

Auto Mayors Draft Action Plan 2023

Themes	Competitiveness Improve the competitive business environment to attract new investment in the automotive sector, specifically in the EV supply chain.	Industry Support Enhance the industry support ecosystem and create a business environment that promotes the retention and growth of Ontario's existing automotive manufacturing base.	EV Adoption Lead proactive policies and infrastructure investments to support the industry transition to EV and promote local EV adoption.
Area of focus in 2023	Competitive Manufacturing Tax Rates 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.	Highly-skilled, Diverse Talent Respond to current and anticipated workforce challenges to ensure ample skilled and diverse talent is available to support the automotive industry transition to EV.	EV Charger Investments Create an enhanced network of EV charging stations to address barriers to consumer EV adoption.
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"> • Provide an update to Auto Mayors on the impacts of the current assessment methodology on competitiveness for new and retained investment. • Explore alternative options to industrial taxation and assessment, such as regulated rates. • Advocate for a revised approach to taxation that provides a predictable and competitive solution for both property owners and municipalities. 	Form a small working group led by one Auto Mayor to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the impacts of record-low unemployment on industry growth. • Advocate for provincial and federal funding and skills development programming to address worker shortages and increase diversity in the industry. • Advocate for the retention and reskilling of the existing employment base to address anticipated future skills gaps resulting from the transition to EV. 	Form a small working group led by one Auto Mayor to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore policy best practices in communities leading consumer EV adoption through progressive municipal policies and by-laws, such as the City of Vancouver. • Advocate for provincial consumer tax credits/rebates to encourage the installation of at-home charging stations to complement government investments in public charging infrastructure.
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