



## Auto Mayors 2023 Action Plan

Themes	Competitiveness	Industry Support	EV Adoption & Technology	Auto Theft
	Improve the competitive business environment to attract new investment in the automotive sector, specifically in the EV supply chain.	Enhance the industry support ecosystem and create a business environment that promotes the retention and growth of Ontario's existing automotive manufacturing base.	Lead proactive policies and infrastructure investments to support the industry transition to EV and autonomous vehicles.	Advocate for a coordinated government response to address rising automotive thefts and associated impacts.
Area of focus in 2023	<b>Competitive Manufacturing Taxes</b> Review the Province of Ontario and Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) assessment methodology for large and special purpose properties and related impacts on competitiveness for manufacturing in Ontario.	<b>Highly-skilled, Diverse Talent</b> Respond to current and anticipated workforce challenges to ensure ample skilled and diverse talent is available to support the automotive industry transition to EV.	<b>EV Charger Investments</b> Create an enhanced network of EV charging stations to address barriers to consumer EV adoption.	<b>Federal Advocacy Letter</b> Request federal support to address the issue of automotive theft in partnership with provincial and municipal commitments.
Next Steps	Form a small working group led by one Auto Mayor to engage with owners of large and special purpose properties, the Ministry of Finance, and MPAC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an update to Auto Mayors on the impacts of the current assessment methodology on competitiveness for new and retained investment.</li> <li>Explore alternative options to large and special purpose taxation and assessment, such as regulated rates.</li> <li>Advocate for a revised approach to taxation that provides a predictable and competitive solution for both property owners and municipalities.</li> </ul>	Form a small working group led by one Auto Mayor to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand current labour market impacts on industry growth.</li> <li>Advocate for provincial and federal funding and skills development programming to address worker shortages and increase diversity in the industry.</li> <li>Advocate for the retention and reskilling of the existing employment base to address anticipated future skills gaps resulting from the transition to EV.</li> </ul>	Form a small working group led by one Auto Mayor to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore policy best practices in communities leading consumer EV adoption through progressive municipal policies and by-laws, such as the City of Vancouver.</li> <li>Advocate for provincial consumer tax credits/rebates to encourage the installation of at-home charging stations to complement government investments in public charging infrastructure.</li> </ul>	Issue a federal advocacy letter to the Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety on behalf of the Ontario Auto Mayors Caucus in partnership with industry association representatives, including Global Automakers of Canada and Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association. Request support to address issues within federal jurisdiction, including the movement of stolen goods through the Port of Montreal and the impacts of the rise in automotive theft on the personal safety of Canadians.
Lead Mayors	Mayor Brian Petrie, Town of Ingersoll	Mayor Bonnie Crombie, City of Mississauga Support: Mayor Gord Krantz, Town of Milton	Mayor Dan Carter, City of Oshawa	Mayor Rob Burton, on behalf of the Ontario Auto Mayors Caucus
Industry Partners	David Adams, President & CEO, Global Automakers of Canada; Brian Kingston, President & CEO, Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association			