



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

FEATURE INDUSTRY

AarKel Tool and Die Inc.

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent recognize the contribution that corporate citizens have made and are making to enhance the economic health of this community; AarKel Tool & Die Inc., began their tool making journey in 1977. Today, they have three facilities located in Wallaceburg, Ontario and have been engineering and building robust tools and strong customer relationships ever since. AarKel Tool and Die Inc. provides its customers confidence in design solutions, value, quality, delivery, part launch and program support by taking tomorrow's problems and finding solutions today!

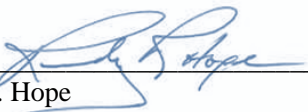
The company is unique to the industry as they have three distinct business streams; Die Cast Tooling, Plastic Injection Tooling and "Aluminum" Production / Prototype Tooling. The trilogy of expertise is managed and scheduled within their fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. AarKel Tool & Die manufacturers directly for most major OEM's and tier 1's in the automotive industry. Their die cast tooling of aluminium and magnesium dies are made for automotive parts such as oil pans, transfer & transmission cases, steering & clutch housings, differential carriers and cross car IP beams. In addition, their plastic injection tooling support plastic automotive interiors and exteriors focusing on the most complex parts and tooling to the industry.

AarKel Tool & Die employs approximately 165 highly skilled people who manufacture advanced tools predominantly for export to the U.S., Mexico and domestic automotive markets in Canada. A majority of AarKel employees live in or close to the community and surrounding area and the company strives to be an active community partner, sponsoring Minor Hockey, Baseball and Soccer teams. AarKel sponsors the Wallaceburg District Secondary School (WDSS) and Ursuline College Technical achievement awards and scholarships. Recently the company entered the 2015 Wallaceburg Christmas Parade and were the first place winner for the best themed float and 1st Place Commercial float in the 2015 Chatham Christmas Parade!

The company has embarked on a comprehensive strategy to invest in new technology, equipment, software and resources to maintain its competitive advantage. They have recently acquired a new large Boring Mill, a Juaristi 3.6Mx3.0Mx2.0M with 5 axis and 44 tonne rotary table. In addition, they plan to add new high tech 5 axis equipment and are continuing exploring 3D additive manufacturing printing. AarKel has won the prestigious Jatco customer quality award and hold US patents.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that AarKel Tool and Die Inc. is hereby designated as the first "Feature Industry" for the month of May, 2016.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 17th day of May 2016


Randy R. Hope
Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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