the 2023 President of the Durham Region of the Antique and Classic Car Club of Canada (ACCCC). In 2022 we had 83 families as our membership base, many of whom reside in Oshawa.

At our January meeting I was directed to contact you in support of proper funding for the Canadian Automotive Museum (CAM). We feel that this valuable institution has been seemingly dropped in the amount of municipal support it should receive. I don't think that I need to go over all of the benefits which the CAM provides to Oshawa as well as the Region of Durham, as you will well know of them.

Oshawa as the "Motor City" of Canada has a unique, historical position of which we should be proud and supportive of. Financial support to the CAM is one very obvious way of showing this and we believe that the Oshawa City council can provide this in a number of ongoing ways.

1)The ACCCC feels municipal taxes should be deferred, or at the very least applied at a very greatly reduced rate - certainly at a rate no higher the other comparable institutions.

2) Secondly our organization would recommend that an annual operating grant be upgraded to past historic levels.

3) That the city of Oshawa work with the CAM to annually grow a fund dedicated to the expansion of the museum in the future.

We realize that council is always being approached for financial support by various institutions and groups but as taxpayers we feel that this historic institution is disserving of better support from the City of Oshawa. We need to preserve our local history or it will be gone forever.

Sincerely, Chris Whillans , ACCCC Durham President

M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec.14(1)



Oshawa Motor Sport Club
EST: 1959

January 10, 2023

Oshawa City Council
Clerk's Office – via email (Council@Oshawa.ca)

This letter is written to support the work of and funding for the Canadian Automotive Museum.

The Museum boasts the largest known collection of Canadian cars. It was created as a project of the Oshawa Chamber of Commerce in 1962, operating out of a former car dealership. Its mandate was to promote the history of the automotive industry and to promote tourism. Opening in 1963, in 1964 it was given status as a charitable not-for-profit institution. In addition to its displays of Canadian, American, British and European cars of note, the Museum also maintains the Glenn H. Baechler Canadian Automotive Research Library, including documentation and photos from the 1900's to the 2010's.

The Oshawa Motor Sport Club has been in existence for 64 years in Oshawa, and is a strong supporter of the Museum. We fully support the Museum's 4 point request of Council to:

Review all sources of external agency cultural funding to promote a more equitable and transparent budgeting process for affected agencies, including the Canadian Automotive Museum.

Reinstate an annual operating grant for the Museum to ensure its continued presence in our community.

Establish a Council Directive to support long term capital needs and funding for facility maintenance and expansion so the Museum can grow its presence in our City

Provide property tax relief that would bring the Museum into alignment with other institutions in the City.

The Automotive Industry is a key component of Oshawa's cultural history, and the Canadian Automotive Museum is committed to compiling, maintaining and sharing that history within our community. Oshawa has its very roots in that history, so it is important that it be preserved and accessible to the broader community, including residents and visitors.

Regards

Andrew Patterson, President
Oshawa Motor Sport Club

From: Olga Krautschek <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec.14(1) >

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:30 AM

To: * Council <council@oshawa.ca>

Cc: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Oshawa Automotive Museum

Dear Members of Council

Apparently we are no longer known as The City That Motivates. Why, if Oshawa is famous for building cars, is this museum held in such low esteem and scorned by its city council.

We should be bragging about this gem and actively promoting and funding it.

It is a great collection but it needs more and better space to display it with pride. It could be a *Destination* not just another stagnant name en route to somewhere else.

Peterborough has embraced their canoe collection and now honour it with a new spacious modern museum. Pretoria has recognized its history and is beginning to promote it as a destination.

Oshawa should honour and promote our history with similar pride and enthusiasm.

Respectfully,

Olga Krautschek

M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec.14(1)

Oshawa



ATTENTION: Mayor Carter and Oshawa City Council,

I am writing you today on behalf of Sick Rides 4 Sick Kids and it's supporters. We are a 100% not for profit charity car show that has held many events and fundraisers in Oshawa over the past 10 years. We have a massive following of supporters from across the province that from day one have stood behind all that we believe in; Making A Difference.

The intent of this letter is request your financial support for **Canadian Automotive Museum** (Oshawa) as a heritage landmark to be re-evaluated. As well, this letter is to show SR4SK supports all four points outlined by the Canadian Automotive Museum.

The Museum is a huge part of proudly displaying the city of Oshawa's Automotive Heritage and detailed history of the automotive industry within this city. As well, the Canadian Automotive Museum is long standing tourist attraction for the city and a great place for future generations to learn about Canadian Automotive history.

The lack of funding provided by the City of Oshawa heading into the museums 60th anniversary of establishment puts the museums future at risk. The Museum not only stands as a tourist attraction and educational outlet, but they support organizations like us and other charities.

Don't let the legacy of Oshawa's Automotive Heritage die at the hands of under-funding. Don't take away something that can help educate children and adults near and far about what this city was built on.

The importance of the preservation of the Museum is equal to city landmarks such as McLaughlin Library and Parkwood Estate. It is crucial The city re-evaluates what this Museum means to the people of Oshawa and increase funding to save the Museum from extinction.

Regards,

David Distefano • Co-Founder • Sick Rides 4 Sick Kids

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