

February 26, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

**RE: Resolution from the City of Waterloo passed February 24, 2025, re: US Proposed Tariff Response Motion**

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 resolved as follows:

**WHEREAS** contrary to terms of the existing United States Mexico Canada Agreement as well as to the long standing strong and productive economic and political relationship between Canada and the United States, the US President threatened to impose 25% tariffs on Canadian goods as of February 1<sup>st</sup> and although he has subsequently delayed the tariffs by thirty days they remain a real threat; and

**WHEREAS** tariffs could lead to a halt of the supply chain and create economic uncertainty in municipalities of all sizes; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are the foundation on which the Canadian economy is built, and as such municipalities should offer our support towards a united and strong Team Canada response; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities have significant purchasing power through our capital and infrastructure programs, with the City of Waterloo's capital program for 2025 being \$200 million alone, while the Association of Municipalities of Ontario cite that infrastructure spending across Ontario in the next 10 years is expected to exceed \$250 billion; and

**WHEREAS** Federal and Provincial leaders are encouraging all Canadians to Buy Canadian; and

**WHEREAS** City of Waterloo and the broader region is proud and honoured to be home to numerous U.S. based international students, academic professionals, and institutional thought leaders, along with prominent USA companies whose presence has greatly contributed to our quality of life, economic development, innovation, and employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS** longstanding partnerships highlight the strong, mutually beneficial economic ties between Canada and the United States, fostering collaboration in technology, manufacturing, and research sectors. Maintaining these free-trade practices will promote continued strong growth and shared prosperity on both sides of the border;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF WATERLOO:**

Stands with Team Canada on the message that tariffs are not in the best interests of Canadian or American residents, organizations, businesses and employees;

**AND** calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadians and businesses;

**AND** calls on the Waterloo Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), through the Business Economic Support Team Waterloo Region (BEST WR), to develop an action plan to support Waterloo Region businesses and our collective economic interests;

**AND** calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to better enable municipalities to explore procurement opportunities that exist within other trade agreements such as the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement;

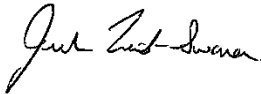
**AND** calls on the Federal and Provincial government to work collaboratively and urgently to remove trade barriers between provinces and territories, understanding that language requirements should continue to be respected for Quebec;

**AND** calls on City of Waterloo staff to explore options for limiting the impact of the potential United States' sanctioned tariffs on City Services and review current procurement processes for opportunities to increase purchases from Canadian sources;

**AND further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to** the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, local and area MP's, MPP's and Heads of Council, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Julie Finley-Swaren  
City Clerk, City of Waterloo

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