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Unifor agreement ensures long-term job stability

The Auto Mayors are encouraged to see an ongoing victory for jobs, growth and innovation in the auto sector through the agreements recently negotiated by Unifor.

The initial agreement – negotiated between Unifor and General Motors Canada - ensured wage increases and signing bonuses, while also guaranteeing new investment and long-term growth for Canadian auto jobs. The deal with GM guaranteed production of a new vehicle in their Oshawa flex plant. Meanwhile, it ensured basic V6 engine production will shift from Mexico to the St. Catharines powertrain plant.

“This settlement is a tremendous victory for Canadian auto workers and the communities they call home,” said Oakville Mayor and Auto Mayors chair Rob Burton. “This deal protects the stability of existing jobs while creating the conditions for expansion across the Province. I applaud all parties involved in its creation.”

Using the agreement with GM as a framework for future negotiations, Unifor has since negotiated a new deal with Fiat-Chrysler which included a \$325 million commitment to rebuild a paint shop in FCM’s Brampton plant.

“These agreements offer the kind of long-term job security auto workers have not enjoyed since before the 2008 recession,” said Mayor Burton. “Thanks to these two deals, the stage is set for Unifor to ensure long-term stability and expansion for all its members in its upcoming negotiations with Ford. I am confident these negotiations can achieve the same long-term benefits.”

About:

The Auto Mayors are a group of municipal leaders working collaboratively with all levels of government to support Canadian automotive manufacturing, and promote awareness of its economic importance to Canada, Ontario, and their respective communities.

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