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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

Cc: CLT

FROM: Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives
Lisa Allen, Manager, Economic Development

DATE: March 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Quarterly Economic Development Brief

We are pleased to announce the release of the third issue of the ***Economic Development Quarterly Brief*** on March 26, 2025. Published quarterly, this report provides updates on recent investments in the city, highlights key community initiatives, and features a business spotlight section to showcase local achievements and emerging opportunities.

The publication schedule for the ***Quarterly Brief*** is as follows:

- **September 2024** – First edition (released)
- **December 2024** – Second edition (released)
- **March 2025** – Third edition (current release)
- **June 2025** – Fourth edition (upcoming)

We are excited to share this latest edition and remain committed to fostering Welland's economic growth.

Quick Facts

Average home price: (January 2025): \$510,000

Total Population: 63,874 (2024 post census annual population estimate – Stats Canada)

Total Building Permits Issued: 618 (2024 YTD)

Community Initiatives and Updates

Navigating Growth: Welland Strengthens Marine Sector Partnerships

In mid-January 2025, the Economic Development team attended the Marine Club Dinner in Toronto to reinforce Welland's connections within the marine sector. This premier industry event provided an opportunity to engage with key stakeholders, discuss emerging trends, and highlight Welland's strategic position in marine and logistics.

Further advancing regional marine assets, the team also met with the Marine Office of Ontario to explore opportunities for sector growth and investment. Additionally, the team attended the Ladies in Logistics event, showcasing women in industry and reinforcing Welland's commitment to diversity and leadership in the logistics sector.

Through these strategic engagements, Welland continues to strengthen its position as a key player in Ontario's marine and logistics network.

Strengthening Partnerships: Showcasing Welland's Investment Potential

In mid-January 2025, the Economic Development team met with Invest Ontario to enhance collaboration and strengthen investment opportunities for Welland. Discussions focused on aligning the city's economic priorities with provincial strategies, fostering business attraction, and supporting expansion opportunities.

By building strong relationships with key investment leaders, Welland continues to position itself as a prime destination for growth, innovation, and long-term economic success.

Charting Our Future: Strategic Plan Workshops

The City of Welland's *Charting Our Future* strategic plan workshops are complete, marking a key milestone in aligning priorities across city departments. These collaborative sessions have helped refine goals, strengthen interdepartmental coordination, and ensure a unified approach to Welland's future.

Expanding Opportunities: Welland at ICSC Whistler

In early 2025, the Economic Development team attended ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) Whistler to foster relationships and explore new opportunities in the retail and food & beverage sectors. This premier industry event provided a platform to connect with key decision-makers, promote Welland's growing market, and strengthen partnerships with businesses looking to expand.

By engaging with industry leaders, the team continues to position Welland as an attractive destination for retail, commercial and dining investment, driving economic growth and enhancing local amenities.

Shaping the Future: Welland at the Economic Council of Ontario Annual Conference

In mid-February 2025, the Economic Development team attended the Economic Council of Ontario Annual Conference to network with industry professionals and gain insights into best practices in economic development. This event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with municipal and regional leaders, share strategies, and explore innovative approaches to fostering economic growth.

By staying informed on emerging trends and strengthening key relationships, Welland continues to enhance its economic development initiatives, ensuring long-term prosperity for the community.

Navigating Change: Welland Launches New Tariff Resource Website

The City of Welland has launched a dedicated tariff website to support local businesses in navigating the challenges posed by the imposition of tariffs. This new resource provides businesses with the tools, information, and guidance needed to understand and manage tariff impacts effectively.

By offering comprehensive support, the city continues to assist local businesses in adapting to changing trade conditions, ensuring they remain competitive and resilient in a dynamic global marketplace.

Celebrating Women’s Leadership: Welland at International Women’s Day Events

In March 2025, the Economic Development team attended two impactful International Women’s Day events hosted by the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce and the South Niagara Chamber of Commerce.

The Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce event highlighted the achievements of women across various industries, offering an opportunity for networking and collaboration. This gathering focused on recognizing the vital contributions of women in the workforce and fostering continued support for women’s leadership.

The South Niagara Chamber of Commerce event provided a platform for meaningful conversations on gender equity and the ongoing efforts to empower women in business. Attendees discussed strategies for creating more inclusive opportunities and breaking down barriers for women in the region.

Engaging for Growth: Welland at the State of the Region Event

In March 2025, the Economic Development team attended the State of the Region event with Chair Bradley, a premier gathering of Niagara’s influential business leaders, community members, and elected officials. This event provided a unique opportunity to network with key decision-makers and gain valuable insights into the region’s economic landscape.

Chair Bradley’s comprehensive overview of current economic conditions and key initiatives aimed at fostering growth was a highlight, offering valuable perspectives on shaping the region’s future. Attendees engaged in meaningful discussions on how to strategically position Niagara, ensuring continued success and collaboration for long-term prosperity.

By participating in this dynamic and informative event, Welland continues to strengthen its connections within the region and contribute to the shared vision for Niagara’s future.

Welland Exceeds Physician Recruitment Goals, Expands Healthcare Access

To date, Welland’s physician recruitment initiative has successfully attracted 13 new family doctors, surpassing its initial target. For 2025, Welland City Council has committed an additional \$1 million, ensuring the city can meet the growing healthcare needs of its community. There were 15,000 patients enrolled in Niagara the past 12 months of which 8,086 were enrolled in Welland.

New Business



Storage Solutions come to Welland **261 Power Drive**

In May, 50,000 square feet of self-storage space will become available in Welland with the opening of Vaultra Storage at 261 Power Dr., next to the Holiday Inn Express and behind Walmart. The facility will have just under 400 units across five buildings, offering both heated and non-heated spaces in sizes ranging from 5x5 feet to 10x30 feet.



Marty's Heating and Cooling – Keeping Welland Comfortable! **70 Provincial Street**

Originally from Fenwick, Marty's Heating and Cooling has expanded to Welland with a new location at 70 Provincial St. Situated on 11.18 acres, the 6,000-square-foot industrial facility offers top-quality heating, cooling, and HVAC services for both residential and commercial customers.



Wendy's – Fresh, Fast, and Now in Welland! **95 Lincoln Street**

Wendy's has opened its brand-new drive-thru-only location at 95 Lincoln Street in Welland as of March 2025. Bringing an estimated 30 jobs to the community, this location serves up Wendy's signature favorites, including fresh, never frozen burgers, crispy chicken sandwiches, and iconic Frosty® desserts—all with the speed and convenience of a drive-thru experience.

	Pet Valu – Everything Your Pet Needs, now in Welland! 102 Primeway Drive Pet Valu at 102 Primeway Drive in Welland is now open! Offering a wide selection of pet food, toys, and accessories, this new location is your go-to destination for all your pet care needs. With knowledgeable staff and top-quality products, Pet Valu is committed to keeping your pets happy and healthy.
	Taco Bell – Bold Flavors, coming soon to Welland! 102 Primeway Drive Taco Bell is coming soon to 102 Primeway Drive in Welland, a growing commercial development currently under construction. The popular fast-food chain will serve up its signature Mexican-inspired favorites, including tacos, burritos, and more. Get ready to satisfy your cravings with bold flavors and late-night bites!
	Barber Nation – Sharp Styles, Fresh Cuts! 38 Division Street Barber Nation has arrived in downtown Welland! Established in late 2024, this modern barber shop offers a welcoming atmosphere with comfortable chairs and expert grooming services. Combining professional craftsmanship with a friendly vibe, Barber Nation is the go-to spot for quality cuts and fresh styles.

	Coco Frutti – Fresh Flavors, Perfect Mornings! 300 Lincoln Street Coco Frutti, known for its fresh, high-quality ingredients and diverse menu, has arrived in Welland! Serving up gourmet omelets, crepes, waffles, and fresh fruit, this breakfast and brunch spot offers a welcoming atmosphere for families, friends, and food lovers alike. Start your day with signature flavors and a delicious dining experience.
	Love and Truth Tattoo – Ink with Meaning! 77 West Main Street Love and Truth Tattoo is now open in downtown Welland! Specializing in traditional tattoo art, the studio offers a range of designs that honor classic tattooing styles. With skilled artists and a welcoming atmosphere, clients can expect high-quality tattoos in a professional setting.
	Authentic Italian Cuisine by Carmine Posteraro 66 Division Street Authentic Italian Cuisine by Carmine Posteraro is now open in downtown Welland, Ontario. This new dining establishment brings the flavors of Italy to the heart of the city, offering a variety of traditional Italian dishes made with high-quality ingredients.



Ace Family Practice & Walk-in Clinic – Your Health, Our Priority!
95 Lincoln Street

Ace Family Practice & Walk-in Clinic, located at 95 Lincoln Street in Welland, offers high-quality family medicine services with minimal wait times. Operated by Verismo Health, the clinic provides a range of healthcare services, including immunizations, STI testing, and driver's medical exams. With personalized care, modern facilities, and a focus on convenience, Ace is dedicated to keeping you and your family healthy.



Mahdiah's Pharmacy – Where Health Meets Convenience!
95 Lincoln Street

Mahdiah's Pharmacy is a community-focused establishment offering a comprehensive range of pharmaceutical services and products. From prescription medications to over-the-counter items and everyday essentials, the pharmacy ensures that customers have access to all their health and wellness needs in one convenient location. Your well-being is their top priority!



Authentic Indian Flavours, right in Welland
182 King Street

Welland Indian Bistro, located at 182 King Street in downtown Welland, is a new addition to the city's dining scene, offering a variety of traditional Indian dishes. With a focus on authentic flavors and quality ingredients, the restaurant provides a welcoming atmosphere for dine-in and takeout options. Welland Indian Bistro celebrated its grand opening on March 8, 2025.

	Celebrating Local Talent with Every Find! <i>3 East Main Street, Unit # 3</i> Collectively Unique Boutique, located at 3 East Main Street in Welland, is a vibrant new business offering a variety of locally sourced products and supporting regional artisans. The boutique specializes in honoring community spirit and unique craftsmanship. The boutique will celebrate its grand opening on April 5, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
	Savor the Flavor at 905 Hotdog Pound 800 Niagara Street 905 Hotdog Pound has recently opened a new location in the Seaway Mall's food court in Welland, Ontario. The grand opening took place on March 7, 2025, from 11 am to 5 pm. The restaurant offers a variety of hot dog options, aiming to provide a flavorful dining experience for visitors.

Business Spotlight

Celebrating 50 Years of Shopping, Dining, and Community at Seaway Mall

800 Niagara Street

Seaway Mall, located at 800 Niagara Street in Welland, Ontario, is more than just a shopping destination—it's a cornerstone of the community. Since its opening 50 years ago, Seaway Mall has evolved to meet the needs of residents and visitors, becoming a hub for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Whether you're seeking the latest fashion, a delicious meal, or a fun activity for the whole family, Seaway Mall offers it all under one roof.

The mall is home to a wide range of stores, from big-name retailers to local gems, providing a diverse shopping experience for all tastes and budgets. Beyond retail, Seaway Mall also features a variety of services, ensuring that customers can enjoy a complete experience every time they visit. The food court is a favorite spot, offering a selection of eateries perfect for a quick bite or a leisurely meal.

In addition to its retail offerings, Seaway Mall is known for its community involvement. Over the years, the mall has hosted countless events, from charity drives to family-friendly activities, making it an integral part of Welland's social fabric. With the completion of its 50th year, Seaway Mall remains committed to serving the community, continuing to adapt and grow as the needs of shoppers evolve.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives

DATE: March 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. Akinpelu Babatunde

I'm pleased to inform Council that Dr. Akinpelu Babatunde has chosen Welland for his family practice and will be practicing at Samy's Clinics located at 42 Division Street. Dr. Babatunde has started seeing patients on Monday, March 24. If you know of anyone looking for a Family Physician, they can become a patient by calling 365-888-3576 or by visiting the following website www.samysclinics.ca.

City staff have been working closely with the Region's Physician Recruitment Specialist and have been successful in attracting 13 new family physicians since the approval of the Physician Recruitment Incentive in June 2023.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Sherri-Marie Millar, P.Eng.
Director of Infrastructure Services/City Engineer

DATE: March 28, 2025

SUBJECT: North Welland Trails – Alignment Update

This memorandum has been prepared to provide additional clarity regarding the North Welland Trails alignments.

During the detailed design of the North Welland Trails, the designer (WSP) and city staff reviewed the schematic alignments proposed in the Community Trail Strategy (CTS) and Active Transportation Fund (ATF) application and made changes based on field constraints, land availability, public consultation and staff input. The minor changes that were made are described as follows:

1. Jennifer Park – The originally proposed connections were removed from Ann and Rita Streets due to lack of sidewalk connection to which pedestrians could be directed. This was agreed to with staff with the assumption that future connections could be formalized if/when sidewalks are added to those streets. Connections were however added to existing walkways at both Virginia St and Adah Ct based on proximity and informal foot path connections found during field review.
2. Jackfish Stadium – The original proposed connection was removed east of Jackfish stadium to Quaker Rd due to recently installed baseball netting posts that impeded feasibility of trail installation.

3. Rose City Dodge – The original connection proposed to move east-west to Niagara St through woodlot and along Rose City Dodge parking lot was dependant on a land swap agreement with the property owner. This length of trail was removed as an agreement between the parties could not be reached. The connection to Niagara Street shifted south through Lancaster Park and along Lancaster Drive.
4. SWM Facility North of Towpath Park – A connection was originally proposed to loop through a field north of Towpath Park. After discussion with staff and residents it was agreed that this connection was redundant and that a trail on the berm along the field would be sufficient to create a connection.
5. Gretel Place – The trail along the backs of lots along Gretel Place was removed after discussion with City staff regarding anticipated difficulty of maintenance and the presence of 100yr NPCA floodplain.

The above referenced detailed design decisions are described and illustrated in the North Welland Trails Alignment document available on the City's website:

<https://engagewelland.ca/cts-draft>

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Dave Steven – Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries

DATE: March 28, 2025

SUBJECT: 2023 Love My Park Program – Update

This memorandum provides an update to Council on the progress of the Love My Park (LMP) initiative, specifically regarding neighborhood park improvements at Bemus Park, Bridlewood Park, Glen Park, Gram Park, Hooker Street Park, and Seaway Park. Additionally, it outlines the next steps for this ongoing initiative. Since Council's approval of the LMP initiative in October 2023, staff have been reviewing resident feedback and implementing a series of short- and medium-term improvements at each park location. Below is a summary of completed enhancements:

Bemus Park:

- Filled ruts and holes in the grass
- Installed a picnic table near the playground for additional seating
- Planted trees along the new sidewalk on Coventry Road
- Installed rocks along the parking lot to create a natural barrier preventing vehicle access to grassy areas
- Completed survey work; playground renewal design is underway
- The future playground renewal project (anticipated completion: Fall 2025) will include drainage improvements, additional benches, garbage receptacles, and a connecting pathway from the parking area to Fleet Street

Bridlewood Park:

- Filled ruts and holes in the grass
- Installed a garbage receptacle and dog waste station near the park entrance
- Constructed a new paved pathway connecting the entrance to the existing school pathway
- Planted new trees along the pathway

Glen Park:

- Filled ruts and holes in the grass
- Replenished wood fiber in the swing area
- Installed new "Dog on Leash" signage and garbage receptacles at park entrances
- Added a picnic table near the playground

Gram Park:

- Filled ruts and holes in the grass
- Added a picnic table near the playground
- Improved grading and slope of the outdoor rink for a better winter skating surface
- Installed new LED lighting for nighttime skating
- Planted trees on the north and south sides of the rink area

Hooker Street Park:

- Installed a new garbage receptacle and dog waste station near the park entrance
- Added a picnic table for additional seating
- Replenished wood fiber in the swing and playground areas

Seaway Park:

- Replenished wood fiber in the swing and playground areas
- Adjusted swing chains to lower the seats
- Installed new locks on gates to prevent unauthorized ATV access

- Added a new picnic table for additional seating
- Installed "Children at Play" signs on Marc Blvd.

Next Steps:

These updates have been added to the [Love My Park | Engage Welland](#), with further progress updates to be provided on the project page in Fall 2025. Longer-term community requests will be assessed through the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan to ensure alignment with the approved strategy. Where applicable, additional park enhancements will be recommended by staff during future budget processes, as outlined in report CS-2023-28.

A second round of Love My Park engagement is being considered for 2026.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Stephanie Nagel, General Manager of Corporate and Enterprise Services/CFO & Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

DATE: March 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Clarification of In-Year Budget Amendments

Following the approval of the 2025 Budget, staff would like to provide clarification regarding in-year budget amendments within the governance structure. This memo is intended to support a clear and consistent process aligned with the Mayoral powers and duties under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended by the *Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022*. A general overview of this legislative framework is available here: [Ontario Municipal Councillor's Guide – Section 10: Strong Mayor Powers and Duties](#).

A key distinction in considering in-year budget amendments is between **one-time spending** and **ongoing financial commitments**. One-time expenditures—such as equipment purchases or project-specific investments—may be brought forward to Council through the in-year amendment process. However, ongoing commitments, including but not limited to the addition of full-time staff (FTEs), must be deferred to the annual budget process for consideration.

Under the applicable legislation, only the Mayor has the authority to amend the tax levy. Councillors may bring forward in-year budget amendments to Council provided they do not impact the tax levy and are fully funded through alternative sources such as reserves, grants, or other non-levy funding. To ensure consistency, transparency, and fiscal accountability, the following parameters apply:

1. **Funding Sources:** Any proposed amendments must be fully funded from reserves, grants, or other non-levy revenue sources. **All proposals must first be reviewed and discussed with the Treasurer to confirm the availability of funding before being brought forward to Council.**

2. **Scope of Amendments:** Councillors may bring forward to Council new one-time budget items not previously considered during the budget deliberation process. Items that were presented, debated, and not approved during the 2025 budget process cannot be reintroduced as in-year amendments.
3. **Staff-Initiated Amendments:** Staff may bring forward in-year amendments to **Council** to address urgent matters such as health and safety concerns, legislative changes, or emerging issues. If the amendment reflects a one-time cost, it may proceed through the in-year process. If it involves an ongoing financial commitment—such as a new FTE—staff must first seek Mayoral support, as these types of changes are more appropriately addressed through the next annual budget.
4. **Mayor's Authority:** While Council may approve amendments that meet the above criteria, the Mayor retains the authority to veto any Council decision, as outlined in the governance framework. This applies to both the annual budget and the in-year amendment process.
5. **Approval Process:** Any proposed amendments will follow standard procedures, including staff review to assess feasibility, funding availability, and alignment with municipal priorities.

This approach ensures that in-year budget amendments remain fiscally responsible while upholding the intent and integrity of the approved budget. Should Council require further clarification, staff are available to provide additional information and guidance.

Memorandum

Subject: Support Local Campaign Update

Date: March 25, 2025

To: Regional Council

From: Ron Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

The Support Local Campaign, developed in partnership with area municipalities and Team Niagara, aims to support Niagara's local economy and encourage residents to actively engage with and support regional businesses, especially during times of economic uncertainty.

This initiative was developed following consultation with area municipalities' Economic Development Officers and communication sections, local Chambers of Commerce, and the Niagara Industrial Association. The campaign encourages Niagara residents to not only make purchases from local businesses but also engage in non-financial support, such as reviews and social media engagement.

Campaign Objectives:

1. **Encourage Local Purchasing:** Inspire Niagara residents to buy from local businesses.
2. **Educate on Economic Challenges:** Raise awareness about tariffs and available resources to support local businesses.
3. **Foster Non-Purchase Support:** Empower residents and business owners to provide support through actions such as Google reviews and social media interactions.

Strategy:

The campaign leverages clear messaging across various platforms to drive engagement with the Support Local message. The strategy focuses on both financial and non-financial ways to support local businesses. Campaign messaging will be distributed through multiple communication channels to reach a broad audience and maintain public trust. Educational content will help residents understand the current economic climate and their role in supporting local businesses.

A series of campaign materials have been developed to support this campaign including:

1. **Business Kits:** These kits will be distributed through local Economic Development Offices (EDOs) and Chambers of Commerce, as well as being available at the Niagara Regional Headquarters customer service. Each kit will include a window cling to indicate the business as Niagara-owned, along with stickers for businesses to hand out to customers. The stickers will serve as a reminder that the customer has supported a local business that day, fostering a sense of pride and community involvement.
2. **Niagara Business Directory:** The Niagara Business Directory (on Niagaracanada.ca) is a valuable tool, allowing residents and businesses to find and support local companies. It is accessible online and is an important asset for driving the campaign's success. It has been updated with the recent 2024 survey data from Niagara's Employment Inventory Survey, our annual inventory of local employers.
3. **Creative Assets:** These will include social media graphics and posts, advertisements and posters that will be used by Niagara Region in the delivery of this campaign. In addition, a **full suite of digital assets** for the campaign will be available on the Niagara Business Directory. This will allow **local businesses** and partners who would like to amplify the campaign to easily access and use the materials for their own promotion, extending the campaign's reach and impact across the region. Examples of these assets have been attached to this memo.

Timing and Budget:

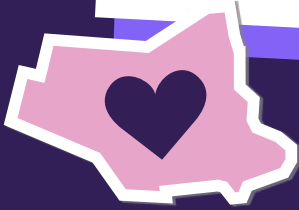
Niagara Region will lead the campaign with posts on our social media platforms beginning March 27. This timing is intentional to allow for troubleshooting any potential issues with the campaign and to address questions that residents may have. It also gives us the opportunity to begin building organic momentum within the community. Simultaneously, this campaign will be shared with the local area municipalities to allow them to begin their own planning and preparations for promoting the campaign within their respective regions. Paid advertising for the campaign will begin the week of March 31. The Region along with the 12 area municipalities have allocated a combined budget of \$70,000 for this campaign.

Conclusion:

The Support Local Campaign is designed not only to stimulate financial support but also to build a sense of community and encourage collaboration among residents and businesses. We are confident that, with the support of key partners, this initiative will positively impact Niagara's economy.



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Support Local Businesses

Before online shopping, the best finds were right in our own backyard.

Every purchase, online review, and recommendation strengthens the heart of our community.



Let's continue to support one another and make Niagara the best place to live, work, and visit!

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RESOLUTION # 80/2025

DATE : March 11, 2025

WHEREAS the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25 % tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S. ; and

WHEREAS Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

WHEREAS trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all level of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

WHEREAS according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years, and

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurement in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

WHEREAS municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY supports the Canadian and Ontario government on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

AND THAT the Canadian and Ontario government remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

AND THAT Canadians and Ontario government take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and supports Canadian businesses.

AND THAT the Canadians and Ontario government remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

AND THAT the Canadian and Ontario government continues to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COPIES OF THIS MOTION BE SENT TO:

- THE Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus
- All regional, Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

☒ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date) Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body) Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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March 21, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

At the Council meeting held on March 17, 2025, the Town of Milton Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

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;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved** That Milton Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. **Be It Further Resolved** That Milton Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. **Be It Further Resolved** 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 needs; and,
4. **Be It Further Resolved**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. **Be It Further Resolved**, 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.

Yours sincerely,

Meaghen Reid
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All local Members of Parliament (MPs)
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson

Deputy Mayor Cathy

Regier

Councillors:

Mark Bell

Michael Moore

Chris Olmstead

Connie Tabbert

Joey Trimm

Certified True Copy

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Re: Resolution - Request to Increase Tile Drain Amount

Dear Honorable Rob Flack,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the motions from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and County of Frontenac requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and Minister of Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000; and, Further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, The Minister of Rural Affairs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

(613) 646-2282

Carried - as amended Resolution #2025-5275

P.O. Box 40,
44 Main Street
Cobden, ON
K0J 1K0

Sincerely,

Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC

whitewaterregion.ca

Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy
Regier

Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

Certified True Copy

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Re: Resolution - Deposit Return Program

Dear Honourable Todd McCarthy,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of
Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region
support the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town
of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario
Deposit Return Program;
and further that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the
Minister of Finance; the Association of Municipalities of
Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament
(MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

Carried - Resolution #2025-5273

Sincerely,

(613) 646-2282



Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC

P.O. Box 40,
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March 25, 2025

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Mark Carney:

Re: Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

This is to confirm that at the March 24, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

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

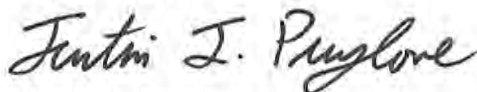
Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

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;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of West Lincoln Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of West Lincoln Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved 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 needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved 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.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



Justin J. Paylove
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
jpaylove@westlincoln.ca

JJP/jmt

cc. Premier Doug Ford
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Dean Allison, MP
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Chris Bittle, MP
Tony Baldinelli, MP
Vance Badawey, MP
Jennifer Stevens, MPP
Wayne Gates, MPP
Jeff Burch, MPP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



March 24, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney,
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 (sent via email: pm@pm.gc.ca)

RE: Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs

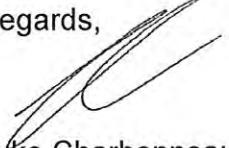
Dear Prime Minister Carney,

The County of Bruce continues to monitor the situation with respect to proposed tariffs by the United States. Tariffs and the corresponding responses are inherently macro-economic in nature. Given this fact, the tools available to municipalities are limited.

The County of Bruce is adopting a strategy to respond to the impacts of tariffs locally which includes implementation of procurement policies focused on purchasing from Canadian sources, where permitted by trade agreements.

The County calls on the federal and provincial governments to take action to ensure that municipalities have the tools they need to protect Canadian consumers and businesses and ensure the continued prosperity of the Canadian economy. The attached resolution provides the details of the County's formal request.

Regards,


Luke Charbonneau,
Warden
warden@brucecounty.on.ca

cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
(premier@ontario.ca)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (policy@amo.on.ca)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) (resolutions@fcm.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities

Agenda Number: b.
Resolution Number BCC-2025-042
Title: Government Relations - Implication of Tariffs on
Bruce County
Date: March 20, 2025



Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland
Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

Resolution on Supporting Municipal Response to Tariffs

Whereas the United States' Executive Administration is enacting tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which will significantly impact the economic stability of both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario reports that Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure over the next 10 years; and

Whereas trade agreements and legislation have traditionally prevented municipalities from giving preference to Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can help combat tariffs and support businesses through procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of County of Bruce calls on the federal and provincial governments to:

1. Empower municipalities to buy Canadian;
2. Remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible;
3. Work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses.
4. That the federal and provincial governments be requested to remove interprovincial trade barriers.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Tuesday, March 25, 2025



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

Tel: (807) 625-2230
Fax: (807) 623-5468

The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Request for Redistribution Funding for Sustainable Infrastructure

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on March 10, 2025 and subsequently ratified by City Council on March 24, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

“WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated February 11, 2025, we support, in principle, the request for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding from the Province of Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay express its willingness to work collaboratively with the Province in an effort to realize any and all opportunities that may be available with respect to support for long term planning and sustainable infrastructure funding for municipalities in Ontario that result in overall community benefit;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Thunder Bay - Superior North, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all 444 municipalities in Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.”

Result: CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Dana Earle
Deputy City Clerk

/gs

Cc:
Prime Minister of Canada,
Premier of Ontario,
Ontario Minister of Finance,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River,
MP Thunder Bay - Superior North,
MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan,
MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North,
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
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all 444 municipalities in Ontario

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax, Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
Date: February 24, 2025

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;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- 1. That Council for the City of Peterborough respectfully requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and**
- 2. That Council for the City of Peterborough calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and**
- 3. 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 needs; and**
- 4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and**
- 5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.**

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.
Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Kennedy", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first letter "J" being particularly large and looping.

John Kennedy, City Clerk

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Tariff Motion
Date: February 24, 2025

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas Ontario is the number one or number two customer for at least seven US states including New York, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Missouri, and trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities, although currently subject to various trade agreements including the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for equipment, materials and supplies for both operating and capital infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces that add costs and create inefficiencies in the movement of goods.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the City of Peterborough supports Team Canada and the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary procurement policy that integrates and addresses these concerns to the greatest extent possible;

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- 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
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers
- All local MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.
Thank you.



John Kennedy, City Clerk



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March 26, 2025

Via email: Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca

Ann-Marie Norio
Office of the Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: City of Port Colborne Resolution Regarding Lodging House Licensing By-law

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne passed the following resolution:

That Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report 2025-40 be received; and

That the Lodging House Licensing By-law attached hereto as Appendix A be approved; and

That the Clerk be directed to contact the Niagara Region and request that they assume responsibility for regulating Lodging Houses in Niagara and additionally request that the Councils of each municipality in the Niagara Region request the same of the Niagara Region; and

That the amending by-law to By-law 4323/159/02, Being a By-law to License, Regulate, and Govern Lodging Houses and the Keepers of Lodging Houses, be approved in order to facilitate a name change of that by-law to "Being a By-law to License, Regulate and Govern Bed & Breakfast Establishments", attached hereto as Appendix B; and

That the amending by-law to By-law 7297/119/24, Being a By-law to Establish Fees and Charges for Various Services and to Repeal By-law 7155/97/23 and any amendments thereto, attached hereto as Appendix C, be approved to include the Lodging House licensing fee structure as outlined in this report; and

That the amending by-law to By-law 6902/50/21, Being a by-law to Establish a System for Administrative Penalties for Non-Parking Offences within the City of Port Colborne, attached hereto as Appendix D, be approved to include administrative penalties associated with the Lodging House Licensing By-law; and

...2

That this resolution and Lodging House Licensing By-law be circulated to the local area municipalities in the Niagara Region; and

That the local area municipalities be encouraged to implement similar by-laws.

The Niagara Region Council's consideration is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Madden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

enc: City of Port Colborne Lodging House Licensing By-law
ec: Niagara Region Area Municipalities

The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

By-law No. 7322/13/25

Being a By-law to license, regulate and govern Lodging Houses in the City of Port Colborne

Whereas section 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended (the "Municipal Act") provides that a lower-tier municipality has the authority to pass by-laws respecting the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, the health, safety and well-being of persons and the protection of persons and property; and

Whereas section 11 of the *Municipal Act* further provides that a lower tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting business licensing; and

Whereas section 151 of the *Municipal Act* authorizes a municipality to provide for a system of licences with respect to a business or any activity, matter or thing for which a by-law may be passed under section 9 or 11 of the statute; and

Whereas section 436 of the *Municipal Act* authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws providing that the municipality may enter onto land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine compliance with a by-law, direction, order or condition of a licence; and

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne deems it necessary and desirable to licence, regulate and govern Lodging Houses;

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne enacts as follows:

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this By-law is to regulate Lodging Houses within the City of Port Colborne to protect the health and safety of Lodgers and to promote the well-being of the City and its inhabitants.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. For the purposes of this By-law:

"Appeals Committee" means a committee appointed by Council to conduct appeal hearings under this By-law;

"Applicable Law" means all applicable by-laws of the City and Niagara Region and all applicable provincial and federal statutes and regulations;

"Applicant" means the Person applying for a Licence or renewal of a Licence under this By-law;

"Building Code" means Ontario Regulation 332/12, as amended, established under the Building Code Act;

"Building Code Act" means the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23, as amended;

"By-law" means this Lodging House Licensing By-law;

"City" means the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne;

"Clerk" means the Clerk of the City or his or her delegate;

"Council" means the Council of the City of Port Colborne;

"Fees and Charges By-law" means current in force Fees and Charges By-law;

"Fire Code" means Ontario Regulation 213/07 established under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, as amended;

"Fire Protection and Prevention Act" means the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4, as amended

"Guardian" means the person(s) appointed as the attorney for property, Guardian of the property, Guardian of the person or attorney for personal care of a Lodger under the Substitute Decisions Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 30.;

"Health Protection and Promotion Act" means the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, as amended;

"Licence" means a Licence issued under this By-law;

"Licensee" means a Person licensed under this By-law to operate a Lodging House;

"Lodger" means an individual who has a right to occupy a Private Room in a Lodging House and has access to all common areas of the Lodging House pursuant to a Lodging Agreement;

"Lodging Agreement" means a written agreement between a Licensee and a Lodger in relation to accommodation in a Lodging House that sets out the duration of the accommodation, identifies the Private Room to be occupied by the Lodger, prescribes the terms and conditions of the accommodation and confirms payment details including the amount(s) payable by to the Lodger to the Licensee and the frequency and method of payment;

"Lodging House" means a building or portion thereof in which four (4) or more Lodgers are lodged for hire, but does not include a hotel, bed and breakfast tourist establishment or short-term rental unit, a hospital or any provincially-regulated long-term care home, retirement home, nursing home, group home or similar facility;

"Niagara Region" means the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

"Officer" means any person appointed by Council as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer;

"Order" means an order issued under this By-law;

"Operator" means the person operating a Lodging House;

"Owner" means the registered owner of a Property where a Lodging House is situated;

“Person” means an individual, corporation, association or partnership;

“Plan for Fire Safety” means the Plan setting out the layout of the interior of the building with the location of all smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, fire extinguishers and exits;

“Private Room” means a self-contained room in a Lodging House that is used or intended to be used for residential accommodation by no more than two (2) Lodgers;

“Property” means any land or premises within the City;

“Residential Tenancies Act” means the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*, S.O. 2006, c. 17, as amended;

“Sanitary Facility” means a self-contained room that contains not less than one (1) toilet, one (1) wash basin or sink and one (1) bathtub or shower.

3. General Prohibitions

- 3.1. No Person shall operate a Lodging House without holding a current and valid Licence issued in accordance with this By-law.
- 3.2. No Person shall operate a Lodging House except in accordance with the provisions of this By-law and all other Applicable Law.
- 3.3. No Licensee shall advertise, operate or carry on such business under any name other than the name endorsed upon the Licence.
- 3.4. No Person shall contravene or fail to comply with a term or condition of a Licence issued in accordance with this By-law.
- 3.5. No Person shall fail to comply with an Order issued under this By-law.

4. Administration

- 4.1. This By-law shall be administered by the Clerk who shall perform all administrative functions set out in this By-law including but not limited to:
 - 4.1.1. Receipt and processing of all applications for Licences and renewal of Licences;
 - 4.1.2. Issuing Licences in accordance with this By-law;
 - 4.1.3. Imposing terms and/or conditions on Licences in accordance with this By-law; and
 - 4.1.4. Refusing to issue or renew a Licence, revoking a Licence or suspending a Licence in accordance with this By-law.
- 4.2. The Clerk shall keep a Licence Register in which shall be recorded the full name and address of each Licensee, the address of the licensed Lodging House, the number and date of the issue of the licence, the amount of the licence fee paid therefore, the date of expiry of the licence, the type of licence issued and other particulars or remarks pertaining to the same which are useful or necessary.

5. Delegation of Authority to Appeals Committee

5.1. The Powers and authority to conduct appeal hearings under this By-law are hereby delegated to the Appeals Committee.

5.2. Where any person is authorized to take any action pursuant to this By-law, such actions may be taken by that person's designate.

6. Applications for Licence and Renewal

6.1. The following two (2) types of Licence applications may be made:

6.1.1 An original Licence; and

6.1.2 The renewal of a Licence.

6.2. The requirement to obtain a Licence under this By-law is in addition to and not in substitution for any other requirement to obtain a licence or approval under any Applicable Law.

6.3. Each Lodging House shall be individually licensed under this By-law.

6.4. Every application for a Licence or a renewal of a Licence shall be submitted in accordance with this By-law and shall be accompanied by the Licence fee set out in the Fees and Charges By-law.

6.5. The Applicant for a Licence or a renewal of a Licence shall be the Operator (s) of the Lodging House.

6.6. In the case of Lodging House operated by a partnership, one partner shall submit the application package on behalf of every other partner. In the case of a Lodging House operated by a corporation, an officer of the corporation shall submit the application package.

6.7. In respect of an application for an original Licence:

6.7.1 The application shall be completed on the forms found on the application portal on the City of Port Colborne website or by filing a hard copy and shall include the following information:

6.7.1.1 The municipal address and legal description of the location of the Lodging House;

6.7.1.2 The name and contact particulars for each applicant for the Lodging House including address, telephone number and email address;

6.7.1.3 The names of the Lodging House's staff members;

6.7.1.4 If a Lodging House is to be operated by a corporation:

6.7.1.4.1 A copy of the incorporating document(s);

6.7.1.4.2 A copy of the most recent corporate filing with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services listing all directors and officers and the head office address of the corporation;

6.7.1.4.3 A letter indicating resolution of the directors of the corporation authorizing the application for a Licence; and

6.7.1.4.4 The name and contact particulars of every Person having responsibility for the operation of the Lodging

House;

6.7.1.4.5 Its annual return under the Corporations Information Act, R.O.,1990, c.C39, and business name document, if applicable; and

6.7.1.5 A declaration from each Operator, and in the case of a Lodging House to be operated by a corporation, from each director and officer, certifying the accuracy, truthfulness and completeness of the application.

6.7.2 The application shall be accompanied by the following documentation and material:

6.7.2.1 Proof of insurance for use as a Lodging House with liability limits of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for personal injury and property damage;

6.7.2.2 A floor plan of the premises including dimensions and the proposed use of each room;

6.7.2.3 Confirmation in writing that the Owner consents to the use of the Property as a Lodging House to the satisfaction of the Clerk;

6.7.2.4 Plan for Fire Safety showing the exits and life safety items in the building to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief.

6.8 In respect of an application for a renewal of Licence:

6.8.1 The application shall include the information set out in paragraph 6.7.1;

6.8.2 The application shall be accompanied by the proof of insurance set out in section 6.7.2.1 and any documentation referred to elsewhere in section 6.7.2 if any information has changed, or and additional information as required by the Clerk.

6.9 Every application for Licence or renewal of Licence shall be accompanied by the non-refundable prescribed application fee, which may be paid for by cash, debit, cheque or credit card.

6.10 Every Applicant for a new Licence or the renewal of a Licence shall, within four (4) business days of any change to information submitted to the City in support of the application notify the Clerk in writing of such change and provide full written disclosure to the Clerk of all relevant information existing after such change.

6.11 An application for the renewal of a Licence shall be filed at least sixty (60) days prior to a Licence expiring. Where a Licensee fails to submit an application to renew a Licence at least sixty (60) days prior to its expiration, the application to renew the Licence shall be processed as a new application.

7. Review of Application

7.1. Upon receipt of a complete application under section 6.7 or 6.8, the Clerk shall cause the application to be circulated to the City's Planning Services, Building Services and Fire Services and to the Medical Officer of Health for the Niagara Region for any comments or objections. The Clerk shall further determine if all necessary inspections or approvals have been completed and if all lawful requirements have been met.

7.2. Where the Clerk receives one or more objections to an application or determines that any necessary inspection, approval or other lawful requirement has not been completed, the Clerk shall return the application to the Applicant to undertake any action necessary to address the objection(s) and/or outstanding requirement(s).

8. Issuance of Licence

8.1. Upon completion of the process set out in subsections 7.1 and 7.2, the Clerk shall issue or renew a Licence provided the following conditions have been met:

- 8.1.1. The applicant has complied with all applicable requirements set out in section 6;
- 8.1.2. The circulation of the application referred to in section 7.1 does not result in any objection to the Application which has not been cleared under section 7.2;
- 8.1.3. The inspections do not indicate non-compliance with any Applicable Laws; and
- 8.1.4. The Clerk determines that there are no grounds as described in Section 9 to refuse a licence

8.2. Notwithstanding subsection 8.1, the Clerk may impose such terms or conditions on a Licence as the Clerk considers appropriate. A Licensee who is dissatisfied with any such term or condition may appeal to the Appeals and Property Standards Committee.

8.3. All Licences issued or renewed pursuant to this By-law shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance or renewal, unless otherwise suspended or revoked.

8.4. Licences issued or renewed under this By-law are not transferable. Subject to section 8.5, an otherwise valid Licence shall expire automatically upon a change in ownership or operation of the Lodging House.

8.5. Every Licensee shall notify the Clerk in writing of any pending change with respect to the ownership or operation of a Lodging House or control of a corporation that owns or operates a Lodging House at least thirty (30) days prior to such change taking effect. The prospective Operator(s) or controlling shareholder(s) shall submit an application for a new Licence that will be processed by the Clerk in accordance with this By-law.

8.6. In addition to the items set out in section 11, it is a condition of every Licence issued or renewed under this By-law that the Licensee shall comply with the provisions of this By-law, all Applicable Law and any other terms or conditions imposed on the Licence and shall ensure such compliance by any other Person(s) involved in the operation of the Lodging House.

9. Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of a Licence

9.1. The powers and authority to refuse to issue or renew a licence, to cancel, revoke or suspend a licence or impose terms and conditions on a licence are hereby delegated to the Clerk.

9.2. The Clerk may refuse to issue a new Licence or renew a Licence where:

- 9.2.1. The Applicant has been convicted of an offence under this By-law or any other by-law relating to licences within the previous five (5) years;
- 9.2.2. A Licence issued to the Applicant or the Lodging House under this By-law

was suspended or revoked within the previous two (2) years;

- 9.2.3. The Applicant owes any fine or fee to the City in relation to the Lodging House;
- 9.2.4. The Clerk reasonably believes that an application or document submitted by the Applicant contains false information; or
- 9.2.5. The Clerk reasonably believes that issuing the Licence may pose a threat to the health and safety of persons or property or is otherwise not in the public interest.

9.3. The Clerk may suspend or revoke a Licence at any time where:

- 9.3.1. The Licence was issued or renewed in error;
- 9.3.2. The Clerk becomes aware of any fact or facts which, if known at the time of the application, would have resulted in the Clerk refusing to issue or renew the Licence;
- 9.3.3. The Licensee fails to comply with this By-law, all Applicable Law or any terms or conditions of the Licence, including those set out in subsection 8.6 and section 11 of this By-law;
- 9.3.4. The past conduct of the Licensee or any employee affords reasonable grounds for belief that the applicant will not operate the Lodging House in accordance with Applicable Law, proper management or honesty and integrity;
- 9.3.5. The Licensee contravenes the provisions of this By-law; or
- 9.3.6. Where to do so is in the public interest.

10. Notice of Appeal

- 10.1. Where the Clerk refuses to issue or renew a Licence, imposes terms or conditions on a Licence, suspends a Licence or revokes a Licence, the Clerk shall provide written notice to the Applicant or Licensee of the decision, the reasons for the decision and the right to appeal.
- 10.2. An Applicant or Licensee whose Licence has been refused, suspended or revoked or who objects to any terms or conditions imposed on the Licence may, within fourteen (14) days of being notified of the decision, submit a written appeal to the Clerk for a hearing before the Appeals Committee a review of the decision.
- 10.3. Where no application for an appeal hearing is submitted within the prescribed period, the decision of the Clerk shall be final.
- 10.4. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal, the Appeals and Property Standards Committee shall hold a hearing on the date and time set out in a notice from the Clerk.
- 10.5. The Appeals Committee may affirm, vary or reverse the decision of the Clerk and may direct the Clerk to issue, renew or reinstate a Licence, with or without conditions. Appeals Committee shall provide written reasons for its decision, which shall be final.
- 10.6. Matters arising during the course of an appeal that are not provided for in this By-law shall be governed by the Statutory Powers Procedure Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.22.

11. Licence Conditions and Requirements

- 11.1. The conditions set out in subsections 11.2 to 11.31 to of this By-law are attached to every Licence issued under this By-law.
- 11.2. Every licensee shall ensure that any updates or changes to the information or documentation required under this By-law to be provided as part of an application for licence or renewal thereof, is submitted within 5 business days to the application-update portal on the City of Port Colborne website or by filing a hard copy with the Clerk.
- 11.3. Without limiting section 11.2 above, every licensee shall provide an updated proof of Insurance as required by section 6.2.7.1. within 5 business days of any changes to the terms of the insurance policy including, but not limited to, subsequent policy renewals or changes in insurance status.
- 11.4. Every licensee shall provide notice of cancellation of its insurance policy required by section 6.2.7.1 to the City within 48 hours of receipt of such notice. Updates shall be submitted to the application-update portal on the City of Port Colborne website or by filing a hard copy with the Clerk.
- 11.5. The Licensee shall provide a copy of this By-law to each Lodger.
- 11.6. The Licensee shall post the Licence issued for a Lodging House in a conspicuous location inside the Lodging House and shall ensure that it remains posted and legible throughout the currency of the Licence.
- 11.7. The Licensee shall enter into a Lodging Agreement with each Lodger.
- 11.8. The Licensee shall maintain a list of current Lodgers, which shall list their first and last names in alphabetical order and shall identify the date on which each Lodger began residing at the Lodging House.
- 11.9. The Licensee shall, during the occupation by a lodger and for 12 months after a Lodger ceases to reside at the Lodging House, maintain a file for each Lodger that includes the following documents and information as applicable:
 - 11.9.1. First and last name of the Lodger;
 - 11.9.2. Date on which the Lodger began residing at the Lodging House;
 - 11.9.3. Date on which the Lodger ceased residing at the Lodging House;
 - 11.9.4. A copy of the Lodging Agreement
 - 11.9.5. Name and contact particulars of one or more emergency contact persons identified by the Lodger; and
 - 11.9.6. Where the Lodging House provides meals, a list of the Lodger's nutritional needs and any allergies.
- 11.10. The Licensee shall ensure that the Lodging House is kept in a good state of repair that is free of hazards and fit for human habitation and shall further ensure that the condition of the Lodging House complies with all Applicable Law.
- 11.11. The Licensee shall ensure that all common areas and amenities of the Lodging House made available for use by Lodgers including but not limited to appliances, furnishings, laundry facilities, elevators, interior and exterior recreational areas, parking areas and garbage facilities are maintained in a clean, hazard-free, and good working condition.

- 11.12. Where a Lodging Agreement provides that a Licensee will provide one or more meals to a Lodger, the Licensee shall ensure the following:
- 11.12.1. If the Licensee is the sole provider of meals for the Lodger, that the Lodger is offered:
 - 11.12.1.1. At least three (3) meals per day at reasonable and regular meal hours;
 - 11.12.1.2. A beverage between the morning and midday meals;
 - 11.12.1.3. A snack and a beverage between the midday and evening meals; and
 - 11.12.1.4. A snack and a beverage after the evening meal;
 - 11.12.2. That the Lodging House menus are consistent with the Canada Food Guide published by the Government of Canada;
 - 11.12.3. That the Lodger is informed of daily and weekly menu options with menus posted in one or more common areas of the Lodging House and that a record of each weekly menu be maintained for 30 days;
 - 11.12.4. That Lodgers are given sufficient time to eat at their own pace and accommodated if they are unable to eat during a regular meal period;
 - 11.12.5. That any Lodging House staff assisting the Lodger are aware of the Lodger's nutritional needs and any allergies; and
 - 11.12.6. That Lodging House staff monitor Lodgers during meal periods.
- 11.13. Every Licensee shall ensure that all areas of the Lodging House where food is prepared, processed, packaged, stored or served complies with the Health Protection and Promotion Act and its regulations and all other Applicable Law.
- 11.14. A Licensee shall ensure potable water is available for Lodgers at all times.
- 11.15. The Licensee shall provide a common dining room or rooms in the Lodging House with a minimum aggregate floor area that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for dining rooms prescribed by the Building Code.
- 11.16. The Licensee shall provide a common sitting room or rooms in the Lodging House with a minimum aggregate floor area that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for sitting rooms prescribed by the Building Code.
- 11.17. The Licensee shall provide Sanitary Facilities that are not adjacent or open to any dining room, kitchen, food preparation or service area or food storage room.
- 11.18. The Licensee shall provide at least one (1) Sanitary Facility for every four (4) Lodgers and shall ensure that the number of Sanitary Facilities in the Lodging House meets or exceeds the minimum requirements prescribed by the Building Code.
- 11.19. The Licensee shall provide an adequate supply of clean towels and customary toilet supplies for each Lodger and shall ensure that such items are provided without extra charge.
- 11.20. Every Private Room shall have a minimum area of not less than seven (7) square metres for a single occupancy and a minimum area of not less than

four point six (4.6) square metres per person for a double occupancy but in no case shall the minimum area be less than the minimum requirements for sleeping room sizes prescribed by the Building Code.

- 11.21. The Licensee shall ensure that every Private Room in the Lodging House meets the following requirements:
- 11.21.1. Every window and exterior door that is capable of being opened and that is accessible from outside the Private Room shall be equipped so that it can be secured from the inside;
 - 11.21.2. All doors to the Private Room shall be capable of being secured;
 - 11.21.3. At least one door to the Private Room shall be capable of being locked by the Lodger from outside the Private Room; and
 - 11.21.4. The Lodger(s) occupying the Private Room shall be provided with a key to any lock(s) used to secure the Private Room.
- 11.22. Where the Residential Tenancies Act applies to a Lodging House, the Licensee shall comply with the responsibilities of landlords as set out in the statute and each Lodger shall be entitled to the protections provided to tenants under the statute.
- 11.23. The Licensee shall not interfere with the provision of any medical care or service to a Lodger or obstruct any Health and Support Worker or Health Care Professional providing services to a Lodger.
- 11.24. The Licensee shall establish policies and procedures for the distribution of medication to Lodgers by Lodging House staff, which shall comply with Applicable Law, and shall ensure that staff do not distribute medication except in accordance with those policies and procedures and all Applicable Law.
- 11.25. The Licensee and any other Person(s) involved in the operation of the Lodging House shall not interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of the Lodging House by a Lodger in respect of guests and shall not:
- 11.25.1. Restrict, harass or interfere with short-term visitors or non-frequent guests;
 - 11.25.2. Impose visiting hours;
 - 11.25.3. Require a Lodger to notify the Licensee or any other Person(s) involved in the operation of the Lodging House of guests or request permission to have guests; or
 - 11.25.4. Charge a Lodger any fee or charge amounts otherwise payable by the Lodger for short-term visitors or non-frequent guests.
- 11.26. No Licensee or any staff of the Licensee or the Lodging House shall act as the Guardian for any Lodger.
- 11.27. The Licensee shall keep a record of any complaint made by a Lodger, the Guardian of a Lodger or any other Person in relation to any matter regulated under this By-law, which shall document the date, time and subject matter of the complaint, the identity of the complainant and the action taken by the Licensee in response to the complaint.
- 11.28. The Licensee shall maintain complaint records for not less than three (3) years and shall produce them to the City upon request.

- 11.29. Every Licensee shall provide and display a Plan for Fire Safety on the back of the door or visibly adjacent to the door/exit of every door in the facility.
- 11.30. Every Licensee shall mount all fire extinguishers in a visible, open location and not within any cupboard, cabinet, closet or other enclosure.
- 11.31. Every Licensee shall ensure that smoke alarms be installed in every bedroom and sleeping area.

12. Inspection Powers

- 12.1. An Officer is hereby authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, the premises in respect of which a licence has been issued, other than a Private Room, for the purposes of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not the following are being complied with:
 - 12.1.1. This by-law;
 - 12.1.2. A direction or order made under this By-law;
 - 12.1.3. A condition of a Licence issued under this By-law; and
 - 12.1.4. Order made under the Municipal Act.
- 12.2. Notwithstanding subsection 12.1, an Officer may enter a Private Room with the permission of the Lodger(s) identified in the Lodging Agreement for that Private Room.
- 12.3. For the purposes of an inspection under subsection 12.1 or 12.2, an Officer may:
 - 12.3.1. Require the production for inspection of documents or things relevant to the inspection;
 - 12.3.2. Inspect and remove documents or things relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making copies or extracts;
 - 12.3.3. Along or in conjunction with a person possessing special or expert knowledge, make examinations or take tests, samples or photographs necessary for the purpose of the inspection; and
 - 12.3.4. Require information from any persons concerning a matter relevant to the inspection
- 12.4. No person shall obstruct or hinder, or attempt to obstruct or hinder, an Officer in carrying out an inspection for the purposes of enforcing this By-law or in carrying out any work necessary to bring a Lodging House into compliance with this By-law.

13. Orders

- 13.1. Where an Officer believes on reasonable grounds that this By-law or a condition of a Licence is not being complied with, the Officer may make an Order requiring the Licensee to address the contravention(s) and bring the Lodging House into compliance within the time limits specified in the Order.
- 13.2. An Order made under subsection 13.1 of this By-law shall be posted in a prominent location at the Lodging House and shall further be sent by registered mail or e-mail to the address of the Licensee on file with the City. The Order shall be deemed served five (5) days after it is sent.
- 13.3. Where an Order made under subsection 13.1 of this By-law may result in

the loss of housing for one (1) or more Lodgers, the Clerk or an Officer shall notify Niagara Region Community Services of the Order so that Niagara Region Community Services may take any action it deems necessary in respect of the potential loss of housing.

- 13.4. Where a Licensee fails to comply with an Order issued under this By-law within the time prescribed in the Order, the City may carry out any work necessary to bring the Lodging House into compliance with the Order, which work shall be done at the expense of the Licensee.
- 13.5. Where any action is taken to bring a Lodging House into compliance with this By-law or where any items, materials or things are removed from any Lodging House pursuant to this By-law, the City shall not be liable to compensate the Licensee, Lodger(s) or any other Person by reason of anything done by or on behalf of the City in the reasonable exercise of its powers under this By-law.

14. Offences and Penalties

- 14.1. Every Person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to such penalties as provided for in the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Provincial Offences Act.
- 14.2. This By-law is designated as a by-law to which the Administrative (Non-Parking) Penalty By-law applies.
- 14.3. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law, when given a Penalty Notice in accordance with the City's Administrative (Non-Parking) Penalty By-Law, is liable to pay the City an administrative penalty in the amount specified in the City's Administrative (Non-Parking) Penalty By-Law, as amended from time-to-time.

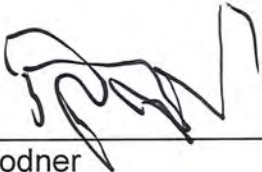
15. General

- 15.1. The short title of this By-law is the "Lodging House Licensing By-law".
- 15.2. If any provision of this By-law is found by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or inoperative, in whole or in part, the balance of the By-law shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.
- 15.3. If there is a conflict between a provision of this By-law and a provision of any other By-law of the City, the provision that establishes the higher standard shall prevail.
- 15.4. This By-law shall be read with all changes in number or gender as are required by context.
- 15.5. Any reference to legislation in this By-law includes the legislation and any amendment, replacement, subsequent enactment or consolidation of such legislation.
- 15.6. The Clerk is hereby authorized to affect any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, clerical, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature or kind to this By-law as are determined to be necessary.

16. Effective Date

16.1. This By-law shall come into force on the date that it is enacted.

Enacted and passed this 25th day of February, 2025.



Ron Bodner
Deputy Mayor



Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

99 Christie Lake Road, Perth, ON K7H 3C6

All Ontario Municipalities

2024.03.27

To Whom it May Concern:

On Wednesday March 12th, 2025 Lanark County Council passed the following motion:

MOTION #CC-2025-39

MOVED BY: P. McLaren

SECONDED BY: B. King

WHEREAS the United States has placed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods and 10% tariffs on energy exports from Canada; and

WHEREAS trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

WHEREAS according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario, municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

WHEREAS municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement of capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

NOW THEREFORE; be it resolved that Lanark County stand with Team Canada; and

THAT Lanark County shall immediately institute a "Buy Canadian" approach with routine and regular purchases within the mandate of existing trade agreements; and

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THAT Lanark County supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on measures they have put in-place in response to the U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods; and

THAT Lanark County requests that Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies; and

THAT Lanark County requests the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations:

- All Ontario Municipalities
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The local MP and MPP

Thank you,



Megan Beson, Deputy Clerk

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister, Scott Reid, MP, John Jordan, MPP

March 27, 2025

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Dear Hon. Mark Carney & Hon. Doug Ford:

Re: Proposed U.S. Tariffs

At their regular meeting of March 26, 2026, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

WHEREAS the Town of Pelham has received correspondence from the Township of Limerick, City of Port Colborne, City of Niagara Falls, Township of Central Frontenac, Champlain Township, Town of LaSalle, Town of Lincoln, Township of Selwyn, City of Toronto, Township of Puslinch, and East Ferris Municipality have submitted correspondence regarding U.S. Tariffs;

AND WHEREAS the President of the United States of America has imposed tariffs on Canadian products and has announced intentions to impose additional tariffs in April 2025;

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS the Town of Pelham's capital program for 2025 is valued at approximately 16 million dollars;

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

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

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

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 WHERE the Town of Pelham has received various motions from local municipalities supporting this initiative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Pelham supports the collective effort of all levels of government to strengthen the Canadian economy through local campaigns and initiatives;

AND THAT the Town of Pelham urges the federal and provincial governments to collaborate with municipalities on measures to protect the Canadian economy and eliminate interprovincial trade restrictions;

AND THAT the Town of Pelham calls on the federal and provincial governments to remove any restrictions preventing municipalities from refraining from purchasing from the United States should tariffs on Canadian goods persist;

AND THAT the Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations, along with a request to endorse the same or similar resolution:

- **Prime Minister of Canada**
- **Federal Party Leaders**
- **Premier of Ontario**

- **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
- **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
- **Niagara MP's and MPP's**
- **Niagara Region**
- **Local Area Municipalities**

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-980-6657.

Yours very truly,



Jodi Legros
Legislative Coordinator

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