



**Council Information Package  
(Non-Agenda Items)**

**Monday, April 14, 2025**

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**Resolution of Council  
City Council Meeting**

**Title:** Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax, Sustainable Infrastructure Funding  
**Date:** February 24, 2025

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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**

**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;**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved:**

- 1. That Council for the City of Peterborough respectfully 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 City of Peterborough 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**
- 5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.**

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.  
Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Kennedy", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first letter "J" being particularly large and looping.

John Kennedy, City Clerk

**Resolution of Council  
City Council Meeting**

**Title:** Tariff Motion  
**Date:** February 24, 2025

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**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 Ontario is the number one or number two customer for at least seven US states including New York, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Missouri, and 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, although currently subject to various trade agreements including the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement 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 equipment, materials and supplies for both operating and capital infrastructure programs; and**

**Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces that add costs and create inefficiencies in the movement of goods.**

**Therefore, be it resolved that, the City of Peterborough supports Team Canada and 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 Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary procurement policy that integrates and addresses these concerns to the greatest extent possible;**

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

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.  
Thank you.



John Kennedy, City Clerk

**Resolution of Council  
City Council Meeting**

**Title:** Use of X by the City of Peterborough  
**Date:** March 17, 2025

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**Whereas X has become a media platform that is not adequately responding to hate speech and misinformation;**

**Whereas continued use of X could be perceived as tacit approval of or association with ideologies that are inconsistent with the City of Peterborough's commitment to freedom, inclusivity, and nondiscrimination.**

**Whereas the City of Peterborough maintains other social media accounts to reach residents about municipal services and news that provide comparable functionality like Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn.**

**Whereas Peterborough Transit relies on X as one of its main methods to communicate with customers about Transit service changes;**

**Whereas Peterborough Transit has implemented customer service enhancements such as real time tracking of buses through the My Transit Rid-GPS Tracker map for transit customers to see when the next bus will arrive;**

**Whereas emergency services require the ability to use all available channels to reach residents for emergency messaging;**


**Therefore, be it resolved that Council approve the following:**

**a) that to support enhanced communication with residents and customers and to reduce reliance on social media that City staff report back to Council during the 2026 Budget deliberations with recommendations and associated budget implications for implementing a Snow Plow Tracker service for residents and a smartphone app for Peterborough Transit, which includes the ability to send notifications to subscribers, with the goal of improving customer service and eliminating the use of X; and**

**b) that the City of Peterborough discontinue the use of X, formerly known as Twitter, except for Peterborough Transit, Fire Services, and emergency information as necessary.**

**c) That, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.  
Thank you.



John Kennedy, City Clerk





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March 31, 2025

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake requesting the Province of Ontario to Reconsider the Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act**

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 received from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake regarding an Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Niagara Region MPPs  
All Ontario Municipalities

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', with a stylized, cursive script.

Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk

c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - Michael.Ford@ontario.ca  
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All 444 Municipalities of Ontario

**16. Other Business**

**16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz  
Seconded by: Councillor DiPaola

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

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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

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; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

a) That Richmond Hill Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

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For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

- b) That Richmond Hill Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;
- c) 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 and program delivery needs;
- d) That this initiative be in addition to the efforts made by OBCM and AMO in addressing the funding shortfall of municipalities in a targeted and individualized manner to ensure funding sources are sustainable for all services provided by municipalities including mental health and homelessness.
- e) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada and local Members of Parliament (MPs), and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) following the Provincial Election on February 27, 2025
- f) 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.

Carried Unanimously

Tuesday, March 25, 2025



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The Honourable Doug Ford,  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**Re: Request for Redistribution Funding for Sustainable Infrastructure**

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on March 10, 2025 and subsequently ratified by City Council on March 24, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

“WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated February 11, 2025, we support, in principle, the request for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding from the Province of Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay express its willingness to work collaboratively with the Province in an effort to realize any and all opportunities that may be available with respect to support for long term planning and sustainable infrastructure funding for municipalities in Ontario that result in overall community benefit;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Thunder Bay - Superior North, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all 444 municipalities in Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.”

Result: CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Dana Earle  
Deputy City Clerk

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Cc:  
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Premier of Ontario,  
Ontario Minister of Finance,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,  
MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River,  
MP Thunder Bay - Superior North,  
MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan,  
MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North,  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),  
all 444 municipalities in Ontario

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 pm

Agenda Item 6. J) Request for Support – US Tariffs, Buy Local

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**058-03-2025**

**R. Maguire – J. Hooper**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Assiginack, in response to foreign countries recent actions on tariffs to Canada, Council supports the Provincial and Federal Governments call to action of a “Canadian Business First” policy;

AND THAT Council recognizes there may be circumstances where this may not be possible;

AND THAT in situations where Canadian goods are not available staff, our suppliers, and those held in contract with the Township will source from countries that do not have tariffs applied to Canada.

**Carried**



March 18, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria,  
Minister of Transportation  
Via Email: [minister.mto@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mto@ontario.ca)

**Re: Driver Training and Examinations Auditor General Report**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 17, 2025 supported the attached resolution, Appendix A, regarding the above noted matter from the City of Brampton.

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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February 20, 2025

Sent by email**See Distribution List on page 5****Re: Driver Training and Examinations Auditor General Report**

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The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of January 15, 2025 was approved by Council on January 22, 2025, pursuant to Council Resolution C027-2025:

**CW009-2025****Whereas:**

- It is a relief that Premier Ford was unharmed in the accident on the 401 in Pickering involving a reckless driver (age 18) from Oshawa on January 8, 2025 (Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-premier-doug-ford-uninjured-in-highway-401-collision-says-his-office-1.7168982>)
- In addition to tragic loss of life and injury, vehicle collisions cause higher auto-insurance rates, unwanted congestion, lost productivity, and significant costs associated with emergency response (police, fire, paramedics, hospital emergency rooms and healthcare);
- According to the OPP, there were more car collision-related deaths (**568**) on Ontario highways in 2023 than in any year since 2007, making it **the deadliest year in over 15 years** and "...it's so critically important that we understand the rules of the road and we share the road safely, responsibly and understand the consequences for making a bad decision can be deadly." (Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/opp-number-fatalities-last-year-deadly-year-1.7204528>);
- That same year 26,425 were injured in vehicle collisions according to the MTO Preliminary 2023 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-07/mto-orsar-preliminary2023-en.pdf>)
- As of Thanksgiving 2024, the OPP notes that **296** drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists died in car collisions, and the vast majority of those road incidents were preventable and attributed to poor and careless actions and behaviours (Source: <https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/nearly-300-people-missing-from-thanksgiving-tables-opp-1.7070787>), one-fifth involving a transport truck (as at July 2024 Source: <https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/one-fifth-of-fatal-collisions-in-2024-involve-transport-trucks-9177343>)

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- 2024 is the most dangerous year for pedestrians and cyclists who have been particularly at risk this year, with fatalities in these two road user classes up 100 per cent and 82 per cent respectively over this time last year (Source: <https://www.mondaq.com/canada/rail-road-cycling/1565790/how-2024-has-quickly-become-the-deadliest-year-for-cyclists-and-pedestrians>);
- By far, the most common type of conviction of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and cause for fatalities was speeding, representing 60.4% of all HTA convictions (Source: <https://www.g1.ca/driving-statistics/>);
- Peel Region had 25 fatalities due to car collisions - 13 in Brampton and 12 in Mississauga;
- The most dangerous places to drive in Ontario are Brantford (0.7/5), Kingston (0.7/5), Burlington (0.8/5) and Brampton (1.1/5), which impacts road safety and insurance affordability for everyone in these communities (Source: <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/top-10-safest-and-most-dangerous-cities-to-drive-in-ontario-in-2024-889054846.html>);
- From January to September 2024 the following traffic violation charges have been made by Peel Police:
  - 632 careless driving charges (345 in Brampton, a 25% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
  - 559 cellphone use while driving charges (125 in Brampton, a 29% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
  - 6,367 speeding charges (830 in Brampton, a 117% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
  - 1,992 “Fail to Stop” at a stop sign charges (874 in Brampton, a 74% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023);
- To mitigate speeding drivers, The City of Brampton has made historic investments in ASE cameras, an ASE processing centre, speed bumps, road diets, lower speed limits, police enforcement and other traffic calming measures, however like all municipalities, lacks jurisdiction over driver training and examinations, an area requiring urgent reform under the Provincial Government;
- Under the HTA, the Ministry of Transportation (Ministry) is responsible for protecting the public by restricting the privilege of driving to those who demonstrate that they have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to drive safely;

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- Ensuring that drivers receive appropriate and effective training and testing before they get a driver's licence is a crucial step in keeping Ontario's roads safe;
- The Auditor General (AG) conducted a value for money audit (AG Report) which includes 18 recommendations (***summary attached to this motion***) for the Provincial Government Ministry, published in December 2023 and concludes by highlighting:

"Our audit concluded that the Ministry of Transportation did not have effective evidence-based driver examination programs to evaluate and test novice drivers thoroughly and consistently. The Ministry did not provide effective oversight of novice driver training and driver examination service providers to ensure desired service outcomes with due regard to economy. Ministry oversight of driving schools and instructors was limited. It does not regulate driver training services outside of the optional Beginner Driver Education program, curbing its ability to identify and/or deter substandard training practices within the industry. In addition, the Ministry's monitoring programs were not designed to proactively identify drivers with repeat suspensions or high-risk medical conditions, impeding the effectiveness of these programs to maximize road safety in Ontario. (Source Page 4:

[https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR\\_drivertraining\\_en23.pdf](https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_drivertraining_en23.pdf));

- In March 2024, CBC Marketplace broke an investigative story "Driving schools selling shortcuts to insurance discounts and faster road tests" where schools submit false information to government saying drivers completed 40 hours of training, consistent with concerning findings in the AG Report (Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/marketplace-driving-schools-education-fee-1.7134557>); and
- The provincial government has not provided a substantial update on any action taken regarding the recommendations in the AG Report to improve driver training and examination for safer drivers and improve safety on our roads.

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

1. The City Brampton endorse the Auditor General Value-for-Money Audit Driver Training and Examination Report (AG Report) - its findings and 18 recommendations to ensure that we have safe and qualified drivers on our roads; and
2. The City of Brampton share this motion and endorsement with the Premier, Minister of Transportation, all local MPPs, and the leaders of the official opposition and third party; and

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3. The City of Brampton request a formal update from the provincial government and meeting with the Minister of Transportation regarding any action taken to date based on the recommendations described in the AG Report, particularly those that prioritize improved driver training and examination for safer drivers on our roads; and
4. The City of Brampton forward this motion and attachment to any cities or towns listed in the AG Report and the top dangerous cities in Ontario, encouraging them to pass a similar motion; and CC them in the follow-up correspondence to the province; and
5. The City of Brampton forward this motion, attachment, and follow-up correspondence to the Region of Peel, Peel Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Driving Instructors Association, and Young Drivers of Canada.
6. Staff report back with data to identify road safety hotspots with the intention to use the data strategically with Peel Police to improve Brampton's status as a safe city to drive.
7. Staff report back on bylaw enforcement tactics regarding driving instructors as referenced on page 22 of the AG Report: "In some municipalities, such as Brampton, municipal bylaw officers patrolled test routes and issued fines to driving instructors who lingered around exam routes".

A summary of recommendations in the Auditor General Value-for-Money Audit Driver Training and Examination Report is attached.

By copy of this correspondence to Robert Higgs, Director, Enforcement and By-law Services, Legislative Services, and Shane Loftus, Director, Road Maintenance and Operations, Public Works and Engineering, they are requested to carry out the directions outlined in clauses 6 and 7. Item **RM 5/2025** has been added to the Referred Matters List for the report requested.

Yours truly,

*Sonya Pacheco*

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(CW – 7.2)

**MOTION: SAFER DRIVERS = SAFER ROADS, a call for the Provincial Government to act****Moved by: Santos****ATTACHMENT: Summary of recommendations published by the Auditor General Value – “Value-for-Money Audit: Driver Training and Examination” December 2023***NOTE: The following list of recommendations have been copied directly from the report.***Issue and Recommendations (Pg16-38)**[https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR\\_drivertraining\\_en23.pdf](https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_drivertraining_en23.pdf):**4.1 Driver Examinations****4.1.1 Novice Drivers from Urban Areas Who Took Road Tests at Rural or Suburban Drive Test Centres Were Involved in More Collisions**

1. So that driver examinations effectively assess whether novice drivers are sufficiently prepared to drive safely on Ontario's roads, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
  - assess the impact on road safety of novice drivers from urban areas taking their road tests at rural and suburban DriveTest Centres; and
  - based on that assessment, identify and put in place reasonable restrictions that prohibit urban novice drivers from taking their road test at a DriveTest Centre outside of where they live, work or study.

**4.1.2 Ministry Reduced the Requirements for the G (Highway) Road Test Without a Full Review and Formal Evaluation of Road Safety Impacts**

2. To understand the full impact of the reduced G (highway) road test and make evidence-based decisions about the reduced test, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
  - conduct a thorough policy analysis of the impact of the reduced G (highway) road test, including the impact related to drivers from countries with no reciprocal driver's licence exchange agreement with Ontario;
  - track and compare the collision rates of drivers who pass the reduced G (highway) road test to those who passed the full G (highway) road test over a sufficient period of time to determine if it increases road safety risk; and
  - based on these analyses, determine whether it is appropriate to continue to use the reduced G (highway) road test.

**4.1.3 Novice Drivers Can Repeat the Knowledge Test as Many Times as Necessary in One Sitting to Pass**

3. To encourage novice drivers to study the rules of the road more effectively prior to attempting the G1 knowledge test, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation review best practices in other jurisdictions, such as Quebec and British Columbia, and determine whether it should introduce a wait period before an individual can retake the test or limit the number of tests that can be taken in a single day.

**4.2 Driver Training****4.2.1 Drivers Allowed to Shorten Their G1 Supervised Driving Period Were Involved in More Collisions**

4. So that novice drivers are better prepared to drive safely on Ontario's roads, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
  - review and identify opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of the Beginner Driver Education program (program) for novice drivers, including the sufficiency of the existing minimum number of driving practice hours;
  - based on leading practices in other jurisdictions, reassess the time discount provision that allows novice drivers to shorten the supervised driving period after the completion of the program;

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- based on its review of these areas, implement necessary changes to improve the program; and subsequent to making changes to the program, determine whether all novice drivers should be required to complete the program.

#### *4.2.2 Ministry Provided Limited Guidance Regarding Necessary Driving Practices for New Drivers Compared to Other Jurisdictions*

5. So that novice drivers are well prepared to drive safely on Ontario roads, and to protect the integrity of the Ministry's driver examination process, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- review the types of driver training services available in the marketplace (including the practice of route training) and assess their impact on novice drivers and on the integrity of the driver examination process;
  - based on that assessment, propose regulatory changes to prohibit driver training services that compromise the Ministry's ability to assess the driving skills of novice drivers through the Ministry examination process; and
  - implement monitoring and enforcement tools to deter prohibited driver training services.

#### *4.2.3 Unregulated Driver Training Services May Undermine the Integrity of Driver Examinations*

#### *4.2.4 Weak Oversight of Beginner Driver Education Driving Schools*

6. To strengthen the oversight of driving schools, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- develop and implement a formal policy to require timely on-site follow-ups at driving schools where audits identified either serious or a high number of compliance violations to assess if the violations have been resolved;
  - develop and implement a strategy for routinely conducting cost-effective mystery shops on driving schools that it identifies as high-risk; and
  - regularly document and assess progress reported through follow-ups with driving schools to direct the Ministry's future oversight and enforcement actions.

### **4.3 Graduated Licensing System May Not Adequately Prepare Less-Experienced Drivers from Other Countries to Drive in Ontario**

7. To better prepare novice drivers from other countries for driving in Ontario, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- research whether drivers from other countries have unique challenges that may contribute to their involvement in a higher proportion of collisions;
  - reassess the impact of waiving the 12-month wait period between the G1 (knowledge) and G2 (city) road test; and
  - based on the results of Ministry research and reassessment, make necessary changes to the training and examination programs.

### **4.4 Monitoring High-Risk Licensed Drivers**

#### *4.4.1 Ministry Rarely Requires Drivers with Repeat Driving Suspensions to Take Retraining Courses*

8. To encourage road safety and provide early remedial measures for drivers with a history of repeat driving offences and suspensions, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- routinely identify drivers with a record of repeat driving offences and suspensions who Ministry data indicates are at increased likelihood to cause a collision; and
  - expand the criteria for requiring drivers to complete remediation and retraining to include these drivers.

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*4.4.2 Elderly Drivers' Ability to Drive Safely Not Effectively Assessed*

9. To enhance road safety for the growing number of elderly drivers, we recommend the Ministry of Transportation review and adopt best practices from other jurisdictions, such as:
- re-examining elderly drivers' driving skills; and
  - requiring regular medical assessments for all Drivers 80 and older.

*4.4.3 Reporting of Drivers Who May Be Medically Unfit to Drive Could Be Improved*

10. For more complete and timely identification, assessment and suspension of drivers with high medical risks, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation periodically conduct educational and outreach initiatives to increase awareness among doctors, nurses and optometrists to report patients for medical assessment.

*4.4.4 Supporting Evidence for Ministry's Medical Suspension Decisions Not Always Complete*

11. To help ensure that decisions to suspend driver's licences are based on all medically relevant information, and that the suspension decisions are consistent and adequately supported, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- redesign the forms doctors use to provide condition-specific medical information to the Ministry to include all necessary information, such as test or treatment results;
  - require medical assessors to consistently document their rationale for decisions related to complex driving suspensions and reinstatements; and
  - implement a quality-assurance process to routinely review the completeness and appropriateness of medical assessments.

**4.5 Driver Examination Services Contract Management and Oversight***4.5.1 Ministry's Contract Administration Was Ineffective, and Failed to Improve Driver Examination Services for Ontarians*

12. To better motivate the service provider to improve service rather than incur penalties, and to hold the service provider accountable for contract deliverables, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- design and implement performance measures that incorporate effective penalties for performance failures, including delays in contract deliverables;
  - collect an upfront contingency deposit for performance penalties based on historical records; and
  - design and implement incentives (in addition to penalties) to promote compliance and appropriate responses from the service provider.

13. To promote effective contract management and relations between the Ministry of Transportation and its service provider, and to avoid undermining the contractual position of the Ministry, we recommend that the Ministry ensure that communications with contractors use appropriate contract channels.

*4.5.2 Ministry's Compliance Audits of Driver Examination Services Were Inconsistent and Incomplete*

14. To better monitor and report on the driver examination service provider's compliance and performance, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation strengthen its audit function by implementing a program of risk-based audits to examine all key operational processes of driver examination services, including road tests.

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**4.5.3 Ministry Paid Additional Funds to Maintain Service Levels That Were the Responsibility of the Service Provider**

15. To provide for better accountability of funds provided to third parties for driver examination services to Ontarians, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- administer contracts such that risks and costs are allocated between the parties in accordance with contractual terms; and
- conduct thorough reviews on all relief, subsidization or reimbursement requests from service providers and render decisions that are consistent with the Ministry's contractual obligations.

**4.5.4 Ministry Awarded New Contract to the Service Provider Despite Poor Performance and Issues of Concern**

16. To provide for more effective oversight of driver examination service providers, and to provide Ontarians with better quality of service, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- ensure adequate lead time to comply with government policies on procurement when contracting with a service provider;
- consider past performance in negotiating future contracts;
- compare its experience relative to other Canadian provinces to identify best practices in structuring driver examination services; and
- use independent research to immediately evaluate the costs and benefits of various options for an examination service delivery partnership.

**4.6 Ministry Overrode Its Own Proof of Identification Requirements When Issuing Driver's Licences**

17. To better prevent fraud and identify theft, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- develop internal guidelines and formal procedures to evaluate and document the extenuating circumstances for ID escalations;
- educate Serco and ServiceOntario staff on these guidelines and procedures; and
- put in place a process to monitor that these guidelines and procedures are followed.

**4.7 Ministry Did Not Incorporate Key Safety Data When Determining the Effectiveness of Its Road Safety Programs**

18. To measure the effectiveness of its driver training and examination programs on a timely basis, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- expand the use of business intelligence tools to conduct additional analytics that leverage data from related information systems, linking driver information to the driver examination, collisions and driver medical databases;
- establish a comprehensive set of road safety indicators, including those related to collision rates, based on the objectives of its driver training and examination programs; and
- monitor its driver training and examination programs using these indicators, and report on the results annually.

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March 7, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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### **Re: Impacts of Tariffs**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its special meeting held on March 6, 2025, supported the following resolution regarding the above noted matter:

Whereas Canada is facing an unfair trade war based on tariffs from the Trump administration;

And Whereas tariffs have the prospect of negatively impacting our citizens, businesses, and community organizations;

And Whereas Chatham-Kent Council is ready and prepared to stand up for our businesses and citizens, and to support Team Canada in this fight;

And Whereas the approaches taken to respond to tariffs need to consider all potential impacts of the decision, including unintended consequences;

And Whereas Council strenuously objects to the ongoing attempts to undermine Canadian sovereignty by the Trump Administration;

And Whereas Council encourages the Federal government to continue work toward negotiations on ending this Trade War;

Therefore, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council directs administration to continue its work to address the impacts of this trade war, to immediately work on the following list of actions, and to work on any other matters that could be relevant to address the impact of these unfair tariffs:

1. Administration continue its work on addressing tariff impacts, including the review of:
  - a. Approaches taken by other municipalities to ensure Chatham-Kent is adopting best practices;
  - b. Supply chains for major purchases and products that may be impacted by tariffs;

- c. Legal options for adjusting contracts and procurement processes to reduce Chatham-Kent exposure to tariffs;
  - d. Employment and support services for citizens whose jobs may be impacted by tariffs;
  - e. Opportunities to advance major projects to assist in economic stimulus;
2. Economic Development continue to:
- a. Connect with local businesses to understand impacts that tariffs are having;
  - b. Enhance existing Buy Local campaigns to help support local businesses and provide citizens with information about their purchasing decisions;
  - c. Be prepared to assist businesses with accessing senior government programs that may become available.
3. Administration be directed to support upper levels of government's "Team Canada" approach, including participating in municipal association work, and preparing advocacy to senior levels of government to address any barriers Chatham-Kent faces, and to advance the needs of our local companies;
4. Administration continue to update the [www.Chatham-Kent.ca/TariffSupport](http://www.Chatham-Kent.ca/TariffSupport) webpage to keep citizens updated on the impacts of tariffs and relief programs that become available;
5. Administration report to the Mayor and Council regarding any opportunities for political collaboration between Chatham-Kent and other municipalities, municipal associations and cross-border initiatives;
6. Administration return to Council for any necessary funding requests and with updates on progress on each of the items in this motion.
7. Administration be directed to send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments to consider all means to decrease costs to Canadians.
8. Administration be directed to share this resolution with local MP's, MPP's, AMO, FCM, ROMA, OBCM, Border Mayor Alliance and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

**Judy Smith** Digitally signed by Judy Smith  
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Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE**



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 8.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2025-070  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #1  
**Date:** March 19, 2025

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 2025-01-08-15 passed on January 8, 2025 by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, regarding the Child Welfare Funding;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC); the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC); the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



## **TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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January 8, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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### **RE: Child Welfare Funding**

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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: 2025-01-08-15**

**Moved by: Councillor Quade**

**Seconded by: Councillor Banks**

**"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 Child Welfare Funding as attached.

**AND WHEREAS** Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan also formally requests that the Province of Ontario consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula and that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual and complex needs of the communities and populations served.

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP Johan Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and all municipalities in Ontario."**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Thompson".

**Tammy Thompson**

**Deputy Clerk**

**Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan**

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November 5, 2024

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RE: Child Welfare Funding

Dear Premier Ford:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, at their regular meeting on October 30, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding Child Welfare Funding. Council and our community are deeply concerned about the ongoing funding reductions to the child welfare sector. Renfrew County is experiencing a significant rise in complex social challenges within our communities, placing a heavy strain on local resources and hindering our ability to effectively support families in need.

**WHEREAS** the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke have no financial obligations concerning the funding of Child Welfare agencies; and

**WHEREAS** the Financial Accountability Office in June 2024 identified issues with funding in the Child Welfare sector; and

**WHEREAS** Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has experienced a funding cut of \$1.59 million, or 10.8%, over the past ten years; and

**WHEREAS** Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County was provided planning allocations reflecting a further funding reduction of \$963, 603 over the next two years; and

**WHEREAS** Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has achieved administrative efficiencies as a multi-service agency, has implemented various cost mitigation measures, including reductions in staff and services, and has reached a point where further measures could negatively impact children at risk and their families; and

**WHEREAS** both the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke are committed to improving the health and safety of their residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke formally request the Province of Ontario to consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual, and complex needs of the communities and populations served; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Warden of the County of Renfrew and the Mayor of the City of Pembroke be directed to write a letter to Minister Parsa expressing their concerns and request a

meeting in the fall of 2024 or to submit a joint delegation request for the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference;

**AND THAT** this resolution be shared with Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and local municipalities.

A compounding challenge impacting our community is that the County of Renfrew has recently declared a state of emergency in response to the opioid crisis, with our service partner, the City of Pembroke, experiencing overdose death rates per capita that are twice the national average. Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has been negatively impacted by a funding reduction of \$1.59 million over the past ten years and is facing a further cut of \$963,603 over the next two years. This continued erosion to the investment in our local child welfare agency will jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families. The cuts will diminish the agency's capacity to offer essential support to those with the greatest need within our small and largely rural communities.

The social determinants of health play a critical role in shaping children's wellbeing, influencing their development, educational success, and overall health outcomes. For children in communities with geographic isolation and underdeveloped services such as we experience, these determinants become even more pronounced. In Renfrew County, families often face challenges such as limited access to quality healthcare, mental health support, and educational resources.

The lack of these essential services can result in children experiencing higher rates of chronic illnesses, mental health issues, and developmental delays. Furthermore, many families throughout our region are experiencing economic hardships, which can lead to poor nutrition, unstable housing, and heightened exposure to environmental stressors. Again, I am sure you will agree, all of which negatively impact children's long-term health and wellbeing.

Maintaining consistent funding for our rural agency that provides child protection and essential support services is vital. Without adequate financial support for these critical services, vulnerable children may not receive the interventions they need to develop and thrive. Child protection agencies are essential in safeguarding children from abuse and neglect while helping to address emotional and psychological challenges early in life, setting children on a path to healthier futures.

In an area like Renfrew County with limited clinical and assistive infrastructure, these services often become a lifeline, helping to mitigate the impact of social determinants on child health. Prioritizing funding for these services can help break the cycle of disadvantage, promote healthier environments, and ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your interest in our most vulnerable age group in our community.

Sincerely,



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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE**



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 8.6.  
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**Title:** Resolution Stemming from February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #21 and #22  
**Date:** March 19, 2025

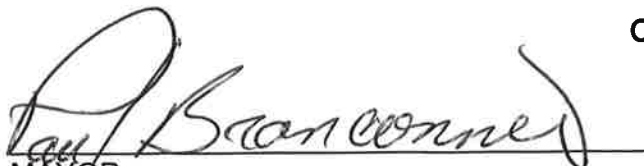
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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 19-2025 passed on February 5, 2025 by Peterborough County, and the Resolution passed by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, regarding Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution 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; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC); the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



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)

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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:**

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

**Carried**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Clark".

**Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC**

**February 10, 2025**



**The Regional  
Municipality of  
Durham**

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**Alexander Harras  
M.P.A.  
Director of  
Legislative Services  
& Regional Clerk**

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Minister Virani:

**RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate", Our File: C00**

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As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

"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 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 of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate 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



March 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford

**Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms**

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At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-79  
Moved: Councillor Giordano  
Seconded: Councillor Dykie

WHEREAS Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords;

WHEREAS small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being;

WHEREAS it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld;

WHEREAS proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords
- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices

- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council requests the provincial government to look at ways to implement these balanced reforms that protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Attorney General, and all Ontario municipalities to support the creation of balanced protections for both landlords and tenants

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds  
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury  
(905) 775-5366 Ext 1104  
[treynolds@townofbwg.com](mailto:treynolds@townofbwg.com)

CC: President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Robin Jones - [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing- [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General - [attorneygeneral@ontario.ca](mailto:attorneygeneral@ontario.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



March 27, 2025

Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[Media@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Media@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)

Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
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Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
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Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Sent Via Email**

Re: Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the USA on Trade Tariffs

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2025, passed the following resolution:

**53/25**

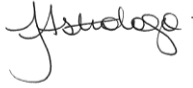
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata  
Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

"That the request received from the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, seeking support for the Canadian and Ontario Governments' negotiations with the United States Government on trade tariffs, be supported, and that copies of the support be sent to those listed in the correspondence."

**Carried.**

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

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Astrologo  
Director of Council Services/Clerk  
Town of LaSalle  
[jastrologo@lasalle.ca](mailto:jastrologo@lasalle.ca)

Cc: (via email)

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),  
All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,  
All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,  
All of Ontario Municipalities



March 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Via Email: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

### **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;

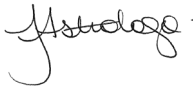
And Whereas, persons in the Town of LaSalle purchase goods manufactured in many provinces and from across the country, and these goods are in many cases subject to interprovincial barriers.

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,



Jennifer Astrologo  
Director of Council Services/Clerk  
Town of LaSalle  
[jastrologo@lasalle.ca](mailto:jastrologo@lasalle.ca)

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



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March 21, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

**RE:** Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to  
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

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At the Council meeting held on March 17, 2025, the Town of Milton Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

**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,

**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 Hereby Resolved** That Milton Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. **Be It Further Resolved** That Milton Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. **Be It Further Resolved** 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. **Be It Further Resolved**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, 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,
5. **Be It Further Resolved**, 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.

Yours sincerely,

Meaghen Reid  
Town Clerk



CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All local Members of Parliament (MPs)  
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

**TOWNSHIP OF JOLY**

P.O. Box 519 , Sundridge , Ontario , P0A 1Z0  
Tel: 705-384-5428

March 11, 2025

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution # 2025-0077**

**Agenda Item # 5.1 Blood Collection - No paid Plasma**

**Moved By :** Bill Black

**Seconded By :** Tom Bryson

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby, supports Member Motion Item 23.1 by Toronto and the City of Hamilton Public Health Committee Report 24-005 (June 3, 2024).

**WHEREAS** Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly expresses its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies.

**AND FURTHER** Direct the Clerk to forward this resolution to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

**Carried**

**Original Copy Signed  
Mayor  
Township of Joly**

**CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

**Council Meeting**

**Resolution # 9**

**Date:** Monday March 10, 2025

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**MOVED BY:** Jamie MacDonald

**SECONDED BY:** Carma Williams

**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 North Glengarry 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.

**CARRIED**

**DEFEATED**

**DEFERRED**

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**MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR**

**Deputy Mayor:** Carma Williams

**Councillor:** Jacques Massie

**Councillor:** Brian Caddell

**Councillor:** Jeff Manley

**Councillor:** Michael Madden

**Councillor:** Gary Martin

**Mayor:** Jamie MacDonald

**YEA**

**NEA**



Hon. Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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March 5, 2025

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Municipalities –  
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[resolutions@fcm.ca](mailto:resolutions@fcm.ca)

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  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
Via fax

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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Via email

Robin Jones, President, AMO  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
155 University Avenue, Suite 800  
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Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
24 Clarence Street  
Ottawa, ON K1N 5P3  
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

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 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

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.

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

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Vicki McDonald.

Vicki McDonald  
Clerk

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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

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**Item No. 12.2**

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

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

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 Halton Hills 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.



Mayor Ann Lawlor

March 4, 2025

email: [KStevenson@ptbocounty.ca](mailto:KStevenson@ptbocounty.ca)

Keri Stevenson  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
The County of Peterborough  
470 Water Street  
Peterborough, ON  
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**Re: Support Resolution – U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies**

Dear Ms. Stevenson,

Please be advised that at its meeting held the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2025 – 033 – Support Resolution – U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies**

Councillor John Boyko – Councillor Brian Henry –

That the Township of Selwyn supports the County of Peterborough's Resolution No. 19-2025 which urges the federal and provincial governments to take all necessary actions to protect Ontario's interests in trade negotiations with the U.S. and investigate purchasing policies; and that this motion be copied to those included in the County's motion.

Carried.

I trust you find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact the Selwyn Township Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Megin Hunter  
Office Assistant / Reception

Encl.

cc: 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

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

### Re: Resolution - Deposit Return Program

Dear Honourable Todd McCarthy,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of  
Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region  
support the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town  
of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario  
Deposit Return Program;  
and further that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the  
Minister of Finance; the Association of Municipalities of  
Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament  
(MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

Carried - Resolution #2025-5273

Sincerely,

(613) 646-2282



Carmen Miller  
Clerk/CEMC

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whitewaterregion.ca

February 20, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program**

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0025 regarding Support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0025.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington – Halton Hills  
Leaders of the Opposition Parties  
All Municipalities in Ontario



TOWN OF  
**HALTON HILLS**

THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

**Resolution No.:** 2025-0025

**Title:** Ontario Deposit Return Program

**Date:** February 10, 2025

**Moved by:** Councillor C. Somerville

**Seconded by:** Councillor J. Fogal

**Item No. 12.1**

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WHEREAS the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS ON September 20, 2024 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury issued a letter endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills has always shown a leadership role in environmental matters including, passing in 2005, asking the province to create a deposit and return system for wine and liquor bottles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024, by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); MPP Ted Arnott; Leaders of the Opposition Parties; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Mayor Ann Lawlor

September 20, 2024

**BY E-MAIL**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

### **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

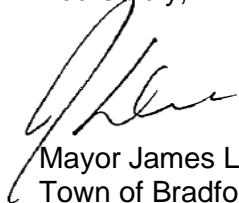
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe  
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic  
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities



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Wednesday, March 5, 2025

### Re: Resolution - Request to Increase Tile Drain Amount

Dear Honorable Rob Flack,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the motions from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and County of Frontenac requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and Minister of Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000; and, Further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, The Minister of Rural Affairs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.**

(613) 646-2282

Carried - as amended Resolution #2025-5275

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Sincerely,



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