

## Canadian Mask Making (CMM) Production- Oshawa Operations

### BACKGROUND

**In March 2020**, General Motors began manufacturing [face masks](#) in Warren Michigan. GM Canada responded to the Prime Minister's call to action for Canadian domestic PPE manufacturing with a plan to convert a clean room section of its Oshawa Operations.

**April 22** - GM Canada received its Medical Device Establishment License from PHDC (required to make masks).

**April 24** – The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, announced a 'letter of intent' for GM Canada to manufacture [millions of face masks](#) at cost.

**April 29** - GM Canada received the mask-making machinery and first materials in Oshawa and began installation ([see time lapse video](#))

**Mid-May** - GM began a gradual resumption of its automotive manufacturing operations in St. Catharines and Ingersoll under strict new COVID-19 safety protocol – the Oshawa Parts Operation never fully ceased operations and was an important site for the development of safe back to work protocols.

**May 26** - Prime Minister Trudeau announced the completed contract with General Motors of Canada to provide [10 million face masks](#) over the next year – production began immediately.

Approximately 60 GM workers were recalled for training to make masks 5 days a week in 2 shifts.

**June 25** - GM Canada shipped its first truck load of [436,000 masks](#) to Public Health Agency of Canada.

**July 10** - Minister Navdeep Bains and Minister Anita Anand will be onsite in the Canadian Mask Making Room to see the operation, meet workers and celebrate the one millionth mask produced out of GM's Oshawa Operations.



Canadian Mask Making (CMM) room preparation at the Oshawa plant to produce face masks based on the GM production model already working in Michigan.



Face mask project leads Derek Sequeira (left) and Ian Soutter (right) unload equipment into the clean room, which will be the home of the new mask production line.



Completed clean room that will produce approximately one million face masks per month for Canadians.



An employee from GM's Warren, Michigan facility (right) trains the Oshawa team on mask production.



Workers assemble masks using ultrasonic welding stations which bind the ear strings to the mask material.



First shipment of more than 436,000 face masks on its way to the Public Health Agency of Canada

**\*Note: High-res downloads of these photos, additional videos and b-roll are available [here](#).**