June 28, 2006

To the Municipalities of the Province of Ontario

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Tecumseh at its meeting of June 13, 2006, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Ontario Mayors for Automotive Investment (OMAI) represent the vast majority of Ontario Communities with a significant automotive assembly and/or parts industry; and

WHEREAS the OMAI represents local and area communities in which the auto parts and auto assembly industry produced:

- over 2.6 million vehicles in 2005; and
- 1 in 6 vehicles produced in North America in 2005;
- with a total value of $99 Billion in 2005; and

WHEREAS the OMAI represents communities that are home to approximately 138,000 thousand employees who work in the auto assembly and auto parts sectors; and

WHEREAS investment and production by the North American auto industry could be restricted by a one way flow of imported vehicles from some offshore jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS increased foreign direct investment and the free flow of traded goods and services in all sectors, is essential to the future economic growth of Ontario and Canada; and

WHEREAS Canada currently imports $150 worth of automotive products from Korea, for each $1 of automotive products we sell in Korea; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada cancel negotiations for a free trade agreement with Korea which would result in a further negative impact on the one way flow of automotive products into our market;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future trade agreements require that offshore markets purchase substantial volumes of finished vehicles and auto parts from North America, and/or investment in design, parts manufacturing and assembly facilities in Canada, as a condition of their continued access to our own automotive market;

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister, Chair of the OMAI, MPP’s, MP’s, FCM, AMO, and Ontario municipalities.

The Town of Tecumseh respectfully requests support for this resolution from all Ontario municipalities.

Please forward your endorsement to the Prime Minister, Chair of the OMAI, your local MPP’s, MP’s, FCM, AMO, and Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

Laura May, A.M.C.T.
Director Staff Services/Clerk