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The Town of Ajax continues to build a strong local economy with the automotive sector being one of the key drivers. Since October 2010, the local industry has already realized more than 380 jobs through both new and recalled positions. And there are more on the way.

“With the automotive sector on the rebound, we are extremely pleased to recognize our local companies and the CAW Local 1090 on their commitment to the industry and to local jobs,” said Ajax Mayor Steve Parish. “We never gave up hope on this important sector and have worked hard to support it with the results of that work now materializing”

Lear Corporation recently called back more than 330 employees and other automotive-related companies are poised to follow suit. For example, an Ajax-based global producer of quality metal parts, assemblies and modules recently converted contract positions to full-time positions and has hired 50 additional full-time employees.

"It is certainly a good sign to see the lights coming back on in some of our parts facilities" says Steve Batchelor, President CAW Local 1090. "After a devastating blow to the auto parts industry, laid-off workers are beginning to see the slow rebound of the automotive industry, and are once again firing up idled assembly lines."

Acoustex International, another global supplier with local roots, has recently been approved for parts supply to General Motors, positioning Acoustex for potential new hires in 2011.

“Our production volumes have been increasing and we are in the process of hiring additional employees," said Michael Boyle, President and CEO of Acoustex International. “Additionally, we have been approached by two existing major suppliers in the industry to support their efforts in a more co-dependent business relationship.”

The Town of Ajax Business Development office is building a stronger Town through investment in business, infrastructure and innovation and by fostering strong relationships within Ajax and the surrounding region. More information on Ajax’s Business Development can be found at www.firstforbusiness.ca.

Located on the north shore of Lake Ontario and within the Greater Toronto Area, the Town of Ajax is part of Durham Region, one of the fastest growing areas in Ontario. Ajax is the first ISO

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