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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Amanda Degazio – Manager of Business and Community Services

DATE: March 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Crime Stoppers of Niagara

This memo is a response to staff direction, Council Resolution 23-28 from December 19, 2023, regarding a partnership with Crime Stoppers. The objectives of the notice of motion were to help raise awareness, engage on social media, and explore potential signage.

Short-Term Goals

Three initiatives will be delivered in collaboration with Crime Stoppers of Niagara:

1. "Be Aware, Take Care"
This program, led and delivered by Crime Stoppers, will educate older adults about frauds, scams and how to protect yourself, powers of attorneys, and elder abuse. Dates for this presentation are still being finalized, ensuring sufficient time for promotion and participation.
2. Installation of washroom stall posters designed by Crime Stoppers.
This program is aimed at raising awareness about key community issues at various parks and seasonal facilities throughout the City. Installation will begin once all materials are received from Crime Stoppers, prior to the summer season.

3. Social media information sharing.

The City will support Crime Stoppers by sharing relevant posts on its social media platforms and tagging Crime Stoppers to increase the visibility of messages. Additionally, Crime Stoppers will tag the City of Welland in relevant posts to further boost visibility.

Long-term Goals

1. Crime Stoppers would like to raise awareness through strategic signage and incorporate their message in the City's high-traffic areas to reach a broader audience. This initiative aims to highlight critical issues and enhance public safety efforts. We are currently in the very beginning stages of these discussions, exploring the best ways to move forward with this collaboration.

Overall, this partnership with Crime Stoppers represents an important step in the City's ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and increase awareness about key community issues.

This work aligns with the City's strategic plan to support the health and well-being of residents by supporting the need for safety and security. These efforts will help equip residents with the necessary awareness, knowledge, and support they require to recognize and address these important safety issues within their community.

16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor DiPaola

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

a) That Richmond Hill Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

- b) That Richmond Hill Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;
- c) That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure and program delivery needs;
- d) That this initiative be in addition to the efforts made by OBCM and AMO in addressing the funding shortfall of municipalities in a targeted and individualized manner to ensure funding sources are sustainable for all services provided by municipalities including mental health and homelessness.
- e) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada and local Members of Parliament (MPs), and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) following the Provincial Election on February 27, 2025
- f) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously

March 4, 2025

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Keri Stevenson
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The County of Peterborough
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Re: Support Resolution – U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies

Dear Ms. Stevenson,

Please be advised that at its meeting held the 25th day of February 2025 the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2025 – 033 – Support Resolution – U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies

Councillor John Boyko – Councillor Brian Henry –

That the Township of Selwyn supports the County of Peterborough's Resolution No. 19-2025 which urges the federal and provincial governments to take all necessary actions to protect Ontario's interests in trade negotiations with the U.S. and investigate purchasing policies; and that this motion be copied to those included in the County's motion.

Carried.

I trust you find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact the Selwyn Township Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Megin Hunter
Office Assistant / Reception

Encl.

cc: The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver

Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport

Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council

John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus

All provincial and territorial Premiers

All local MPs and MPPs

All Ontario Municipalities for their support



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March 4, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Right Hon. Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

RE: **Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Support for a ‘Team Canada’ response to proposed U.S. tariffs**

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on March 3, 2025, passed the following motion regarding Support for a ‘Team Canada’ response to proposed U.S. tariffs:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-14

Moved by Councillor Anna Murre; Seconded by Councillor J.D. Pachereva

WHEREAS the President of the United States, Donald Trump, has announced plans to impose a 25% tariff on Canadian goods; and

AND WHEREAS such tariffs could potentially lead to significant job losses and economic instability in both Canada and the United States; and

AND WHEREAS municipalities will be directly impacted by the potential economic fallout and wish to offer our support for a united Team Canada response; and

AND WHEREAS municipalities possess significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs and investments; and

AND WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln’s capital program for 2025 is valued at \$18 million; and

AND WHEREAS, according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario municipalities are expected to invest between \$250 billion and \$290 billion in infrastructure over the next 10 years; and

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to "Buy Canadian"; and

AND WHEREAS trade agreements have traditionally encouraged municipalities to provide equal opportunity to suppliers from countries that are parties to these agreements; and

AND WHEREAS municipalities can contribute to the Team Canada effort through procurement practices that comply with trade agreements and adhere to federal and provincial guidance; and

AND WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council has received the Motion Memorandum from the City of Burlington ADM-01-25 entitled "Buy Canada Resolution" and a Motion from the City of St. Catharines titled "Tariffs" moved by Mayor Siscoe and Councillor Phillips approved on February 10th; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Town of Lincoln Council stands with Team Canada in advocating for decision-makers to recognize that tariffs harm both Canadian and American consumers and businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council endorses a collective effort involving all levels of government—federal, provincial, and municipal—to support the Canadian economy, wherever possible, through local campaigns and initiatives; and

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to collaborate with municipalities on measures that will protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to work toward the removal of interprovincial trade barriers; and

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the federal and provincial governments to eliminate any barriers that would prevent municipalities from avoiding purchases from the United States should additional tariffs be imposed on Canadian goods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations, along with a request to endorse the same or similar resolution:

- Prime Minister of Canada

- All Federal Party Leaders
- Premier of Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
- Big City Mayors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Niagara MPs and MPPs
- Niagara Region
- Local Area Municipalities

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

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JK/dp

c.c. Federal Party Leaders
 Premier of Ontario
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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 Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
 Big City Mayors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 Niagara MPs and MPPs
 Niagara Region
 Local Area Municipalities

March 7, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Via email: pm@pm.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Impacts of Tariffs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its special meeting held on March 6, 2025, supported the following resolution regarding the above noted matter:

Whereas Canada is facing an unfair trade war based on tariffs from the Trump administration;

And Whereas tariffs have the prospect of negatively impacting our citizens, businesses, and community organizations;

And Whereas Chatham-Kent Council is ready and prepared to stand up for our businesses and citizens, and to support Team Canada in this fight;

And Whereas the approaches taken to respond to tariffs need to consider all potential impacts of the decision, including unintended consequences;

And Whereas Council strenuously objects to the ongoing attempts to undermine Canadian sovereignty by the Trump Administration;

And Whereas Council encourages the Federal government to continue work toward negotiations on ending this Trade War;

Therefore, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council directs administration to continue its work to address the impacts of this trade war, to immediately work on the following list of actions, and to work on any other matters that could be relevant to address the impact of these unfair tariffs:

1. Administration continue its work on addressing tariff impacts, including the review of:
 - a. Approaches taken by other municipalities to ensure Chatham-Kent is adopting best practices;
 - b. Supply chains for major purchases and products that may be impacted by tariffs;

- c. Legal options for adjusting contracts and procurement processes to reduce Chatham-Kent exposure to tariffs;
 - d. Employment and support services for citizens whose jobs may be impacted by tariffs;
 - e. Opportunities to advance major projects to assist in economic stimulus;
2. Economic Development continue to:
- a. Connect with local businesses to understand impacts that tariffs are having;
 - b. Enhance existing Buy Local campaigns to help support local businesses and provide citizens with information about their purchasing decisions;
 - c. Be prepared to assist businesses with accessing senior government programs that may become available.
3. Administration be directed to support upper levels of government's "Team Canada" approach, including participating in municipal association work, and preparing advocacy to senior levels of government to address any barriers Chatham-Kent faces, and to advance the needs of our local companies;
4. Administration continue to update the www.Chatham-Kent.ca/TariffSupport webpage to keep citizens updated on the impacts of tariffs and relief programs that become available;
5. Administration report to the Mayor and Council regarding any opportunities for political collaboration between Chatham-Kent and other municipalities, municipal associations and cross-border initiatives;
6. Administration return to Council for any necessary funding requests and with updates on progress on each of the items in this motion.
7. Administration be directed to send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments to consider all means to decrease costs to Canadians.
8. Administration be directed to share this resolution with local MP's, MPP's, AMO, FCM, ROMA, OBCM, Border Mayor Alliance and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Judy Smith

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Judy Smith, CMO

Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

March 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford

Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-79
Moved: Councillor Giordano
Seconded: Councillor Dykie

WHEREAS Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords;

WHEREAS small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being;

WHEREAS it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld;

WHEREAS proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords
- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices

- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council requests the provincial government to look at ways to implement these balanced reforms that protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Attorney General, and all Ontario municipalities to support the creation of balanced protections for both landlords and tenants

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



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Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing- minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General - attorneygeneral@ontario.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



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March 5, 2025

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

Re: Resolution regarding “Buy Local and Canadian”

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 5, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 10

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All Township residents be encouraged to “Buy Local and Canadian”;

That a “Buy Local and Buy Canadian” approach for municipal procurement be implemented where feasible and in line with best value principles;

That staff be directed to review current procurement practices and identify opportunities to enhance local purchasing in response to recent U.S. tariffs and economic pressures; and

That staff be directed to prohibit procurement of U.S. goods and services where possible; and

That staff be directed to report back on any opportunities found to modify procurement policies and practices to support “Buy Local and Buy Canadian” where practical.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

C: AMO

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
March 11th, 2025

2025-76

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Canada and the United States have a shared history of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS newly elected President Donald Trump has suggested that with the use of economic force such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States;

AND WHEREAS President Trump, has now imposed tariffs on imports from Canada that will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries;

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian, at the same time as it seeks to remove inter-provincial trade barriers within Canada;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs and can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support Canadian businesses by their procurement of Canadian products and services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris categorically rejects any efforts by President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada, and we stand united with our provincial and federal leaders for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government;

AND FURTHERMORE that Council endorses the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian and therefore remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for products and services when appropriate and feasible;

AND FURTHERMORE that Council encourages the provincial and federal governments to remove trade barriers between provinces in support of Canadian businesses;

AND FURTHERMORE that the CAO be directed to prepare a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota, Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Good Roads Association, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2025-76 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 11th day of March, 2025.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk