



"The Canadian Automotive Museum is dedicated to preserving and sharing Canada's automotive experience."

Regional Council
The Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3

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Dear Chair Henry and Regional Council,

The Canadian Automotive Museum (CAM) has been a dedicated member of the Durham Region community, educating visitors of all ages on Canada's automotive experience for 60 years. As part of our long-term strategy for a financial stability we are pursuing a Private Bill at Queen's Park, sponsored by MPP Jennifer French, to request an exemption from property tax under the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.31. This will exempt the Canadian Automotive Museum from paying property tax.

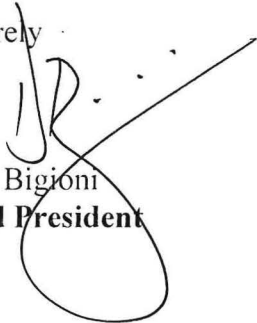
In Ontario, the majority of public museums are exempt from property tax, but our unique situation as an independent not-for-profit charity with an 18,000 sq. ft. facility means we were assessed \$28,049 in property taxes in 2023. As our organization plans to grow and expand our facility in the coming years, property taxes are amongst our top concerns in maintaining an accessible, modern museum building and expanding our programming capacity.

Of the \$28,049 collected in property taxes, approximately \$9,650 of the taxes goes toward the Region of Durham. With a property tax exemption, we will be able to redirect these funds to support STEM education at the museum, teaching children, from pre-K through high school, about technology and engineering using historic and contemporary automobiles.

As a government entity that is a recipient of a portion of our property taxes we are kindly asking for your support as we pursue this Private Bill. There is no action required of Regional Council in providing this support. Rather, if you have concerns, we would appreciate hearing from you directly so that we can address them. Of course we would also value hearing from you if there are ways that we can join our efforts to use the Museum and its resources to meet the Region's objectives.

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely


Denis Bigioni
Board President