

A VIEW OF THE FALLS

Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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While the announcement by General Motors surrounding the planned closure of the Fuel Cell Technology facility in Honeoye Falls is a large blow to the Honeoye Falls community, this announcement stretches into to our global economy.

We have been proud to serve as the home of the fuel cell technology division of General Motors, a business/industry concept that reaches far beyond our village boundaries. This fuel cell concept is a very important to the way people will travel in the future and Honeoye Falls, New York will always be it developmental home.

The loss of this business affects the Village of Honeoye Falls in many ways. Certainly there will be some loss in tax revenues, but more importantly will be the loss of support the GM employees have provided to other businesses in the community. This is far more reaching then tax base revenues.

Certainly we are disappointed by this announcement but at the same time understand that in this economy Global Consolidation is most often not a choice but a necessity. Proudly we can say that we've been a very good host and have always supported General Motors in their advancement of Fuel cell technology. Together as a community, we will move forward and continue to work to attract new businesses and development.

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