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Ontario Auto Mayors Meet with Industry Partners at Vaughan City Hall for 10th Anniversary

[Vaughan] Members of the Ontario Auto Mayors Caucus met on Friday, November 3rd, at Vaughan City Hall to celebrate 10 years of continued collaborative work towards strengthening the automotive sector in Ontario. The meeting worked to promote awareness, advocacy, and strategic policy initiatives in this sector. Chaired by Town of Oakville Mayor Rob Burton and hosted by City of Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca, the group included representatives from 32 Ontario municipalities, Ontario's OEMs, and automotive industry associations.

"The 10th anniversary of the Ontario Auto Mayors is a remarkable milestone that highlights a decade of collaborative effort and achievement for Ontario's world-leading auto assembly industry and supply chain. Together, we have navigated challenges and seized opportunities, ensuring Ontario remains at the forefront of the automotive industry in North America and across the globe" said Mayor Rob Burton, Chair of the Ontario Auto Mayors.

The meeting began with an industry update by Gian Paolo Vescio, General Counsel and Board Secretary of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association (APMA), who spoke of the progress of the automotive industry in Ontario during this last decade. Earl Provost, the Ontario Agent-General in Chicago, then discussed the trade relationships shared between the province and the Midwestern U.S., as well as the potential for more opportunities to come.

Guided by Trillium Network for Advanced Manufacturing's Managing Director Brendan Sweeney, the discussion among Mayors and industry partners on the 2023 Action Plan included four main points of address: competitive manufacturing taxes; highly-skilled and diverse talent; electric vehicle (EV) adoption; and combating automotive theft.

During this meeting, the Auto Mayors celebrated their 10 years of successful collaboration and reaffirmed their commitment to the mission of advancing and investing in the automotive sector. This important work will be continued in the City of Stratford meeting next year, hosted by Mayor Martin Ritsma.

"The City of Vaughan was pleased to host the Ontario Auto Mayors last week to collaborate and share the latest updates and trends in the automotive industry," said City of Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca. "As a proud member of the Ontario Auto Mayors, I recognize that we're stronger together, and together, we're making a meaningful difference for the economies of Vaughan, Ontario and Canada."

About the Auto Mayors

The Ontario Auto Mayors work collaboratively at the provincial and federal levels to promote awareness, advocacy and strategic policy initiatives to further strengthen the Canadian economy through advancements and investments in the automotive sector.

The automotive sector is a key driver of employment and innovation across Canada and the Ontario Auto Mayors collectively advocate for government incentives to ensure Canada remains competitive with other auto jurisdictions.

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