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May 6, 2025

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Subject: Pickering's Response to U.S. Tariff Threats

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on April 29, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the trade between Canada and the United States (the "U.S.") has driven decades of sustained economic growth, creating jobs and prosperity for Canadians;

And Whereas, the tariffs previously announced by President Trump against Canada and the new tariffs announced by the U.S. administration on April 2, 2025, against 180 countries could have significant adverse effects on the global economy resulting in either decreased growth or a recession that in turn would have significant adverse effects on the local Pickering economy including possible job losses;

And Whereas, the application of tariffs by the U.S. government and the reciprocal tariffs introduced by the Canadian Government will have negative results for the City of Pickering, particularly in terms of increased costs for goods sourced from the United States;

And Whereas, local, provincial, and federal leaders are encouraging Canadians and Canadian municipalities to prioritize Canadian goods and services;

And Whereas, the City of Pickering is committed to supporting local businesses and recognizing that the City of Pickering has significant purchasing power through its planned capital projects and planned projects and infrastructure investments which can be leveraged to support local and national businesses during the economic period of uncertainty;

And Whereas, the City of Pickering remains committed to supporting local businesses and protecting jobs for Pickering residents;

And Whereas, the City of Pickering recognizes the importance of adhering to current trade agreements signed by Canada, including the Canada European Trade Agreement (CETA) and other relevant international trade agreements;

And Whereas, the Canada-United States-Mexico free trade agreement does not apply to municipal procurement, making it possible for municipalities to adopt strategies that prefer Canadian and other non-U.S. goods and services to those of the U.S.;

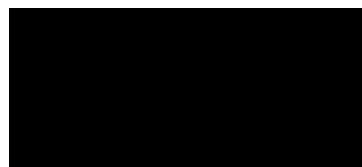
Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering requests:

1. That the City of Pickering align its procurement strategies with any legislation or direction to municipalities that may be issued formally by the federal or provincial government in response to tariffs imposed by the U.S., to support a unified, cross-Canada approach that effectively leverages the considerable buying power of municipalities to support a broader trade and economic strategy in Canada;
2. That the City of Pickering calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to take action to remove inter-provincial trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;
3. That Council directs staff to adopt procurement strategies that prioritize Canadian and other non-U.S. goods and services over those of the U.S., where feasible;
4. That City Departments conduct a thorough review of purchased goods and services to ensure, where possible, Canadian or Non-American goods, services or product standards are adopted;
5. That the City of Pickering will engage, through the Economic Development & Strategic Projects Department, with local businesses and stakeholders to understand the potential impacts of proposed tariffs and to collaborate on strategies to strengthen the local economy;
6. That the Director Finance & Treasurer be directed to approve amendments to the City's Purchasing Policy thresholds that would allow City staff more flexibility to support local businesses, particularly for low-dollar purchases of goods and services, and directly solicit bids from domestic suppliers, where applicable, while ensuring continued compliance with the Canadian Trade Agreements;
7. That the Director Finance & Treasurer be delegated authority to approve contract extensions in situations where negotiating an extension is favourable to obtaining bids, during this time of uncertainty, or where supply or pricing is likely to be impacted, and that this delegated authority be in effect for the duration of the 2025 budget year;

8. That the Director Finance & Treasurer be delegated authority to approve additional financing, specifically related to tariffs and retaliatory issues where current contracts or bids come in over budget or require an increase, that would otherwise require Council approval unless the additional funding relies on reserves or reserve funds, and that this delegated authority be in effect for the duration of the 2025 budget year; and,
9. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, all Durham MPs, all Durham MPPs, and Durham Region Council.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



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