

April 29, 2025

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Prime Minister Mark Carney:

Re: Support of Canadian Economy

This is to confirm that at the April 28, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS The Township of West Lincoln recognizes the economic challenges posed by the proposed U.S. tariffs on local and domestic businesses, workers and economic stability on both sides of the border; and

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 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; and

WHEREAS the implementation of a 25% tariff on Canadian goods threatens not only local businesses but also the broader supply chain that fuels economic activity across Ontario and the rest of Canada; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that all levels of government work together to address these challenges, ensuring that our procurement policies support domestic industries while maintaining competitive and sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS, given the importance of trade and infrastructure investments in shaping the future of our communities, West Lincoln stands ready to take decisive action in collaboration with provincial and federal stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been restricted by Federal and Provincial trade agreements from giving preference to “Buy Canadian” initiatives; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Lincoln Council calls on provincial and federal governments to remove any impediments to municipalities preferentially procuring from Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Township 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 expanding export opportunities outside of the US market, removing inter-provincial trade barriers, continuing to push for exemptions and tariff reductions via diplomatic channels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of West Lincoln Council formally acknowledges the economic challenges posed by the proposed U.S. tariffs and commits to adopting strategies that will protect our local and domestic economy; and that subject to provincial and federal changes to legislation, adjustments will be made to our procurement policies that prioritize Canadian businesses, strengthen trade advocacy efforts, and promote interprovincial collaboration to mitigate the impact of tariffs; and

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

The Prime Minister of Canada

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

The Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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

Yours Truly,



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