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March 10, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please be advised that at its meeting of March 3, 2025, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 13-2025

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Karen Donovan

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is vital to the economic prosperity of Petawawa and its businesses, industries, and workforce; and

Whereas the proposed tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S. could negatively impact local businesses, industries, and municipalities, increasing costs and reducing economic opportunities; and

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

Whereas municipalities spend over \$22 billion annually procuring goods and services and are willing and eager to use this significant buying power to support the federal and provincial governments in protecting Ontario and Canada's economic well-being; and

Whereas municipalities play a key role in local economic development and procurement, and should have the ability to support local businesses while ensuring value for taxpayers; and



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

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

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

Whereas many Ontario municipalities are passing resolutions calling for a united, cross-Canada approach to supporting buy-Canadian initiatives, and collaboration to remove barriers that prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers during procurement; and

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) has passed resolutions supporting the efforts of the Canadian and Ontario governments in their negotiations with the U.S. to address these trade barriers; and

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

And further that the Town of Petawawa supports efforts to remove barriers that limit municipalities' ability to prioritize Canadian suppliers in procurement while ensuring fair and transparent trade practices;

And further that the Town of Petawawa continues to support local businesses, industries, and workforce, through the efforts of the Economic Development department, including Shop Local and Buy Canadian campaign;



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

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Howard".

Colin Howard, Dipl.M.M., Bus.Admin.
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

cc:

The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Jeff Leak, Mayor, Peterborough County
Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Jennifer Murphy, Zone 6 Councillor, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Peter Emon, Warden, County of Renfrew