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RESOLUTION # 80/2025

DATE : March 11, 2025

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 level 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 procurement 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 COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY supports the Canadian and Ontario government 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 government remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

AND THAT Canadians and Ontario government take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and supports Canadian businesses.

AND THAT the Canadians and Ontario government 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 government continues 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 Mayor's Caucus
- All regional, Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

I declare this motion

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Because:
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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*