



Save Oshawa GM UPDATE

On Feb. 14th an extraordinary event was held at the Tribute Communities Centre in support of us. Sting, the cast and crew of *The Last Ship* volunteered to perform in support of the SaveOshawaGM campaign. We thank them for this amazing gesture. The vast majority of Canadians support us as we fight to come to a resolution to this situation we are in, caused solely by GM and its corporate greed.

SAVE OSHAWA RALLY
Sat.
Feb. 23

Toronto International Car Show

FREE ADMISSION *Tickets required*
Unifor Local 222 members ONLY

Sign up now!

Make your own way to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre
or buses leave the Unifor Local 222 Union Hall
at 9:45 a.m. departing Toronto at 3:00 p.m.

*Sign up and get your tickets
by calling Jenn at 905-925-1935*



GM BETRAYED
CANADIAN TAXPAYERS
Canadians did not bail out GM
only to have GM bail on Canada

Over 200 members attended the Toronto Auto Show on Feb. 16th wearing their SaveOshawaGM shirts, rallying against GM and bringing more attention to our plight here in Oshawa with the second rally this Saturday. Call Jenn at 905-925-1935 to sign up and plan to wear your black T-shirt so we can present another strong show of solidarity. **Deadline to sign up is Thursday at 10 a.m.**

As your Shop Committee we completely understand the stress we all are feeling, having to come into work every day in this terrible position General Motors has put us in. **It remains imperative that we stick together as workers.** General Motors is the one that violated our Collective Agreement.

We know most members just want this to end. We're hearing that we should concede, accept a closure agreement, and that GM will never change their position. As your Shop Committee we were elected to represent all members and we must focus on all of our members, from our most senior to our new hires.

General Motors' Twitter statement Feb. 14 was "Great to have @OfficialSting in Oshawa today. We agree that community-based efforts are important". "GM is asking Unifor to discuss how we can support Oshawa workers including \$50-\$60k lump sums, new car vouchers & paid retraining programs".

Let's be clear, this is not the Truck Plant situation in 2009, when all members had an opportunity to continue working in Oshawa by simply flowing to Car Assembly. We must explain what they are "offering": First and foremost the \$50,000-\$60,000 lump sums and car vouchers are already in our Collective Agreement for members who are eligible to retire (conveniently no public mention of this). As for retraining, ask the 300 members indefinitely laid off at Cami in Ingersoll for over a year how their retraining is going. Absolutely zero training has been made available.

To accommodate our members, along with the regular GM unit meeting at 3 p.m. this Thursday there will be an additional meeting in the morning at 11 a.m. for those who can't get here in the afternoon. Please note the most recent information is in this update but members on both shifts are welcome to come with their questions, which we'll do our best to answer.

We can never take GM's word at face value, but we can certainly judge them by their actions. By doing nothing we will achieve nothing.

In Solidarity,

Colin James
President Unifor Local 222

Greg Moffatt
Shop Committee Chairperson

Bill Dickson
Skilled Trades Chairperson

Kevin Campbell
District #2 Committeeperson

Dave Greenwood
District #4 Committeeperson

Paul Wheeler
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