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In response to TTC vice-chairman Joe Mihevc "It's not our job for the City of Toronto to save Thunder Bay" (\$750M deal could cost Thunder Bay June 16/05). I agree, however, I do believe it is the job of each and every one of us here in Ontario to make sure that we get full value of our tax dollars. When our tax dollars are being spent on the manufacturing of subway cars we need to understand the provincial and federal implications of a \$40 Million payroll. We need to collectively convince the government to institute policies that support our industries in its early growth technologies, allow industry to compete in a fair environment, provide for a "Buy Canadian policy" similar to other countries including the USA. Provide for an environment so our industries may develop into leaders that others will find difficult to overcome. There are significant spin-off technologies from which sustainable competitive advantages can materialize and thus result in increased productivity to our Ontario economy.

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