

Motion

Agenda Number: 20.1
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Moved by Mayor Brown
Seconded by Mayor Parrish

Whereas on March 4th, 2025 the U.S. implemented a 25% tariff on imports that are the product of Canada (with the exception of Canadian energy imports subject to 10% import duties) with additional trade tariffs anticipated to be imposed by the U.S.;

And whereas, the Canadian government has responded with counter-tariffs on U.S. goods and Ontario and municipalities across the country are considering and advancing their own measures;

And whereas, Peel Region procured \$2.4B in goods and services in 2024, making it one of the largest procurer of goods and services amongst all municipalities in Ontario and, as such, may be significantly impacted by these new tariffs;

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

And whereas, the Region of Peel Procurement By-law upholds respect for international and domestic trade agreements applicable to and within Canada, including the free trade agreement with the European Union (CETA), which prohibit preferential treatment to goods or services based on location or origin;

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.;

Therefore be it resolved, that:

1. In response to trade tariffs imposed by the U.S., staff be directed to adopt procurement strategies that prioritize Canadian and other non-U.S. goods and services over those of the U.S. where feasible, during such time as U.S. tariffs are in effect; and
2. Amendments to the Region of Peel's Procurement By-law necessary to implement the above direction be brought forward to Regional Council for enactment; and
3. The Region of Peel 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; and
4. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Caledon Chamber of Commerce, Brampton Board of Trade and Mississauga Board of Trade.

Regional Chair
