
Mayoral Direction

Direction Number:	2025-01A
Date:	February 3, 2025
Subject:	Temporary Procurement Policy – Canada Goods First

In response to the recently imposed U.S. tariffs affecting Canadian goods and to support our local and national economy, it is in the City's best interest to adopt a procurement approach that prioritizes Canadian-made products and suppliers. Given the urgency of this matter, I am exercising the Strong Mayor Powers under the Municipal Act, 2001 to direct staff to investigate and immediately implement a Temporary Procurement Policy aligning with this objective.

Directive Effective immediately, I direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:

1. Develop and Implement a Temporary Procurement Policy
 - Ensure that all City procurement decisions prioritize Canadian-made goods and services wherever possible and in compliance with applicable trade agreements and legislation.
 - Identify key procurement categories that could be most impacted by U.S. tariffs and assess alternatives from Canadian suppliers.
 - Collaborate with the Procurement Division to operationalize this directive while maintaining fiscal responsibility and value for money.
2. Conduct a Legal Review
 - The Legal Division is to conduct an expedited review of the proposed policy to ensure alignment with applicable Ontario provincial legislation and regulations and any relevant trade agreements
 - Identify potential legal risks, compliance issues, and mitigation strategies.
 - Provide a summary of legal implications to Council for information.
3. Council Notification and Reporting
 - Prepare an information report to Council outlining the details of the Temporary Procurement Policy, including legal considerations, implementation measures, and potential financial impacts.
 - Ensure that Council remains informed of any challenges, trade implications, or necessary policy adjustments.



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This directive is to be actioned immediately, with progress reports to be noted as part of regular procurement reporting to council.

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Frank Campion
Mayor