Motion: Advancing the Auto Mayors' Advocacy Priorities for a Competitive Canadian Auto Sector

Moved by: Mayor Rob Burton

WHEREAS the Auto Mayors work collaboratively with provincial and federal orders of government to promote awareness, advocacy and strategic policy initiatives that strengthen the Canadian economy through advancements and investments in the automotive sector;

WHEREAS continued progress toward tariff-free access to the U.S. market and maintaining an integrated North American auto sector remain the auto sector's top priority;

WHEREAS the Auto Mayors welcome ongoing collaboration with the Province and the Federal government on greenhouse gas regulations and electrification targets and policies that reflect current market demand, infrastructure readiness and alignment with the U.S.;

WHEREAS the Auto Mayors are ready to work with Federal partners on a coordinated approach to global competition that ensures Canada remains an attractive destination for investment;

WHEREAS strengthening domestic production requires aligning tariff remission frameworks with manufacturing levels and strengthening Buy Ontario procurement policies to ensure public sector fleet purchasing continues to support Ontario based manufacturers;

AND WHEREAS regular review and monitoring of industrial electricity rates, including how domestic rates compare to export rates, will help ensure Ontario manufacturers remain competitive and positioned for growth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Auto Mayors continue to highlight the automotive sector's local economic impact, including jobs, supply chains, and community stability, while supporting the automotive ecosystem through business retention and economic development efforts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the priorities identified in the Industry Consultation Report inform the Auto Mayors' advocacy and will be incorporated into the next Auto Mayors Action Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Auto Mayors support the Federal government's ongoing efforts in the Canada-U.S. trade negotiations to protect and secure the long-term prosperity of Canada's automotive industry;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be shared with the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy, the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry, the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Maninder Sidhu, Minister of International Trade, Parliamentary Secretary Karim Bardeesy, Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), and key automotive industry stakeholders.