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His Worship the Mayor and Members of Finance and Administrative Services Committee

Re: Emergent Matter – Electro-Motive Diesel in London, Ontario

Reference is made to the motion that was passed at the January 31, 2012 meeting of Municipal Council requesting that the Federal Government intervene to provide Employment Insurance benefits to Electro-Motive Diesel employees who had been locked out by their employer. On February 3, 2012, the Electro-Motive Diesel announced that the London Ontario plant would be closed, leaving the employees in a situation to have to wait to obtain financial assistance, by means of Employment Insurance benefits.

I respectfully request that the Mayor BE ASKED to immediately correspond, on behalf of the City of London, with the Right Honourable Prime Minister Stephen Harper to request that the Federal Government back date the eligibility date for Employment Insurance benefits, for the employees of Electro-Motive Diesel, to the date of the commencement of the Lock Out, waive the waiting period of EI benefits for the employees and expedite the EI claims.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

fa Councillor M. Brown
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