

99 Christie Lake Road, Perth, ON K7H 3C6

All Ontario Municipalities

2024.03.27

To Whom it May Concern:

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

MOTION #CC-2025-39

MOVED BY: P. McLaren

SECONDED BY: B. King

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

M. Beson

Megan Beson, Deputy Clerk

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

