

February 25, 2019

TO: Mayor John Tory and City Councillors

RE: Council Agenda Motion MM3.5

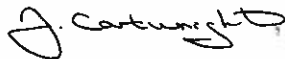
Canadians are devastated to hear General Motors announce it will close the Oshawa assembly plant. There are over 2,600 direct jobs at stake. Closing the Oshawa plant will hit many others - for each direct job, it's estimated that there are up to seven spin off jobs that are key to the GTA economy.

General Motors registered \$6 billion US in profits in the first three quarters of this year. It has been the recipient of massive public financial support, particularly after the financial meltdown a decade ago.

It recently negotiated a collective agreement that included a solid commitment to maintain production at Oshawa, where GM enjoys one of the highest levels of productivity and flexibility of any plant in North America. However, it is breaking its promise to the people of Ontario in order to shift production to low-wage plants in Mexico. While turning its back on the Oshawa workers who created its success for over a century, GM just announced it will be extending production of other vehicles in Detroit.

The Labour Council fully supports the motion by Councillors Layton and Karygiannis to direct the General Manager, Fleet Services to stop purchasing vehicles with a Vehicle Identification Number that starts with 3 from General Motors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Cartwright".

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