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# **Clean Roads and a Cleaner Greener Vehicle Future**



Well, we had quite a response from the last article. It seems that many readers gained a better understanding of school planning.

I thought that occasionally I would add an interesting piece of trivia.

For example one of the key reasons for those machines that wash and brush away dirt on the roads is because every time a vehicle drives over the gravel, dirt or materials it wears down the road. Road life is extended by ensuring that the roads are kept clean and vehicle tires do not push down and grind into the road. Roads are normally constructed on a twenty-year life cycle. This does not mean that no maintenance is performed on the road; it just means that after a twenty-year period the road is expected to have to have been reconstructed. I am referring to provincial roads as each municipality sets its own standards for street construction, but cleaning and brushing does extend their lives substantially.

I must say that it was great to see that as a result of the policy consultation and automotive tours we were able to offer significant input into the direction in dealing with made-in-Oshawa and Ontario vehicles. We are now taking a stand that will have future government vehicles be environmentally friendly; requiring them to be E85-based (fuel is 85% ethanol) vehicles. Most of the vehicles produced in Oshawa are designated for E85 usage. This is good news for Oshawa and the domestic auto sector. Not only are we moving forward with vehicles that are using environmentally-friendly ethanol, but also with incentives for ethanol infrastructure. This is so gas stations can convert to provide E85 fuel throughout Ontario. This compliments the Canadian Chamber of Commerce resolution to promote the usage of E85 fuels by businesses Canada-wide. The E85 usage will help in so many ways not only in reducing vehicle emission pollutants but assist in benefiting the farming sector as ethanol comes from corn.

I hope that the Canadian Chamber of Commerce sees the wise sense in passing the resolution for all in moving forward for E85 usage, as we have at Queens Park.

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