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May 8, 2025

The Honourable Billy Denault,
The Victoria Center
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RE: Tariffs

Dear Hon. Billy Denault,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 7th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the County of Renfrew.

Resolution No: 2025-05-07-07

Moved by: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the County of Renfrew's resolution regarding tariffs and supporting local businesses, industries and workforces.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the County of Peterborough, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, local municipalities of Renfrew County, and relevant federal and provincial representatives."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

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March 13, 2025

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew adopted the following resolution at the March 12, 2025 County Council Meeting.

Whereas Canada recognizes and is committed to trade as essential and integral in increasing prosperity both domestically and internationally; and

Whereas foundational to this commitment is an inviolable respect for negotiated trade agreements and World Trade Organization rules based on fundamental principles that form the foundations of the multilateral trading system; and

Whereas the tariffs proposed by the U.S. Administration are predicated on lax Canadian border security regarding the inflow of fentanyl and illegal immigration; and

Whereas these bases are without merit and are simply a capricious pretext to provide a façade of legality to an act of economic aggression; and

Whereas the U.S. President has acknowledged the tariffs are instead entirely predicated on a trade imbalance that he perceives in a grossly misinformed position to be predatory; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is vital to the economic prosperity of Renfrew County and its businesses, industries, and workforce; and

Whereas the proposed tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S. could negatively impact local businesses, industries, and municipalities, increasing costs and reducing economic opportunities; 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 spend over \$22 billion annually procuring goods and services and are willing and eager to use this significant buying power to support the federal and provincial governments in protecting Ontario and Canada's economic well-being; and

Whereas municipalities play a key role in local economic development and procurement, and should have the ability to support local businesses while ensuring value for taxpayers; 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 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 many Ontario municipalities are passing resolutions calling for a united, cross-Canada approach to supporting buy-Canadian initiatives, and collaboration to remove barriers that prevent municipalities from prohibiting US suppliers during procurement; and

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) has passed resolutions supporting the efforts of the Canadian and Ontario governments in their negotiations with the U.S. to address the imposition of arbitrary, pernicious and unlawful tariffs;

Therefore, be it resolved that the County of Renfrew supports other Ontario municipalities that have passed resolutions urging the Canadian and Ontario governments to take all necessary measures to protect Ontario's interests in trade negotiations and to ensure municipalities are included in a coordinated response;

And further that the County of Renfrew supports efforts to remove barriers that limit municipalities' ability to reject U.S. suppliers in procurement while ensuring fair and transparent trade practices;

And further that the Warden be directed to convene a meeting of Renfrew County Economic Task Force, consisting of businesses, municipal economic development officers, municipal representatives, chambers of commerce and other identified parties, to develop a County of Renfrew tariff response plan;

And further that the County of Renfrew continues to support local businesses, industries, and workforce, through the efforts of the Economic Development department, including a Buy Local, Buy Canadian campaign and a review of County of Renfrew procurement options that support the Canadian economy;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the County of Peterborough, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, local municipalities of Renfrew County, and relevant federal and provincial representatives.

Sincerely,



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