



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, March 7, 2025

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of Welland City Council

**FROM:** Elizabeth Pankoff, CPA, MBA  
City Treasurer

**DATE:** March 7, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Borrowing Activities for 2024

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The Council approved by-law 2021-192 authorizing the temporary borrowing of up to \$9,000,000 to meet current and capital expenditures for the year. This by-law requires the treasurer to report annually to Council on the total amount borrowed, repaid, and outstanding by the municipality, pursuant to section 407 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Below is a summary of the total amount borrowed, repaid, and outstanding by the Municipality for the fiscal year 2024.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Amount Borrowed in 2024	\$0
Amount Repaid in 2024	\$0
Temporary Borrowing Balance Outstanding as of December 31, 2024	\$0
Interest Expense on Temporary Borrowing for fiscal 2024	\$0

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

**DATE:** March 7, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Lottery Licensing for Community Organizations

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As per By-law 1993-10057, charitable organizations must obtain lottery licensing approval from Council to conduct lottery events. The City Clerk, appointed as the licensing officer for the Corporation, oversees the review of licensing eligibility applications to ensure compliance with the guidelines set by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. Once eligibility is confirmed, a report was traditionally prepared for Council consideration. However, on March 19, 2024, Council passed a motion delegating authority to the City Clerk to approve lottery licensing requests for eligible organizations and to provide a memorandum be provided to council following approval.

The following organization has been granted approval for conducting lottery events within the City of Welland:

**Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation**

Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation is a non-profit organization located in Fonthill, Ontario, serving the communities of Pelham, Niagara Falls, and Welland. Offering a wide range of programs and services, free of charge and without the need for a referral, to individuals facing any type of cancer, at any stage of their journey. Founded in Toronto in 1992, Wellspring Niagara opened its doors in Fonthill in June 2001 with a mission to provide free social, emotional, psychological, informational, and spiritual support to individuals living with cancer, as well as their families and caregivers. Wellspring Niagara offers over 50 evidence-based programs, all delivered by qualified professionals, to help address the diverse needs of those affected by cancer.

**PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY  
AS OF MARCH 4, 2025**

<b>CLERKS REF. NO.</b>	<b>DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL</b>	<b>SUBJECT/ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS OF THE ITEM</b>	<b>COMMENTS/ COMPLETION INFORMATION</b>
02-85 16-26	Infrastructure Services	July 19, 2016	Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Quarter 4, 2024	
99-99	Community Services	May 3, 2016	Report regarding potential alternatives to expand the use of waterway by the general public. Defers Report R&C-2017-08: Public Consultation Process - 'Go Quiet By-law' & Alternative Uses of the Waterway to the General Committee meeting on September 26, 2017.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information.	
17-2	Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws	September 19, 2017	Refers back to staff for report regarding Section 8 Schedule 3 Food Vehicle, Section 7 Schedule 2 Food Premises and Exemption Section 10 Schedule 4 Hawker and Peddler from By-law 2011-173. Went to the May 15th Council Meeting to be deferred to staff for a report to a General Committee meeting.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Report coming back July 2024.	
09-152 18-2	Planning & Development Services and Fire Department	June 5, 2018	Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Fire and Planning to provide an update report in 2024.	

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19-28	Planning & Development Services	March 5, 2019	Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> To be brought to the Green Advisory Committee for consideration in 2024.</p>	
19-88	CAO	July 9, 2019	Create a "Downtown Vacancy Mitigation Action Plan" between the City, Business, Community and applicable stakeholders that addresses vacancy rates in our downtown areas.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> To be included in the upcoming Downtown Revitalization Strategy 2024 work.</p>	

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17-19	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation.	<b>Status:</b> Staff in process of drafting the guidelines.  <b>To Complete:</b>	
19-103	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Report on possible enhancements to the public notification process for Committee of Adjustment hearings. Went to the October 1, 2019 Council meeting requesting that subsequent report be provided outlining costs for the two options provided.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter in 2024	
08-48	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
19-94	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff matter regarding the petition from residents from 155 Gadsby Avenue, there be no change to the zoning, which is currently zoned as open space, in order to protect wild life.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time.	

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20-77	Infrastructure Services	June 16, 2020	WHEREAS due to the recent pandemic the City of Welland is not able to provide services that they normally would perform do to the safety of its employees; and further WHEREAS if residents did in fact require a service that is normally provided by the City, in this case being a sewer related service and had to act immediately and contact an outside contractor and in resolving the issue a fee was paid. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report to reimburse part or all of the fee paid by the owner (with guidelines similar to the rodent control program to be adhered to) and the amount be capped and for a certain period to time.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
20-106	Planning & Development Services	October 6, 2020	Signed petition from the residents of Caithness Drive regarding turning an established residential area from a single family homes to duplexes and refers this petition to Planning staff for review.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan in 2024.	
20-19	Planning & Development Services	October 20, 2020	Refers to staff for report the notice of motion regarding 113 Michael Drive, redesignates this area as Open Space and proceed with an RFP to have a park with playground equipment be installed at this location.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Approval for Park Development and will be amended to Open Space in the updated to the City's Official Plan.	



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20-82	Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review, under section 4.3.3.1 of the Official Plan, for the property outlined in Report P&B-2021-08 for an Employment Land conversion from Gateway Economic Centre to Agriculture.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan in 2024.	
21-58	CAO & Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Will be included in 2024 update to the Brownfield CIP.	
21-59	CAO & Economic Development	March 2, 2021	Report on a strategy to aggressively pursue the acquisition of seaway lands from the Federal government, to discuss with them an accelerated process to declare such lands surplus and enter into discussions for the acquisition of identified properties and review options for "lease to own" such lands until such time as they become available. Staff identify Seaway lands of interest and develop servicing plans and other strategies as may be required and further staff identify other lands within and/or adjacent to employment lands identified in Welland's official plan that would be strategic acquisitions for the purpose of industrial/employment use and see if owners are interested in selling those lands to the municipality. If they are not interested the city would not pursue expropriation. In relation to all of the above staff would prepare strategies and associated costs to service lands so that they would be "shovel ready".	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Update report to come in 2024 through Economic Development.	
06-156	Planning & Development Services	April 20, 2021	Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	

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21-92	Planning & Development Services	July 6, 2021	Report regarding petition by residents of Seaway Pointe Condominium at 330 Prince Charles Drive regarding parking space for the Evertrust Development at 350 Prince Charles Drives.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Applications were approved and building is currently under construction.	
07-144	Economic Development	January 31, 2023	Dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC) referred back to staff for further information.	<b>Status:</b> In process. <b>To Complete:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024.	
05-50	Planning & Development Services	March 7 & 28, 2023	Refers back to staff regarding changes to the Municipal Heritage Register from the Town of Grimsby and Report P&B-2023-06.	<b>Status:</b> In process <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
02-160	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Staff report re: having Council representation or staff on the Committee of Adjustment, Grants and Programs and Property Standards Committee.	<b>Status:</b> In process <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
22-152	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Develop content for residents, simplifying and explain the process to provide a better understanding for interested parties, and to freely provide these resources to members of the public by posing online on the City website.	<b>Status:</b> In Progress <b>To Complete:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024.	

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23-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 16, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-15: Cash In Lieu of parking Policy. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to consult with the development community and public with regards to the proposed Cash-In-Lieu Parking By-law with a final By-law for consideration.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-79	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-22 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 368 Aqueduct Street and 155 Gadsby Avenue.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.	
22-137	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-20 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 50 Bruce Street.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. Went to CW on April 23/24.	
02-160	CAO	September 5, 2023	Refers back to staff notice of motion re: shall be notified in camera if any entity including but not limited to committees, commissions, agencies or boards that the city funds, or approves members or places members of council on, if this entity experiences any litigation involving its members.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council.	<b>Status:</b> In progress. <b>To Complete:</b>	

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23-122	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Notice of Motion regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report recommendation #57.	<b>Status:</b> City Clerk is exploring training opportunities. <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-121	Engineering Division/Planning Division	November 21, 2023	Report to increase the funding for SWAP Program to soften costs to the homeowner.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	ENG-2025-05 February 18, 2025
23-28	Community Services	December 19, 2023	Presentation re: Crimestoppers Program and refers matter to staff for report.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
99-99	Community Services	January 9, 2024	Prepare a report in regards to creating and allowing family caping along the west side of the former Welland Canal.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
23-22	Infrastructure Services	January 9, 2024	Report that would address parking at Chippawa Park from the pavilion on First Avenue north to Laughlin Avenue on the park property which is currently grass/open space similar to Bugar Park.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
24-36	Planning & Development Services	March 19, 2024	Petition from residents of the City of Welland opposing the planning application for the zoning at 44 Heron Street.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
23-29	Clerk's Division	April 9, 2024	Staff to prepare a report for Council to consider a "Councillor Information Report".	<b>Status:</b> Complete. <b>To Complete:</b>	CLK-2025-02 February 18, 2025

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	April 23, 2024	Report to consider amending the City's Zoning By-law 2017-117 to include a requirement for visitor parking, as well as reviewing the parking requirements spaces per dwelling units in the surrounding municipalities.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-121	Infrastructure Services	May 7, 2024	Refers back to staff Report ENG-2024-13: Increasing Sewage Water Alleviation Program (SWAP) Grant Allocations.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	ENG-2025-05 February 18, 2025
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 14, 2024	Directs staff to create a report on increasing the maximum yearly eligible amount per resident under the Roden Rebate program.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	July 9, 2024	Refers back to staff Report TRAF-2024-07: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 for investigation of removing the bicycle lanes and having parking only on one side.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
05-51	Finances Division	July 30, 2024	Refers back to staff Report FIN-2024-18: Purchasing Policy Update.	<u>Status:</u> Completed <u>To Complete:</u>	FIN-2024-26 October 29, 2024
02-160	Clerk's Division	August 13, 2024	Code of conduct for members of Council Section 4.1 – Staff report back to Council on the working of this section in regards to its contradictory nature and how it would apply to freedom of expression and communicating individual councillors political positions to constituents.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete</u>	
24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to have sidewalks installed on South Pelham Road between Foss and Thorold Roads.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Refer to staff petition from residents of Coyle Creek Park opposing implementing the buffer zone around the perimeter of the pond.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff to provide a comprehensive report regarding the storm management pond at Coyle Creek. Report detail the city's responsibility and history to the maintenance of the surrounding park like setting over the past 10 years.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 10, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to discuss road upgrades on South Pelham between Webber Street and Thorold Road..	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-19	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2024	Staff to prepare a policy in conjunction with the Green Advisory Committee, in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 270(1)-7 The manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality for Council's review and approval and that this policy be incorporated into the Official Plan being revised for 2024.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-90	Community Services	October 22, 2024	Refer back to staff Report CS-2024-16: Neighbourhood Association Policy Options from the General Committee Meeting of October 22, 2024.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-160	Human Resources Services	October 29, 2024	Directs staff to seek legal advice and report to Council for employment matters within Policy HR 005 to align with the authority that Council maintains outside of the strong mayor powers under the Municipal Act 284.6 by Dec 10th, 2024.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
08-48	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	October 29, 2024	Directs staff to conduct a study and report back on potential regulations for nuisance lighting between residential properties.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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21-30	Planning & Development Services	November 26, 2024	Refers back to staff the notice of motion regarding increases in the number of encampments near public, private and business properties.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-30	Planning & Development Services	December 10, 2024	Refers Report PB-2024-30: 184 Denistoun Street – Proposed Niagara Regional Housing Project back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	December 10, 2024	Report TRAF-2024-09: Updates to the Parking By-laws: Administrative Penalties, Parking Permits, Private Property and Fire Route Enforcement back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	TRAF-2025-01 February 18, 2025
24-101	Community Services/ Infrastructure Services	December 10, 2024	Directs staff to coordinate with the Legion and explore potential funding partners to develop a suitable design and identify an appropriate location for the installation of a Veterans' Memorial Sidewalk and Benches.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	December 17, 2024	Prepare a report for a signalized school crossing on First Avenue for Quaker Road School. Report to include costs and location.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-160	Human Resources Services/Clerks' Division	January 14, 2025	Prepare a report as to why Councillor DiMarco has not been attending council meetings in person in council chambers for a legal opinion.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	CLK-2025-04 February 18, 2025



02-160/ 24-14	Clerk's Division	January 14, 2025	Directs staff to conduct a ward boundary review.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-47	Infrastructure Services	February 4, 2025	Refers Report ENG-2025-06: Humberstone Landfill Host Municipality Compensation Agreement back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-160	Infrastructure Services	February 18, 2025	Directs staff to publish a report on this matter in open session to provide transparency and accurate information, as per the direction of the Notice of Motion, and supported by the legal opinion attached to this report.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	



March 4, 2025

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**Re: Tariffs on Canadian Production**

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Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 25, 2025 passed the following resolution:

**40/25**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Whereas the recent threats of an imposition on tariffs on Canadian production will have a substantial effect on the items produced in the County of Essex and purchased in the Town of LaSalle;

And Whereas there has only been a 30-day reprieve granted;

And Whereas, a tariff on Canadian steel and aluminum has been threatened;

And Whereas, these tariffs were going to be applied by another country and therefore can be deemed as being external to the Province and Country;

And Whereas, the interprovincial trade has been deemed by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) to represent 18% of Canada's GDP.

And Whereas, the CFIP released a report that said removing interprovincial barriers could boost the economy by up to \$200 billion annually;

And Whereas, items produced, grown, and manufactured in Essex County are sent across Canada;

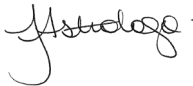
And Whereas, persons in the Town of LaSalle purchase goods manufactured in many provinces and from across the country, and these goods are in many cases subject to interprovincial barriers.

Be It Resolved that, the Town of LaSalle calls upon both the Provincial and Federal Governments to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers to ensure that items produced in the County of Essex and that Canadian items purchased in the Town of LaSalle are no longer subject to these interprovincial trade barriers.

**Carried.**

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,



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Director of Council Services/Clerk  
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All Ontario Municipalities

Township of Champlain

Resolution  
Regular Council Meeting

**Agenda Number:** 15.3.  
**Resolution Number** 2025-071  
**Title:** Canada Metal Processing Group - Announcement on steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on the steel sector  
**Date:** February 27, 2025

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**Moved By:** Paul Emile Duval  
**Seconded By:** Michel Lalonde

**Whereas** maintaining a healthy domestic steel manufacturing industry and its customer base, who transform steel into steel products, is critical to the economic stability of an independent and autonomous sovereign nation; and

**Whereas** Steel is a foundational industry to produce core products and infrastructure for essential industries e.g., defence, energy supply both fossil fuels and green energy, majority of industrial manufacturing e.g., automotive, transport, heavy equipment and essential for housing and infrastructure construction; and

**Whereas** the Heico Companies' Canada Metal Processing Group ("MPG Canada") operates three businesses (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco) over 6 manufacturing sites in Quebec and Ontario and employs approximately 1600 individuals. The organization operates a state-of-the-art electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant and billet caster, a two-strand rod mill, a rod processing facility, two wire mills, a bolt manufacturing facility, a nut manufacturing facility and a steel fastener coating facility. MPG Canada strives to offer the best customer experience by delivering high-value and sustainably engineered steel products across North America; and

**Whereas**, in the face of U.S. tariff threats, and as the Canadian Steel Producer Association (CSPA) members have been advocating, MPG Canada calls on the Canadian government to be prepared to react quickly to safeguard the long-term viability of Canadian steel product manufacturers, and the collective job security of its employees.

**Be it resolved that** the Township of Champlain supports The Canada Metal Processing Group ("MPG Canada") in its request to the Canadian Government to immediately:

- Prepare to implement matching retaliatory tariff measures without any consultation delay;
- Provide support for workers and businesses during this economic crisis;
- Prevent the ever-increasing unfairly traded imports from other countries into Canada and protect the domestic industry by instituting broad Section 53 surtaxes, without any possible exemptions;
- Promote buying Canadian steel, with its much lower carbon intensity than imports; and
- Work in collaboration with the U.S. to create an aligned North American steel trade market for melted and poured North American steel.

**Be it further resolved that** this Resolution be circulated to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada),
- The Hon. Melanie Joly (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada),
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Canada),
- Premier of Ontario,
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),

- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA),
- Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus,
- The Hon. Francis Drouin, MP - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP – Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- The Canadian Steel Producer Association,• MPG Canada,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and
- All of Ontario's municipalities.

**Carried**

Certified True Copy of Resolution

**Alison Collard**   
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Alison Collard, Clerk

Date:

Canton de Champlain  
Résolution  
Réunion régulière du Conseil

**No. du point à l'ordre du jour:** 15.3.  
**No. du point** 2025-071  
**Titre:** Canada Metal Processing Group - Annonce des mesures à prendre pour répondre aux menaces tarifaires américaines sur le secteur de l'acier  
**Date:** le 27 février 2025

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**Proposée par:** Paul Emile Duval

**Appuyée par:** Michel Lalonde

**Attendu que** le maintien d'une industrie sidérurgique nationale saine et de sa clientèle, qui transforme l'acier en produits sidérurgiques, est essentiel à la stabilité économique d'une nation souveraine indépendante et autonome ; et

**Attendu que** l'acier est une industrie fondamentale pour la production de produits de base et d'infrastructures pour des industries essentielles telles que la défense, l'approvisionnement en énergie, qu'il s'agisse de combustibles fossiles ou d'énergie verte, la majorité des industries manufacturières telles que l'automobile, le transport, l'équipement lourd, ainsi que la construction de logements et d'infrastructures ; et

**Attendu que** le Groupe de transformation des métaux Canada ( « MPG Canada ») de Heico Companies exploite trois entreprises ( Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco et Infasco) sur six sites de fabrication au Québec et en Ontario et qu'il emploie environ 1 600 personnes. L'organisation exploite une aciérie à four électrique à arc (FEA) ultramoderne et une coulée de billettes, un laminoir à barres à deux brins, une installation de traitement des barres, deux laminoirs à fil, une installation de fabrication de boulons, une installation de fabrication d'écrous et une installation de revêtement d'attaches en acier. MPG Canada s'efforce d'offrir la meilleure expérience à ses clients en livrant des produits sidérurgiques de grande valeur et de conception durable dans toute l'Amérique du Nord ; et

**Attendu que**, face aux menaces de tarifs américains, et comme les membres de l'Association canadienne des producteurs d'acier (ACPA) l'ont préconisé, MPG Canada demande au gouvernement canadien d'être prêt à réagir rapidement pour protéger la viabilité à long terme des fabricants canadiens de produits d'acier et la sécurité d'emploi collective de ses employés.

**Qu'il soit résolu que** le Canton de Champlain appuie le Canada Metal Processing Group (« MPG Canada ») dans sa demande au gouvernement canadien de réagir immédiatement :

- Se préparer à mettre en œuvre des mesures tarifaires de rétorsion correspondantes sans délai de consultation ;
- Soutenir les travailleurs et les entreprises pendant cette crise économique ;
- Empêcher l'augmentation constante des importations déloyales d'autres pays vers le Canada et protéger l'industrie nationale en instituant de larges surtaxes au titre de l'article 53, sans aucune exemption possible ;
- Promouvoir l'achat d'acier canadien, dont l'intensité en carbone est bien inférieure à celle des importations ; et
- Travailler en collaboration avec les États-Unis pour créer un marché nord-américain aligné pour l'acier nord-américain fondu et coulé.

**De plus, qu'il soit résolu que** la présente résolution soit diffusée auprès de :

- Le très honorable Justin Trudeau (Premier ministre du Canada),
- L'honorable Mélanie Joly (ministre des Affaires étrangères Canada),
- L'honorable Nate Erskine-Smith (ministre du Logement, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités Canada),
- le premier ministre de l'Ontario,
- Le ministre du Développement économique, de la Création d'emplois et du Commerce de l'Ontario,
- le ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement de l'Ontario,

- Fédération canadienne des municipalités (FCM),
- Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO),
- l'Association des municipalités rurales de l'Ontario (ROMA),
- le Caucus des gardiens de l'Est de l'Ontario,
- L'honorable Francis Drouin, député de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- Membre du Parlement provincial, MPP - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- L'Association canadienne des producteurs d'acier,
- MPG Canada,
- L'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario, et
- Toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario

**Adoptée**

Copie certifiée conforme

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Alison Collard, greffière      Date :

**Source:** Canada Metal Processing Group

February 24, 2025 10:32 ET

## **Canada Metal Processing Group announces steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on steel sector**

BROSSARD, Quebec, Feb. 24, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Canada Metal Processing Group (MPG Canada) and its subsidiaries, Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco, are announcing the difficult but necessary steps to respond to the current challenging market environment and the threat of incoming tariffs from the United States on steel and steel derivatives. These measures will help maintain the majority of MPG Canada's footprint and workforce while reacting to the impact that these threats are already having on the company's demand for its products destined directly and indirectly, via our Canadian customers, to U.S. customers.

In light of lower anticipated demand and production volume, due to U.S. tariff threats and trade challenges in Canada with increasing imports, the measures include a workforce reduction of 140 production and office employees in Ontario and Quebec, implementation of cost savings actions, and the cancellation or pause of some projects. These steps will enable MPG Canada to remain competitive to service our customers and protect the business in the short-term.

"This was an extremely difficult decision for our company, and not one that was made lightly, but necessary for the business in the current environment," said MPG Canada President Matt Walker. "Our employees are the backbone of our operations. They work hard, day in and day out, to create steel products which are recognized for their quality and good customer service while being an integral part of the Canada-U.S. supply chain."

Soft market in 2024, weak North American macroeconomic demand linked to a U.S. election year, the increased challenge of unfair trade imports into Canada, and now the imminent threat of 25% U.S. tariffs on steel sector and 25% on all Canadian products into the U.S., are having serious impacts on the demand for MPG Canada products.

"While it is impossible at this juncture to predict how long these actions by the United States will last, the Canadian government must be prepared to react quickly to safeguard the long-term viability of Canadian steel product manufacturers, and the collective job security of our employees," said Walker. "Maintaining a healthy domestic steel manufacturing industry and their customer base, who transform steel to steel products, is critical to the economic stability of an independent and autonomous sovereign nation. Steel is a foundational industry to produce core products and infrastructure for essential industries e.g., defence, energy supply both fossil fuels and green energy, majority of industrial manufacturing e.g., automotive, transport, heavy equipment and essential for housing and infrastructure construction."

In the face of U.S. tariff threats, and as the Canadian Steel Producer Association (CSPA) members have been advocating, MPG Canada calls on the Canadian government to immediately:

- Prepare to implement matching retaliatory tariff measures without any consultation delay.
- Provide support for workers and businesses during this economic crisis.
- Prevent the ever-increasing unfairly traded imports from other countries into Canada and protect the domestic industry by instituting broad Section 53 surtaxes, without any possible exemptions.



- Promote buying Canadian steel, with its much lower carbon intensity than imports.
- Work in collaboration with the U.S. to create an aligned North American steel trade market for melted and poured North American steel

### **About Canada Metal Processing Group**

The Heico Companies' Canada Metal Processing Group operates three businesses (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco) over 6 manufacturing sites in Quebec and Ontario and employs approximately 1600 individuals. The organization operates a state-of-the-art electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant and billet caster, a two-strand rod mill, a rod processing facility, two wire mills, a bolt manufacturing facility, a nut manufacturing facility and a steel fastener coating facility. Canada Metal Processing Group strives to offer the best customer experience by delivering high-value and sustainably engineered steel products across North America.

### **For media inquiries, please contact:**

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March 4, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Fort Frances Re: Sovereignty of Canada**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from the Town of Fort Frances, regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

Ec: Premier Doug Ford  
The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities



FORTFRANCES

## RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2025

Oral Motion

**“THAT Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.”**

*Moved by Wendy Brunetta, Seconded by Steven Maki, Motion Carried by Council.*

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

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

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.



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February 27, 2025

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The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Sylvia Jones:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Fort Erie Re: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy.

Please find the correspondence attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

ec: Niagara Region MPP's

- Wayne Gates
- Jennie Stevens
- Jeff Burch
- Sam Oosterhoff

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Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
All Ontario Municipalities



FORTFRANCES

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Monday, February 10, 2025

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City Clerk's Office

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Ref.: 25-MM26.7**


(Sent by Email)

February 28, 2025

**ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:****Subject: Member Motion Item 26.7  
Creation of a City of Toronto "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" Campaign - by  
Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie (Ward All)**

City Council on February 5, 2025, adopted [Item MM26.7](#) as amended and, in so doing, has forwarded the Item to all Ontario municipalities and encouraged them to join Toronto in a "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign.

Yours sincerely,



for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/mp

Attachment

c. City Manager

## City Council

### Member Motions - Meeting 26

MM26.7	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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### **Creation of a City of Toronto “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” Campaign - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie**

#### **City Council Decision**

City Council on February 5, 2025, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the City Manager, and relevant Divisions to develop a comprehensive, multifaceted “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” campaign in response to the potential 25-percent tariffs announced by the Trump Administration, such campaign to encourage Toronto residents and businesses to join the City of Toronto's divisions and its agencies and corporations in purchasing locally made Canadian goods and services in order to protect local jobs in Toronto and Ontario where the proposed punitive tariffs would result in hundreds of thousands of job losses if imposed on Canada.
2. City Council direct the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Manager, in consultation with the Chief Procurement Officer and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, to accelerate the development of local procurement approaches as set out in Sidewalks to Skylines: A Ten-Year Action Plan for Toronto’s Economy to strengthen local businesses and protect local jobs.
3. City Council request the Federal Government to develop a standard recognizable label to be placed on all Canadian goods in clear, readable fonts that clearly shows percentages of Canadian content and any and all foreign content.
4. City Council forward the Item to all Ontario municipalities and encourage them to join Toronto in a “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” campaign.

#### **City Council Decision Advice and Other Information**

City Council considered the following Items together:

MM26.7 headed “Creation of a City of Toronto “Buy Local, Buy Canadian” Campaign - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie”; and

MM26.13 headed “Affirming Our Canadian Independence - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti”.

#### **Summary**

With recent threats from President Donald Trump to impose a 25 percent tariff on Canadian products and services, it is important that municipalities, businesses, and residents across Canada stand up for our country, our economy, and our businesses.

The City of Toronto, Canada's largest municipality, has an opportunity to encourage residents, businesses, and cities across Canada to create and participate in a "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign to ensure that we support local products, local businesses, and local growth.

This motion requests that the City Manager and relevant City Divisions develop a comprehensive "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" campaign that will encourage spending to further develop our own local economies through the purchasing of local goods and services when available.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM26.7

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-252857.pdf>

### **Communications (City Council)**

(February 2, 2025) E-mail from George Bell (MM.Supp)





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March 5, 2025

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RE: Resolution No. 2025-051 – Federal and Provincial Call to Action to Buy Canadian

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 20, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2025-051:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That the Consent Agenda items 6.8 and 6.9 listed for FEBRUARY 20, 2025 Council meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas United States President Donald Trump, continues to indicate that he will issue executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada; and**

**Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and**

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

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



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

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

**Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and**

**That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and**

**That council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and**

**That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

February 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Via fax

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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Via email

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**Re: United States Imposition of Tariffs on Canada**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover, at their regular meeting of February 3, 2025, adopted the following resolution with respect to the above noted matter:

“Whereas United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective February 4, 2025; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

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

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Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Hanover endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

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That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Vicki McDonald  
Clerk

/tp

cc: Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
All Ontario Municipalities

January 29, 2025

All Municipalities in Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Sovereignty of Canada**

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding Sovereignty of Canada.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0010.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation



THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

**Resolution No.:** 2025-0010

**Title:** Sovereignty of Canada

**Date:** January 20, 2025

**Moved by:** Councillor D. Keene

**Seconded by:** Councillor J. Brass

**Item No. 12.2**

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WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada’s Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

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

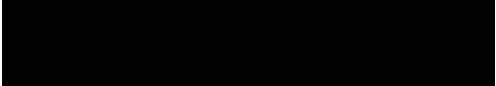
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Mayor Ann Lawlor

February 26, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford,  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

EMAIL: [Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of  
Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 25, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council endorses the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron requesting the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and MPP Thompson.
3. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.



If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Grant Bivol', written in a cursive style.

Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk

c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - [Michael.Ford@ontario.ca](mailto:Michael.Ford@ontario.ca)  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)  
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All 444 Municipalities of Ontario

March 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
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**Re: Carbon Tax**

Dear Prime Minister,

At the meeting of Sarnia City Council held on March 3, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

***That given the advent of the US tariffs and the economic impact on Canadians it is even more critical at this time to petition our own Federal liberal government to put a stop the 20 percent increase to the carbon tax scheduled to be implemented April 1, 2025. The vast majority of Canadians do not support the carbon tax, and the timing could not be worse for the impact to our citizens; and***

***That the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, his Cabinet, Leaders of Opposition, our MP, and All Ontario Municipalities.***

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,



Amy Burkhart  
City Clerk

Cc: Cabinet Ministers  
The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, M.P.  
The Honourable Marilyn Gladu, M.P.  
All Ontario Municipalities



February 28, 2025

Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

At the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls Council meeting held on February 25, 2025, the Niagara Falls City Council approved a Resolution in support of the letter received from the City of St. Catharines dated February 19, 2025, regarding the calls to the Provincial and Federal Governments to protect businesses impacted by potential Tarrifs.

**THAT the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls Council hereby receives and supports the letter dated February 19, 2025 by the City of St. Catharines pertaining to calls to the Provincial and Federal Governments to protect businesses impacted by potential Tarrifs.**

Attached, please find a copy of the City of Niagara Falls' Resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Matson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bill Matson  
City Clerk

cc.  
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Local Area Municipalities



**The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario**

**Resolution**

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**No. 9**

**Moved by: Councillor Pietrangelo**

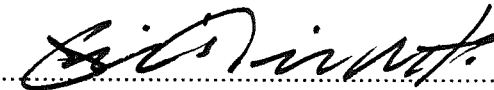
**Seconded by: Councillor Dabrowski**

Re: City of St. Catharines – Calls to the Provincial and Federal Governments to protect businesses impacted by potential Tariffs.

**THAT** the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls Council hereby receives and supports the letter dated February 19, 2025 from the City of St. Catharines, regarding Calls to the Provincial and Federal Governments to protect businesses impacted by potential Tarrifs.

**AND The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed. CARRIED**

  
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WILLIAM G. MATSON, CITY CLERK

  
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JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

February 19, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Tariffs  
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

At its meeting held on February 10, 2025, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS at the Niagara borders, 9.1 million people crossed into the US from Canada, and 9.3 million people crossed from the US into Canada; and

WHEREAS a total of \$119.5 billion in goods transited the borders in Niagara: \$57.8 billion were exports to the US, and \$61.6 billion were imports to Canada; and

WHEREAS Niagara borders with the US accounted for 11.4% of total goods traded between Canada and the US; and

WHEREAS Premier Doug Ford has stated the proposed tariffs could cost Ontario 500,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS Ontario's upcoming Fortress Am-Can plan aims to bolster trade between Ontario and the U.S., highlighting key priorities such as national security, creating integrated and secure electricity grids, developing critical mineral supply chains, and advancing manufacturing supply chains and increased employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS the federal government has created the Canada-US Relations Council to assist in addressing potential U.S. tariffs, with representatives from the auto sector, unions, industry, and agriculture included; and

WHEREAS in 2023, 532 businesses in Niagara exported \$5.9 billion in goods to the US, and the US market accounts for 72% of total exports from Niagara

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businesses, and in the City of St. Catharines, over 250 exporters and nearly 9,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines is a member of the Great lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, a growing coalition of more than 250 bi-national mayors, who continues to demonstrate how vital the marine economy to our city's, our region and our province; and

WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been restricted by trade agreements from giving preference to "Buy Canadian" initiatives; and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines is actively working with local businesses and the Niagara Region to assess the potential impacts of the proposed U.S. tariffs and to develop strategies aimed at strengthening the local economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council calls on the provincial and federal governments to continue to work together on a response that protects the Canadian economy through measures such as financial aid programs for businesses impacted by tariffs, expanding export opportunities outside of the US market, push for exemptions and tariff reductions via diplomatic channels, and support domestic investment by increasing incentives for domestic automotive and EV production to preserve Ontario's competitive edge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council endorses and supports the Ontario government's Fortress Am-Can and request that all municipal organizations and mayors across the province also support this initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council asks the federal and provincial governments to remove any impediments to municipalities preferentially procuring from Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Honourable Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Josh Morgan, Chair, Big City Mayors' Caucus and Mayor of London
- Marianne Mead Ward, Chair, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayor of Burlington
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport

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- Karen Redman, Chair, MARCO and Chair, Regional Municipality of Waterloo
- Niagara Region Municipalities
- Niagara Region MPPs
- Niagara Region MPs

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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cc: Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford  
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Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Honourable Vic Fedeli  
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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Paul Calandra  
Chair, Big City Mayors' Caucus and Mayor of London, Josh Morgan  
Chair, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayor of Burlington, Marianne Mead Ward  
President, AMO and Mayor of Westport, Robin Jones  
Chair, MARCO and Chair, Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Karen Redman  
Niagara Region Municipalities  
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**RE: Negotiations on Trade Tarriffs**

**February 27, 2025**

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

At the Council Meeting held on February 19, 2025, Limerick Township Council approved Council Resolution 008-2025, supporting the letter submitted by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus regarding negotiations on Trade Tarriff's.

**Motion008-2025**

Moved by Councillor Shawn Pack  
Seconded by Councillor Jan MacKillican

THAT Council for the Township of Limerick hereby supports the letter dated February 10, 2025 by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, regarding the Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tarriffs;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution 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 Mayors' Caucus

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- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at [clerk@township.limerick.on.ca](mailto:clerk@township.limerick.on.ca) or by phone at 613-474-2863.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Tisdale".

Victoria Tisdale

Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Limerick

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**Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs**

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**Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville  
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County**

**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 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 for capital and infrastructure programs; and

**Whereas** there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus** supports the Canadian and Ontario 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 ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

**And that** 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 that** the Canadian and Ontario governments 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 governments continue 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:**

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- 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
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- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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**Carried**



**Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC**

**February 10, 2025**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS  
RESOLUTION**

**Regular Meeting**

**Resolution:** 2025-28  
**Date:** February 12, 2025

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**Moved By:** Councillor Lennox  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Annable

**THAT the Council of the Township of North Dundas supports resolution No. 254/2024 from the Township of South Stormont passed on December 18, 2024 requesting that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead; AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support, as well as the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.**

**Carried**

Good day,

Please be advised that Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on December 18, 2024:

**Resolution No.: 254/2024**

**Moved By: Councillor Reid McIntyre**

**Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer MacIsaac**

**Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;  
And whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;  
And whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums; preventing car crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of South Stormont requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead;  
And further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support, as well as the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.  
Result: CARRIED**

Kind regards,



**Ashley Sloan, AMP**

Deputy Clerk

Marriage Officiant

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February 28, 2025

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Honourable and Dear Sir and Madam,

**Re: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy**

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

**THAT the resolution adopted by the Town of Fort Erie adopted at its Special Council meeting of February 11, 2025 pertaining to Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy, be received and supported.**

Attached, please find a copy of the City of Niagara Falls' resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Matson  
City Clerk

cc.  
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Local Area Municipalities



**The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario**

**Resolution**

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**No. 7**

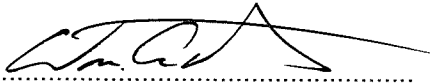
**Moved by: Councillor Lococo**

**Seconded by: Councillor Patel**

Re: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy

**THAT** the resolution adopted by the Town of Fort Erie adopted at its Special Council meeting of February 11, 2025 pertaining to "Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy, be received and supported.

**AND The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed.      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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WILLIAM G. MATSON, CITY CLERK

  
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JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR



## Legal and Legislative Services

February 12, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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The Honourable Sylvia Jones,  
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Honourable and Dear Sir and Madam:

**Re: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Special Council meeting of February 11, 2025 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie submitted a letter to the Minister of Health dated August 7, 2024, advocating for the continuation of the Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre as a primary care safety net in the community, which has not received a response, and

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario has appointed Dr. Philpott as the Chair of the New Primary Care Action Team to develop a strategy to address the shortage of primary care physicians with a mandate to attach all Ontarians to primary care in the next five years (2030), and

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie has a population of 36,000 residents, with over 8,000 who are unattached to a primary care physician, demonstrating a need for a primary care safety net locally, and

**Whereas** the Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre provides a first point of contact with our health care system for Niagara residents without a primary care physician, which will continue beyond the opening of the South Niagara Hospital in 2028, and

**Whereas** the Council for the Town of Fort Erie passed a resolution on October 21, 2024 requesting a continuation of funding for Douglas Memorial operations, without reduction of any funding to Niagara Health for construction and operation of the new South Niagara Hospital, and that the Premier support that resolution, and

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Office of the Mayor  
WAYNE H. REDEKOP

August 7, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones,  
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Honourable and Dear Madam:

**Re: Urgent Care Centre, Fort Erie**

I appreciate the challenges that you and your Ministry face as you endeavour to ensure that every resident of Ontario has timely, effective and meaningful access to primary health care. I also appreciate the interest that you have taken in the specific issues that challenge us in Fort Erie as we attempt to establish a model that will address the need of our residents to access primary care.

The Town of Fort Erie Council recently passed a resolution calling on you and Niagara Health for a commitment to continue the operation of the Urgent Care Centre at Douglas Memorial, in Fort Erie, following the opening of the South Niagara Hospital as our primary care safety net until a viable and sustainable alternative is in place in the community. I attach a copy of that resolution. This resolution has also been supported by the City of Niagara Falls, the City of Port Colborne and the Niagara Region.

The Town administration has been working with local family physicians, other health care providers, Bridges (the local Community Health Centre), the Indigenous community, Niagara Health, the Niagara Ontario Health Team and Ontario Health West to identify the specific service needs of our residents, the resources that we can rely on to meet our residents' needs and establish the model that will ensure that the primary health care, diagnostic and associated services are in place for the long term. As the community continues to grow, the Town is taking necessary steps to ensure that all residents will be rostered with a family physician, including continued support for a local Physician Recruitment Incentive program. As you can imagine, this is a significant investment and a moving target that is elusive for municipalities across Ontario. Fort Erie estimates that over 7,000 residents are unattached to a primary care physician and all of our 34,000 residents rely on the Urgent Care for primary care health issues. Hence the absolute importance of the Urgent Care Centre at Douglas Memorial continue its operation as our primary care safety net.

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In July 2023, Niagara Health reduced the hours of operation of the UCC in Fort Erie (and Port Colborne) from 24 hours to essentially 10 hours (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.). This has jeopardized the access to primary care not only of unrostered patients, but for all residents of our community after available family physician working hours. The implications seem predictable: greater pressure on the Emergency Departments in Niagara Falls and Welland, lower acuity health issues using Emergency and EMS as a first point of contact, greater demand on Emergency Medical Services and offload delay pressures, delayed medical attention by those with transportation or other logistical challenges which make it difficult to seek medical service at a distance. All of these have financial impacts that erode the ability of the hospital system to provide the services required by residents. I believe that it is unlikely that the new South Niagara hospital will eliminate these concerns.

Insofar as Niagara Health is responsible for the operation of our UCC at Douglas Memorial, we understand the need to maintain a fruitful working relationship with it. Accordingly, NH has participated in our Community Health Care Services Committee and in meetings with other health care providers as we search for the model for primary care that will meet our community's needs. Regretfully, NH has recently decided that it will no longer participate in the committee or any meetings in which the Town of Fort Erie is represented for reasons best known to it. Furthermore, it removed the invitation to Fort Erie's Chief Administrative Officer and Health Services Coordinator to attend a recent meeting (Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>) with Ministry representatives, Ontario Health West, Niagara Health, the Niagara OHT and other health service partners, without an explanation to the attendees. This was very embarrassing and concerning to us and brings into question NH's ability to gain public trust and confidence as our publicly funded hospital, but more significantly, it raises community concern about its ability to understand the dynamic between operation of the UCC and our quest to find a long-term primary care solution for our residents.

We look forward to your consideration to commit to the continuation of the Urgent Care Centre beyond 2028, as our primary care safety net or until a viable and sustainable alternative is in place.

Yours very truly,



Wayne H. Redekop  
Mayor

WHR:dlk

Attach

c.c C. McQueen, Chief Administrative Officer

**Town of Fort Erie - Resolutions  
Regular Council**

**Agenda Number:** 16.2.  
**Resolution No.** 14  
**Title:** Councillor McDermott  
**Date:** Monday, May 27, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor McDermott  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Christensen

**Whereas** Niagara Health has received approval from the Provincial Government to build a new South Niagara Hospital in Niagara Falls that will provide a range of emergency and acute care services, and  
**Whereas** the shortage of primary care physicians in Fort Erie results in over 7,000 residents being unattached (unrostered) to a family physician, and

**Whereas** the Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre at Niagara Health's Douglas Memorial site provides a primary care "safety net" for the community and serves as a first point of health care contact for both attached and unattached residents who cannot receive time-sensitive primary health care, and

**Whereas** the Provincial Government is attempting to reduce EMS offload delays and eliminate hallway medicine arising from low acuity patients who would be better served by primary care physicians or an Urgent Care Centre providing access to the primary care "safety net", and

**Whereas** the viability of the health care and hospital systems in Niagara are dependent on all residents having time-sensitive access to primary health care;

**Now therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Town of Fort Erie advocate to the Minister of Health and Niagara Health for a commitment to continue the operation of Urgent Care Centre at Douglas Memorial in Fort Erie following the opening of the South Niagara Hospital as the primary care safety net until a viable and sustainable alternative is in place in the community, and further

**That:** This resolution be sent to the Niagara Region and Niagara's local area municipalities for their support and endorsement.

**Carried**



# Legal and Legislative Services

October 22, 2024

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Honourable and Dear Sir and Madam:

**Re: Request Provincial Funding Remain Available to Support Fort Erie’s Primary Care Initiative**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Council meeting of October 21, 2024 unanimously passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Douglas Memorial Hospital was built primarily with funds left by the estate of William Douglas on his death in 1929; and

**Whereas** the Douglas Memorial Hospital (“the Hospital”) opened for operation in 1931; and

**Whereas** the Hospital operated in the black during all of its years of operation (1931- 1998) as a full-service hospital under the management and guidance of its own Board of Trustees; and

**Whereas** the Health Services Restructuring Commission (“HSRC”) recommended in 1998 that Douglas Memorial continue operation as a hospital within the new Niagara Health System (“NHS”), with acute and chronic care beds, emergency and ambulatory services and a range of diagnostics; and

**Whereas** despite the creation of a standing committee of the NHS Board for Fort Erie, pursuant to recommendation of the HSRC, to assure local input into Board decision making and that no decision to eliminate any inpatient or emergency services would be made unless approved by such standing committee, the NHS embarked on a systematic reduction or elimination of various services at the Hospital until the adoption by the NHS of its “Hospital Improvement Plan” (“HIP”) in 2008; and

**Whereas** pursuant to the HIP the NHS eliminated emergency and all other health care services at the Hospital in 2009, with the exception of a 24-hour Urgent Care Centre (“UCC”), chronic care beds, palliative care beds and some diagnostics, without the approval of the Hospital standing committee; and

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**Whereas** in July 2023 Niagara Health (“NH”), as it is now designated, reduced the hours of operation of the Hospital UCC to 12 hours, although the public only has access to the UCC from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily; and

**Whereas** NH has recently adopted a 3 hospital model for the future of hospital services in Niagara that intends to completely close the Hospital, resulting in no urgent, chronic or palliative or diagnostic services in Fort Erie once the new South Niagara Hospital is opened in or about 2028; and

**Whereas** the most recent population data available indicates that Fort Erie’s current population is 36,200, far greater than projected during deliberations with respect to Niagara Region’s new Official Plan, adopted in July 2022; and

**Whereas** the Niagara Region’s population is growing at a rate far greater than anticipated by the Province or NH, particularly when projections were being made for the hospital needs of South Niagara when planning for the new South Niagara Hospital; and

**Whereas** there are over 7,000 Fort Erie residents unattached to a primary care physician, necessitating a primary care “safety net”, such as a UCC or alternative to avoid first point of health care contact at local emergency departments; and

**Whereas** the UCC at Douglas Memorial forms that primary health care “safety net” in the absence of sufficient primary care physicians or service providers in Fort Erie; and  
**Whereas** the removal of UCC services, chronic care beds, palliative care beds and diagnostics from the Hospital will result in an unreasonable and unnecessary hardship for current and future residents of Fort Erie and will foreclose the use of the Hospital as a safety valve for NH patients anywhere in Niagara in the event the new South Niagara Hospital is unable to meet the demands that the increasing population of Niagara will place on it; and  
**Whereas** a prudent approach to managing the hospital and health care needs of Niagara, particularly South Niagara and Fort Erie, would recognize the value of retaining a fully-operational UCC, with diagnostics and clinics, as well as chronic care and palliative care beds at the Hospital; and

**Whereas** there is no indication that NH has any intention of changing course on its 3 hospital model for Niagara despite requests by the Town of Fort Erie to continue the services available at the Hospital; and

**Whereas** the residents of Fort Erie need and deserve equitable primary health care services, including 24-hour Urgent Care and associated services;

Now therefore be it resolved,

1. **That** the Council for the Town of Fort Erie requests that the Minister of Health commit to funding all necessary services at the new South Niagara hospital without the removal or reallocation of operational funding from the Douglas Memorial for the UCC and other current health services, and further

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2025 ROMA PRESENTATION  
**TOWN OF FORT ERIE**



**Presentation to:  
Anthony Leardi, Parliamentary Assistant  
to the Minister of Health  
January 21, 2025**



## Overview

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# A Leader in Community Health Care

## Community Collaboration

- Creation of a Community Health Care Services Committee with representation from Regional Public Health, Niagara Health System, Primary Care Physicians, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (initially established in 2003, first of its kind in Ontario)
- Conversion of former fire hall into medical clinic (underway)

## Physician Recruitment

- Promoted establishment of family group practice in clinics
- Secured 4 new physicians in past 5 years – 2 new physicians in 2022/23
- 1 new physician recruitment pending
- Recent policy changes allowing streamlining and credentialing for certified physicians is removing barriers to repatriate or relocate practices to Canada.
- Attended UK/Ireland repatriation recruitment with Niagara Region



## Physician Retention

- Facilitating a local family physicians network (Community of Practice)
- For over 20 years have provided physician retention incentives to address planned retirements



## Education

- Partnership funding – Rural Medicine Week, Student Assistance Programs, Clerkships

## Programs

- Nurse Practitioner, Mental Health, Memory Clinic
- Mobile clinics – Cancer Screening, Dental Services, REACH Mobile Bus





## Investing in our Community

- Community Health and Wellness has been a Council priority since 1999/2000 and took on critical importance in 2008 when Douglas Memorial Hospital was converted to an Urgent Care Centre.
- Council's 2023 – 2026 Corporate Strategic Plan was unanimously supported with an enhanced focus to secure and enhance essential health care services in Fort Erie when new South Niagara Hospital opens (2028).
- Since 2012, the Town has invested over **\$2.7 million** in health- related services, as well as contributions to the Community Health & Wellness Reserve (**since 2019 - \$885,000**).
- Council committed **\$3 million** to the South Niagara Hospital and **\$150,000** toward Hospice Niagara's 10 bed hospice residence to be built in Fort Erie.

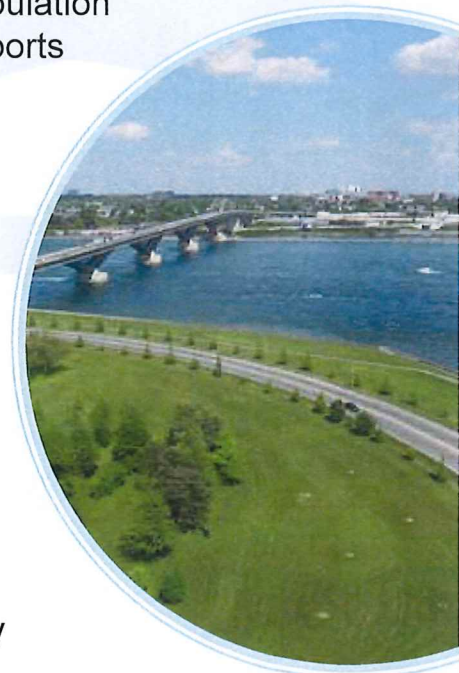


## ■ A Growing, Diverse Community



2025 ROMA PRESENTATION  
TOWN OF FORT ERIE

- Fort Erie has a population of approximately 36,000 persons. It has the perfect mix of rural and urban settings – a lot of green space but within close proximity to international airports and larger city centres.
  - Approximately 5% of our population identifies as Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit).
  - Over 156 new businesses have opened since the start of the pandemic (March 2020)
  - Strategically situated on the Canada/USA border, from a trade standpoint, Fort Erie is important as one of North America’s busiest gateways. Presently about 14% of all Canada-US trade crosses at Fort Erie with access to a U.S. population of over 44 million within a daily trucking distance, including 9 marine ports of entry/exit.
- From an immigration standpoint, Fort Erie plays an important role in welcoming newcomers, working with many service providers and the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre in providing settlement programs and services.
- Thousands of visitors are attracted to the beautiful sandy beaches in Fort Erie. Our Bay Beach Master Plan improvements make the experience at our most popular beaches even better and accessible. More than 86,000 annual visitors come to the beach and tens of thousands of others come for the boating, fishing, bird-watching and cycling opportunities.
- Fort Erie continues to be identified as a strategic location for investment by Invest Ontario and Niagara Economic Development.



# Our Issue:

- Currently, 8,000 Fort Erie residents are not rostered to a family physician in Fort Erie or not receiving care at all. \*
- First point of care for unattached and many attached residents is Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre; however, service hours were reduced from 24 hour care to 10 hour care (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), effective July 5, 2023.
- Fort Erie Urgent Care has served the community as appropriate first point of contact for lower acuity health issues (for both attached and unattached residents - 36,000) and it is considered a primary health care “**safety net**”.
- Niagara Health plans to close the Fort Erie Urgent Care in 2028, with the opening of the new South Niagara Hospital. Without a first point of contact “safety net” for low acuity health conditions, residents will go to the emergency department or call EMS.
- Primary Care was identified as a priority by the province, leading to the appointment of Dr. Philpott to address this issue.

\*Ministry of Health Statistics, 2024

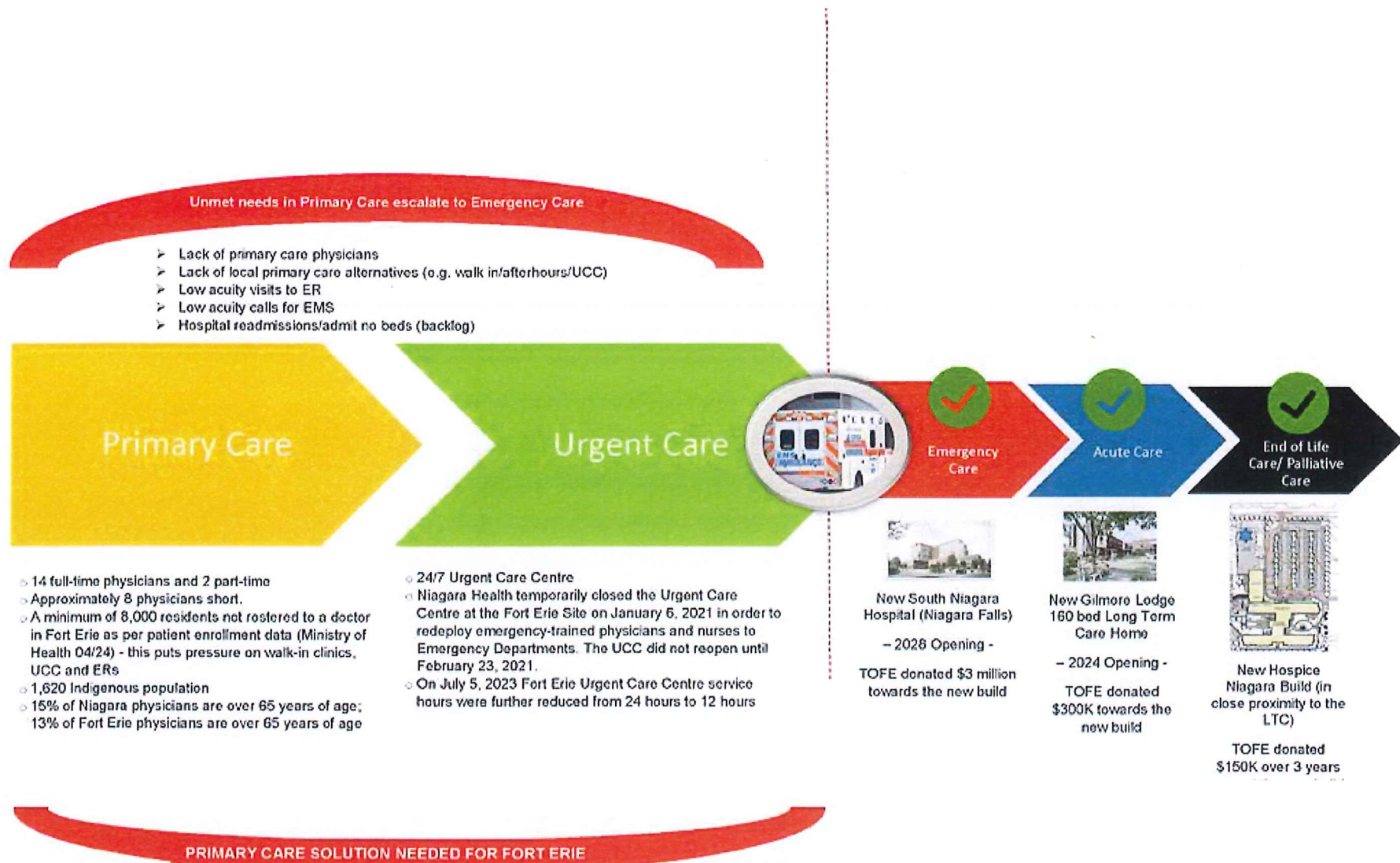


## ■ Our Challenge:

- **Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre (UCC) needs to be available 24/7 post 2028 (when South Niagara Hospital opens) OR until an alternate plan to secure primary care services is in place for our growing community.**
- Town is working with local health service partners, Niagara Ontario Health Team, local family physicians and Community Health Centre (CHC) to collaborate on an EOI Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT) submission as an interim measure to address primary care physician shortages. Fort Erie UCC remains as a critical primary care “safety net” to avoid emergency room crowding.
- Fort Erie is prepared to support Niagara Health as a credible and sustainable health care provider to oversee a local health service solution after 2028. Such a solution breaks down health care silos, facilitates continuity of care, and reduces pressures on hospitals (e.g. ED overcrowding; EMC offload delays) by addressing primary care access in the community.

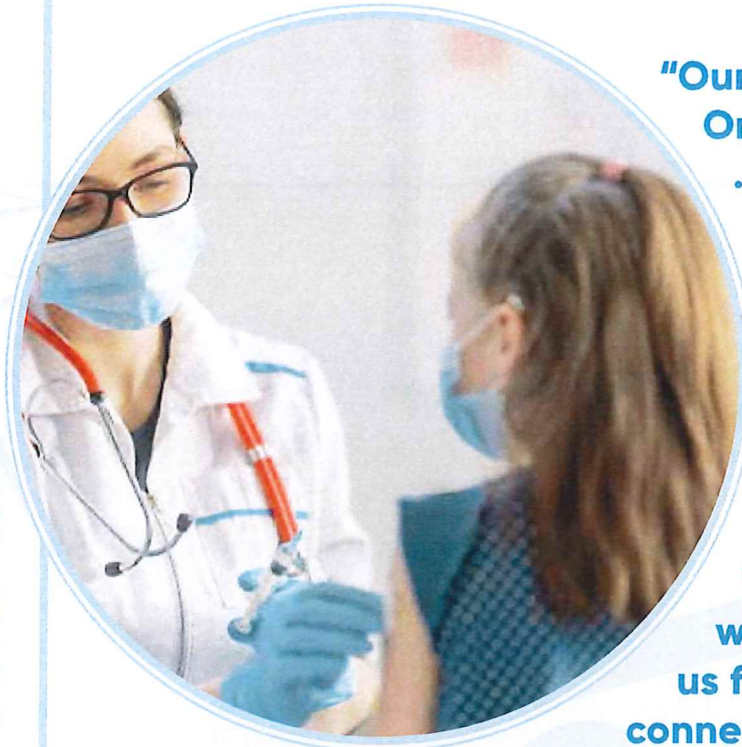


# ■ Current Impacts on Access



## ■ Statement by the Minister

- The release of the “Your Health: a Plan for Connected and Convenient Care” includes a statement by the Minister of Health, as follows:



**“Our goal is to make health care more convenient for Ontarians by connecting you to care closer to home ... we will continue to prioritize making it easier for you and your family to connect to the care you need... we are focused on connecting you to the care you need, when and where you need it.”**

With the recent appointment of Dr. Philpott, the Minister also added

**“There’s no one I trust more than Dr. Philpott with her considerable experience to keep moving us forward and get us across the finish line of connecting everyone in the province to more convenient primary health care within the next five years. Doing so will have enormous benefits for people’s health and wellbeing, as well as the province’s health care system by reducing pressures on emergency departments.”**

## ■ Progress with Niagara Health:

- Niagara Health publicly stated that they are not in the primary care business.
- They confirmed plans to cease operations of the Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre upon the opening of the South Niagara Hospital.
- They plan to allocate primary care spending dollars from Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre to operations at South Niagara Hospital.
- Niagara Health has excluded town staff from local health services discussions and has withdrawn their participation on the Fort Erie Health Services Committee.



## ■ How the Province can help:

- Request that Niagara Health restore and continue Urgent Care hours/operations in order to provide continued services to our residents and with consideration to meet the primary and incidental health care needs for the growth that our community continues to experience.
- Provide Niagara Health with the required operational funding for the new South Niagara Hospital so that current primary care funding for the UCC remains in our community to address primary care needs.
- Work with Town, Niagara Health, the Indigenous community and local physicians to develop a funded Fort Erie Health Services Model that will provide essential, sustainable and reliable first point of contact primary care health services to all residents (attached and unattached) beyond 2028.





## ■ How the Province can help:

- Continue to review/update the new practice agreement for family physicians to remove barriers that would discourage a collaborative primary care facility model (e.g. distance between members/clinics, funding caps) and increase incentives or create attractive conditions for family physicians to work after hours at UCCs.
- Address health care as “one envelope” of funding vs. fractured health funding envelopes (primary care, hospitals, EMS, public health, home and community care, etc.)
- Continue to advocate for additional seats on health and medical professional training programs - opportunities for post-secondary training in Fort Erie (FEIA/ Sheridan/Niagara College).



# Indigenous Health Services

## Challenges:

- Indigenous community and clients already experience access to care issues. The potential closure of the Douglas Memorial Hospital and access to urgent care present more barriers to access.
- Mainstream and conventional models of health services offered through Niagara Health System (NHS) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) do not meet specific needs of Indigenous community and clients.
- Lack of physicians especially those familiar with holistic medicines.
- Lack of addiction services/harm reduction services that align to Indigenous healing journey.
- Child care pressures.
- Housing pressures.
- Transportation accessing programs out of Town is a barrier for many.



# Indigenous Health Services

Success with Indigenous-led Services:

- Wellbriety -12 week program based on Medicine Wheel Teachings that connects addiction and recovery services offered at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre facilitation in circles that begin the healing journey using a holistic approach with a mental health component (Niagara Health System does not provide support for this model). While main stream addiction services is well-intentioned, it can be more dangerous for Indigenous people to participate in these programs and lead to additional health crises.
- Under the Rainbow Childcare Centre is open to all Fort Erie residents and currently has a large wait list due to its popular programming.
- Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre has undertaken training their own ECE workers to compliment the Childcare Centre and Head Start program.
- Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre is represented on the Town's Community Health Care Services Committee and other municipal committees, and brings thoughts and ideas that help plan for the future of the community and Indigenous Health Services.



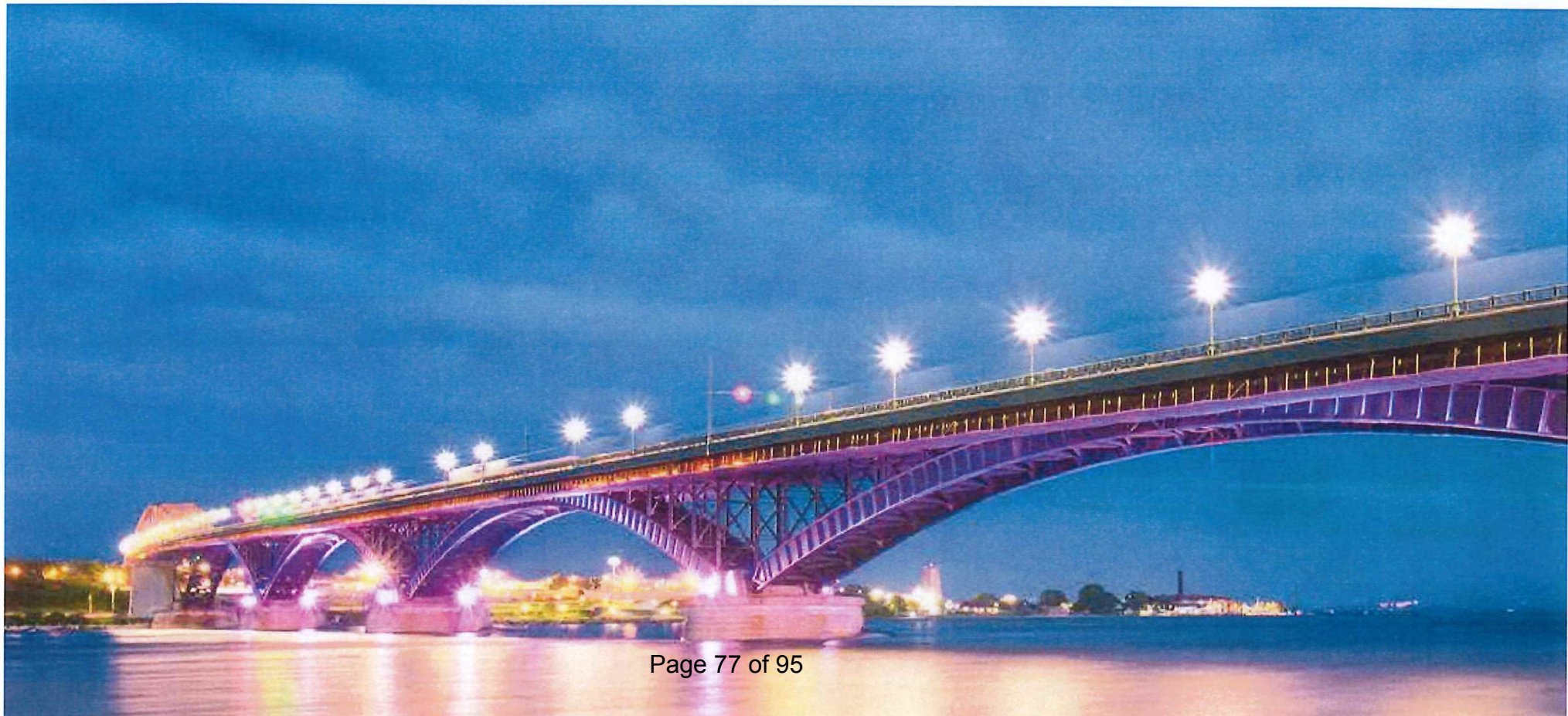
# What the Province can do to help

- Support the Town's request to continue operation of the Urgent Care Centre (UCC) beyond 2028 as a local primary care access for the Indigenous community as part of Fort Erie's primary health care "safety net". The Town's request has also been supported by the Niagara Region, City of Niagara Falls, and City of Port Colborne.
- Encourage the inclusion of the Ministry of Health and Niagara Health System in facilitating health services specific to Indigenous Health.
- Encourage the acceptance of addiction services/harm reduction with more of an Indigenous lens that will assist with the healing journey.
- Consider support for the expansion of child care services at Under the Rainbow, provided through the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.



Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to share with you the commitment that the Town continues to make in addressing community health care needs and discuss with you the importance of all Fort Erie residents having equitable access to comprehensive, community-based, innovative health care.

**Mayor Wayne H. Redekop**  
**Councillor Joan Christensen**  
**Councillor George McDermott**  
**Chris McQueen, Chief Administrative Officer**





## Proposed Resolution for the Niagara Health Board of Directors

**Whereas**, the Town of Fort Erie has clearly stated its position that the community requires a primary health care “safety net”, currently provided at the Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre, that should responsibly continue operation in Fort Erie until a viable alternative is in place.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved that,**

**That** the Niagara Health Board of Directors instruct Niagara Health representatives to re-engage with the Town of Fort Erie Health Services Committee to assist with local health and community service discussions; and

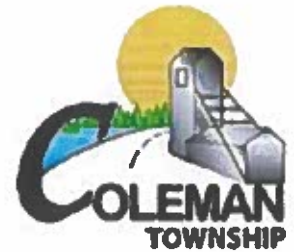
**That** Niagara Health commit to include the Town of Fort Erie Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Community Health Services Coordinator and/or Director of Community Services in all discussions regarding local health services that impact the Town of Fort Erie; and

**That** the Niagara Health Board of Directors advocate to the Minister of Health to commit to the operational funding for all necessary services at the new South Niagara hospital without the removal or reallocation of operational funding from Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre (primary care services) to allow the continuation of the UCC and other current health services beyond 2028 or until a sustainable alternative is established; and

**That** the Niagara Health Board of Directors advocate to the Ministry of Health to direct all existing provincial funding for the operation of the Douglas Memorial UCC (primary care), chronic care beds and palliative care beds, and all diagnostic and associated services to remain in Fort Erie for use by Niagara Health as part of a revised hospital model for Niagara or an alternative model operated by a qualified designated health care services entity working in collaboration with the Town of Fort Erie should Niagara Health close Douglas Memorial as a hospital site, either before or following the completion and opening of the new South Niagara Hospital; and

**That** the Niagara Health Board notify the Town of Fort Erie of its decisions with respect to the above resolutions.

**Resolution  
Regular Council Meeting**



**Agenda Number:** 15.2.  
**Resolution Number** 25-054  
**Title:** 25-R-22 Northern Highway Safety Plan  
**Date:** Monday, February 24, 2025

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**Moved by:** M. Lubbock  
**Seconded by:** S. Cote

WHEREAS THE TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people across the country, but it is no longer equipped to do that safety in Northern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Coleman hereby support the Northern Highway Safety Plan proposed by MPP Guy Bourgouin, MPP Lise Vaugeois and MPP John Vanthof which includes the following;

**Immediate Actions:**

- Require all new drivers to be tested by MTO-certified inspectors instead of third-party companies.
- Return highway maintenance operations to the MTO while working with northern contractors.
- Increase staff at inspection sites, weigh scales, and OPP traffic enforcement.
- Expedite the 2+1 highway pilot project and use excavated material to build additional rest stops and parking areas.

**Short-Term Improvements:**

- Mandate snow tires for all passenger vehicles in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure driving schools comply with the MELT training system and improve MELT to include winter driving training.
- Address the abuse of “self-insurance provisions” and ensure fair payment for tow truck operators and service providers.
- Require all commercial vehicles to have dash cams.
- Increase the use of traffic cameras and photo radar to reduce speeding.
- Promote rail transport to reduce commercial truck traffic on northern highways.
- Upload connecting links back to the provincial highway system for consistent maintenance.
- Upgrade and expand rest stops with heated washrooms to meet traveler needs.
- Provide compensation to municipalities for damage to local roads caused by highway detours.

**Long-Term Solutions:**

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Convert Highways 11 and 17 into divided four-lane highways where possible or implement a continuous three-lane system if the 2+1 project proves successful.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation; the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing; all Provincial Leaders; the Temiskaming Municipal Association; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Certified True Copy



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Christopher W. Oslund  
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer





January 24, 2025

**MPP Guy Bourgouin** *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*  
**MPP Lise Vaugeois** *Thunder Bay-Superior North*  
**MPP John Vanthof** *Timiskaming Cochrane*

# NORTHERN HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

## Introduction

Safety on the TransCanada Highways 11 and 17 continues to be the number one concern for most residents of Northern Ontario because they are our main streets. We use these highways to get to work, school, hockey, and medical appointments, but we share them with thousands of cross-country commercial trucks. As a result, Northern MPPs have had a lot to say over the years about the state of highways in the North and for good reason.

Years ago, the problem was proper and consistent winter maintenance. The Liberal government in power at the time claimed everything was fine, so MPP Vanthof's office created the Northern Road Report to show that it wasn't. The Minister of Transportation (MTO) demanded that the report be taken down, but in the end the Northern Road Report helped prove that even when contract requirements were being met, people were still being put at risk. As a result, the government of the day was forced to make changes to the system.

MPP Bourgouin introduced legislation to make maintenance standards the same across the TransCanada system, so that 11 north of North Bay would be maintained to the same standard as south. The legislation was defeated, but the government did create a separate standard for the northern portion of the TransCanada highway. MPP Bourgouin has also introduced other pieces of legislation regarding driver training and not being able to pass on double solid lines. This was defeated, but he remains committed to finding ways to solve safety issues the same as his fellow Northern MPPs. Similarly, MPP Vaugeois introduced a motion that driver testing be taken back by the MTO which would have been an effective way for the government to control the standard of drivers on the roads. All three members have been vocal in the legislature regarding highway safety throughout their careers.

We are once again facing a highway safety crisis, one that we believe requires a plan designed by Northerners for Northerners. It contains clear goals that we can push government of whatever stripe to implement for all our families.

## Current Situation

Currently some poorly trained commercial vehicle drivers and the companies they work for are putting all other drivers at undue risk. Incidents have been easy to track on social media. Investigative reports on the problems in commercial truck training and licensing, and from the Auditor General of Ontario identified this problem as far back as 2018. We, Northern MPPs have mentioned this issue many times in the legislature. The response from the government has been that these are the safest roads in North America, and that they are looking into the matter.



January 25, 2025

**MPP Guy Bourgoïn** *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*  
**MPP Lise Vaugeois** *Thunder Bay-Superior North*  
**MPP John Vanthof** *Timiskaming Cochrane*

Regardless of political stance, we hope that we can all agree that one of the basic jobs of any government is to ensure that people who are issued a driver's license are capable of safely driving the vehicle for which they are licensed. There are over a hundred companies in Ontario who recruit, train, and license their own drivers and they can issue Ontario licenses to them. These are among the worst offenders. Of course there are still good driving schools, and companies that provide excellent training programs to their new drivers, but not all of them. Change needs to happen in the immediate and long term, and we are proposing a plan to address these needs. First, there needs to be immediate action by the Ministry to ensure that only properly-trained drivers are graduating by appointing employees of the MTO to conduct driving tests for all new commercial vehicle drivers before they can receive a license.

#### **Immediate Ask**

- Have all new drivers tested by MTO certified inspectors, not third-party private companies. If their student drivers can't pass a legitimate road test, then these driving schools will be forced to change how they conduct business.

#### **Short-Term**

- Return the management of highway maintenance operations to the MTO, while working with contractors and providers throughout the North.
- Increase staffing at scales and inspection sites, as well as OPP Traffic enforcement to ensure the laws currently in place are being followed.
- Expedite the 2+1 pilot project and the construction of rest stops. Use the fill that is dug out to rebuild sections of the highway to create parking pull offs.

#### **Medium-Term**

- Make snow tires mandatory for all passenger vehicles registered in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure that driving schools comply with the current MELT training system.
- Reform issues within MELT itself and expand requirements to include winter driving training.
- Address the current abuse of "self insurance provisions" and ensure tow truck operators and other service providers can get paid for services from these schemes.
- Require that all commercial motor vehicles have dash cams.
- Increase the number of cameras and photo radar to slow down traffic.
- Emphasize rail to move goods so not as many loads must travel on the highway.
- Return connecting links to the provincial highway system so that maintenance is uniform.
- Better equip and increase the availability of rest stops with heated, maintained washrooms.
- Direct the cost of repairing damage to municipal roads caused by detour traffic from highway closures to the MTO.

#### **Long-Term**

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Make Highway 11 and 17 a divided four-lane highway wherever possible.
  - If the 2+1 pilot proves successful, a continuous three lane would be a good intermediate step. The TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people

January 25, 2025



**MPP Guy Bourgouin** *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*  
**MPP Lise Vaugeois** *Thunder Bay-Superior North*  
**MPP John Vanthof** *Timiskaming Cochrane*

This plan is designed to be a living document. The goals here have been suggested by industry stakeholders, drivers, municipalities and others. We are open to suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticism. Please send us your comments. By working together, we are hoping to make the highway safer for all our families.

**MPP Guy Bourgouin**  
**MPP Lise Vaugeois**  
**MPP John Vanthof**



**SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTER**

<https://win.newmode.net/mppguybourgouin/sendalettertotheministeroftransportation>



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**March 6, 2025**

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queens Park,  
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A1  
Delivered via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**RE: U.S Tariffs on Canadian Goods.**  
Supporting the letter from Peterborough County dated February 5, 2025.

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Please be advised that, at its regular meeting of Council held on February 11, 2025, The Corporation of the Township of Central Frontenac supported a resolution from Peterborough County, regarding U.S Tariffs on Canadian Goods.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Motion #: 26-2025

**THAT** Council authorize staff to create a letter of support for the following correspondence received, #14 b;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the letters of support be sent to All Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Premier and the associated Provincial Ministers.

Kind Regards,

Cathy MacMunn AMCT ACST  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
[cmacmunn@centralfrontenac.com](mailto:cmacmunn@centralfrontenac.com)

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, & All Municipalities of Ontario

CM/am



February 5, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

**Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods**

Please note at their Regular meeting held on February 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 19-2025**

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis  
Seconded by Warden Clark

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 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 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 capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the County of Peterborough supports 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 CAO be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

And that County Economic Development & Tourism Division be directed to implement a “Buy Local Peterborough County, Buy Canadian” campaign to encourage residents and businesses to purchase locally made and Canadian goods and services.

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

**Carried**

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at [kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca](mailto:kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca).

Yours truly,

Holly Salisko  
Administrative Services Assistant – Clerk's Division/Planning  
[hsalisko@ptbocounty.ca](mailto:hsalisko@ptbocounty.ca)

February 26, 2025

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

Minister Paul Calandra  
Municipal Affairs and Housing  
[minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Re: Governance Review for the Niagara Region**

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 25, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following motion:

“**THAT** Correspondence Item C059 from the City of Niagara Falls respecting Governance Review for the Niagara Region be received and supported.”

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [achrastina@wainfleet.ca](mailto:achrastina@wainfleet.ca) or 905-899-3463 ext. 224. Thank you.

Regards,



Amber Chrastina  
Deputy Clerk

CC: Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West  
Local Area Municipalities





Received January 29, 2025  
C-2025-059

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January 21, 2025

Minister Paul Calandra  
Municipal Affairs and housing  
777 Bay Street  
College Park 17<sup>th</sup> floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**Sent via email:** [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Calandra:

**Re: Governance Review for the Niagara Region**

Please be advised that the City Council of Niagara Falls at its meeting of January 21, 2025, passed the following resolution pertaining to a having a Governance Review in the Niagara Region:

**THAT Council waive the Notice of Motion requirements within the Procedural By-law to allow for an immediate motion, being;**

**THAT Council send a resolution to the Province, in particular Paul Calandra, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario, for a full review of the Governance Model and the provincial committee overseeing the study on regional governance in Niagara, in hopes of stopping the duplication of services by lowering the number of politicians and staff currently working in all of Niagara for long-term fiscal sustainability AND to report back to the City of Niagara Falls with any findings, and;**

**THAT this motion be sent to the Niagara area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and local area municipalities in the Niagara Region.**

Attached, please find a copy of the City of Niagara Falls' resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Matson', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Bill Matson  
City Clerk

cc.

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Local Area Municipalities



## The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

### Resolution

January 21, 2025

#### **No. 5 – Resolution to have a Governance Review for the Niagara Region**

**Moved by: Councillor Mona Patel**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg**

#### **Governance Review for the Niagara Region**

THAT Council waive the Notice of Motion requirements within the Procedural By-law to allow for an immediate motion, being;

THAT Council send a resolution to the Province, in particular Paul Calandra, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario, for a full review of the Governance Model and the provincial committee overseeing the study on regional governance in Niagara, in hopes of stopping the duplication of services by lowering the number of politicians and staff currently working in all of Niagara for long-term fiscal sustainability AND to report back to the City of Niagara Falls with any findings, and;

THAT this motion be sent to the Niagara area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and local area municipalities in the Niagara Region.

**AND The Seal of the Corporation to hereto affixed.**

**Carried Unanimously**

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**WILLIAM G. MATSON  
CITY CLERK**

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**JAMES M. DIODATI**



February 28, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani  
Minister of Justice  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

**RE: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the  
Nazi Swastika in Canada, Our File: C00**

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**The Regional  
Municipality of  
Durham**

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& Regional Clerk**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on February 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole, as amended:

“Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi swastika, also known as the hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B’Nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze). Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze)

If you require this information in an accessible format, please call 1-800-372-1102 extension 2097.

2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities.”

*Alexander Harras*

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.  
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk  
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada  
All Canadian Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARKSTAY-WARREN

RESOLUTION

Agenda Item #13c

DATE: February 18, 2025

NO: 2025-RCM-09

MOVED BY: Rachelle Poirier

SECONDED BY: Francine Bérubé

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**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 further

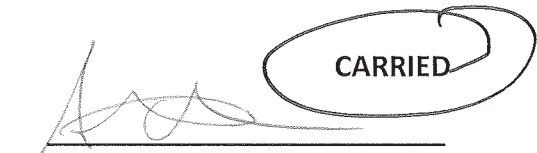
**WHEREAS**, a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

1. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARKSTAY-WARREN COUNCIL** formally 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 Municipality of Markstay-Warren 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 further
5. **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.

**DEFEATED**

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Signature of Presiding Officer

  
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Signature of Presiding Officer

**CARRIED**

**DIVISION VOTE**

	Yeas	Nays		Disclosure on Interest
Steven Olsen				
Rachelle Poirier				
Laura Hell				
Mark Corner				
Francine Bérubé				