

## FIN-22-04

(Previously INFO-22-28 )

**From:** lindapower lindapower **M.F.I.P.P.A Sec. 14 (1)**  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 9, 2022 8:17 PM  
**To:** clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>; \* Council <[council@oshawa.ca](mailto:council@oshawa.ca)>  
**Subject:** Canadian Automotive Museum  
**Importance:** High

**Clerks can you please ensure that the Mayor of Oshawa and all City Councillors get a copy of this letter.**

I am writing this letter in support of our amazing Canadian Automotive Museum.

Automotive Heritage is part of the fabric of life in Oshawa. We have so many families with generations that have worked in the auto industry or industries related to the auto industry. We need to honour and respect their many contributions to our City by ensuring that the Canadian Automotive Museum receives the proper financial support it so deserves.

Museums are so important in telling and protecting our collective story and our story in Oshawa is the auto industry and our Canadian Automotive Museum reflects that important story..

At the present time our Canadian Automotive Museum is not being properly supported or funded by the City of Oshawa and the museum can not continue on without proper funding. The Canadian Automotive Museum is a bright spot in our rather grim downtown and has barely survived through the past two difficult Covid years.

As a City, we must ensure that our award winning Canadian Automotive Museum is funded appropriately and permanently..

Linda Power

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

Domestic animals require a lifetime commitment.  
Farm animals need empathy and understanding.  
Wildlife needs to be respected and protected.  
Marine mammals deserve their freedom.  
Please practice compassion for all animals.

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**From:** Bruce Baird <[M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:10 PM

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**Subject:** Grant - Canadian Automotive Museum

I am writing this open letter in support of an increased grant to the Canadian Automotive Museum . We have a real gem in Oshawa with the CAM and are very fortunate to have such a respected museum paying tribute to our automotive heritage. This City and surrounding area was built on the automotive manufacturing business and associated industries. Generation after generation of men and women made their livelihood from General Motors and the other automotive related companies in Oshawa and surrounding areas. And I may say " a very good Livelihood ".

My career has been successful due to the employees of General Motors. These employees have helped build this city.

I am not pointing fingers but Council and Staff ( under Council"s direction ) have approved too many " Pet Projects " with no real benefit to the citizens of Oshawa. This museum is a tribute to Our Heritage .. A better museum will definitely improve tourism in the City . We need your financial support to do this.

Let Council get behind the Canadian Automotive Museum and increase the annual grant substantially for us to continue honoring the Automotive Heritage of our City and the men and women who built our city.

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**Bruce A Baird**

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**From:** douglas sanders |**M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)**  
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**Subject:** Canadian Automotive Museum

Mayor, Members of Council and Clerks: Jan. 6, 2022

The City of Oshawa has a rich history in the Automotive industry, for over 100 Hundred years, First with R.S. McLaughlin, then General Motors Canada.

The City has built many facilities and many organizations have benefited from donations made by Autoworkers over the past 100 Hundred years, some examples---Civic Auditorium, Lakeridge Health, Durham College, Denise House, Sick Children's Hospital, hundreds of Thousands to United Way and many other organizations.

The Canadian Automotive Museum is a not for profit museum ,in the heart of Downtown Oshawa since 1963. This Volunteer led museum has been rated #1 thing to do in Oshawa, ( Trip Advisor). Oshawa's own Doors Open program rated it as the #1 place visited.

Since 1990 the Museum's funding grant has been cut from over \$20,000 per year, to maybe (not guaranteed) to only \$5,000 in 2021. It is the only Museum in Oshawa that pays more in Municipal taxes, at about \$20,000 per year, their second highest expense. I believe as well as many others, that the City of Oshawa should waive the tax amount or provide a grant for a equal amount. It is Canada's only museum dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of Canada's automotive industry, right here in the City of Oshawa.

Doug Sanders  
Oshawa resident.

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**From:** d.fil097 d.fil097 **M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)**

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**To:** clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>; \* Council <[council@oshawa.ca](mailto:council@oshawa.ca)>

**Subject:** Oshawa Automotive Museum

Hello City of Oshawa Council

I am a life long resident of Oshawa. Was born and raised here. My grandmothers family was the Dearborn family, early settlers in Oshawa and at one time had their farm on some of the land that is now General Motors... My entire family with the exception of myself have worked in General Motors, My father, my mother, my brother aunts and uncles on both sides of family.. I grew up on Harmony Rd S and most of our neighbours also worked in General Motors. General Motors has served our family well and the families of other Oshawa residents.. Oshawa would not have been Oshawa without the Automotive Industry. And we need to be thankful for that fact.

As the years moved ahead yes Oshawa became more, and is more than the Automotive Industry. But we must not and should not forget how it all began.. R.S McLaughlan would be ashamed that we do not appreciate our humble beginning. The Oshawa Automotive Museum has since 1963 been the heart of Downtown Oshawa. Providing its residents with a history of our beginning. General Motors has produced over the years many amazing top notch vehicles and the are now no longer on the road...But they are at the Museum for all to enjoy. I have taken my children and now my grandchildren numerous times over the years and am proud to do so.. They have all had a great time to see how the Automotive Industry evolved in our City, and what role GM and Oshawa played in the over all North American Auto Industry. . This little museum is volunteer based and has struggled for awhile. Covid I am sure has made things even more difficult.

My point in all of this is as a City we need to support the Museum so it can continue to provide this history to our residents and beyond. I am a tax payer and funding of \$5,000 per year is embarrassing to say the least. With Taxes of \$20,000+ and no additional grants how is it possible to continue on a daily basis let alone upgrade or make repairs to the building or expand. Other places do much more, Buffalo for example has an Automotive Museum that they support and we need to do the same. We fight to save Heritage buildings and we need to fight to save this Museum as well, as this is also the heritage of Oshawa. I understand other Museums in the area are supported further then the OAM. The city needs to make a tax exemption to this Museum and up the yearly grants to previous levels. I understand back in the 1990's it was around \$25,000. In what country have costs gone down,, NO PLACE. Council may feel getting revenue from developers for high rises is the way to go in the future and I may agree, but not at the expense of the venues that make it interesting to live here in the first place. The Automotive Museum is one of these venues.

Election time is coming up, so now is the time for council to make this one of your priorities. Help the Oshawa Automotive Museum be the best in Ontario, Canada and

North America. Allow it to become world renown and the pride of Downtown Oshawa, so people will want to come to our town again. I love Oshawa even with some of its most recent issues with the housing crisis for low income and homeless, but let's not make the Oshawa Automotive Museum another victim. If we ever want to bring Downtown Oshawa back to some of its glory days places like this Museum need to be supported.

Thank you for your time.

Dianne and Gig Fil

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**From:** Ela Lenart **M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)**

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**Subject:** Oshawa Automotive Museum

It is so very sad the City of Oshawa does not appreciate, recognize or support the Oshawa Automotive Museum. The museum is driven by hours of volunteer work and pure passion for Oshawa history and its contribution to the automotive industry in Canada.

The City, especially the Councilor for Ward #4 do nothing to help to preserve this amazing place. It is shameful. If the museum closes its doors rest assured the rest of businesses will start boarding up as well. The dentist, the Italian Hall and the list goes on.

The homeless run the downtown core.

Kindly please consider my plea for help in this matter. I care for the future of the museum and the downtown.

Ela

(previously INFO-22-25)

From: gary lockie **M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)**

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 5:10 PM

To: clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>

Subject: Taxpayer disappointment with Oshawa Councils attitude and spending on the C.A.M. Grant and Taxation and the Hazmat truck purchase and shelved Dillon Report

Deputy Clerk of Oshawa ,Please make sure all Councillors get a copy,and my e-mail letter goes on the .Council agenda and into the specific agendas of pertinent committees !

I am very disappointed with Oshawa Council for their unreasonable treatment of our non profit ,pay for tour Canadian Auto Museum,that use to get a grant of \$25,000 annually then it was reduced to \$5,000., and they are now being taxed at near \$20,000 in the midst of two years plus of Covid visitor cut backs while City Museums get over a million plus in support and would never survive in this economic climate of high inflation and Covid reduced paying visitations and ignored again this year .

Secondly the fire safety of leaving Firehall #1 with one fire suppression crewed vehicle to protect the downtown core of high rise new apartments and condos ,the armories, the hospital , the Genosh Hotel ,the Oshawa Clinic , the new arena , and blocks of small business and many older dwellings ,.This Hall should have received a new pumper and crew rather than spending \$650,000 on a Hazmat truck usually used to contain Chemical spills ,now being used as a medical vehicle apparently .Especially when our response time in the Dillon Fire strategy Report was a poor 50% and their experts said we should be striving for 90% which you chose to ignore in the \$200,000 Council paid Dillon Report .The problem is Firehall #1 still needs another suppression vehicle for downtown fires of the future and Council bought a useless vehicle in this regard. Council and the various committees should take a good look at fixing these mistakes as over 400 citizens of Oshawa are requesting Council rectify these concerns prior to the next municipal election ,kindly seek disposition of these matters !-

Gary Lockie **M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)**, Oshawa ,Ont. L1G2Z5 Sent from my iPad

(previously INFO-22-30)

**From:** rick johns [mailto:rick.johns@oshawa.ca] (1)  
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**Subject:** Canadian Automotive Museum

To any interested parties in the Local Oshawa Government,

In recent years there has been a lot of discussion at the community level concerning how the Canadian Automotive Museum is supported by local government. As a resident and taxpayer of this region and owner of multiple properties in the Oshawa downtown core, I was astonished to discover that the city gives very little support to this local landmark. I grew up in Oshawa and later worked well over 40 years for General Motors. I assumed that the city backed all of the historical institutions in an equal way. Apparently this is not the case. The community is starting to ask why. Without its automotive heritage would this city even be a municipality of this size? So much of the infrastructure of Oshawa was a gift from Colonel Sam and his automotive business. Hospital funding, Library, Art Gallery, Camp Samac, Parkwood, the Armory and the list goes on and on. To choose not to preserve the story of how this area developed, prospered and contributed to this country would be a crime. The local council needs to get serious about helping the Canadian Automotive Museum continue to be "the place" where the story of Oshawa's automotive history is told. Please be considerate of this movement. The constituents deserve it.

Thank you

Rick Johnston