

April 16, 2025

County of Bruce
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Canada

Sent via email: info@brucecounty.on.ca

To whom it may concern:

Re: 2025-209

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the April 16, 2025 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2025-209

That Council receive the 2025-03-24 Bruce County - Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs for information; and

That Council of Grey Highlands support the resolution dated March 20, 2025 by Bruce County, regarding Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs; and

That Council direct staff to send this resolution of support to Bruce County, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-Vanalstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Manager of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands



March 24, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney,
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 (sent via email: pm@pm.gc.ca)

RE: Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs


Dear Prime Minister Carney,

The County of Bruce continues to monitor the situation with respect to proposed tariffs by the United States. Tariffs and the corresponding responses are inherently macro-economic in nature. Given this fact, the tools available to municipalities are limited.

The County of Bruce is adopting a strategy to respond to the impacts of tariffs locally which includes implementation of procurement policies focused on purchasing from Canadian sources, where permitted by trade agreements.

The County calls on the federal and provincial governments to take action to ensure that municipalities have the tools they need to protect Canadian consumers and businesses and ensure the continued prosperity of the Canadian economy. The attached resolution provides the details of the County's formal request.

Regards,


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cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
(premier@ontario.ca)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (policy@amo.on.ca)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) (resolutions@fcm.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities

Agenda Number: b.
Resolution Number BCC-2025-042
Title: Government Relations - Implication of Tariffs on
Bruce County
Date: March 20, 2025



Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland
Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

Resolution on Supporting Municipal Response to Tariffs

Whereas the United States' Executive Administration is enacting tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which will significantly impact the economic stability of both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario reports that Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure over the next 10 years; and

Whereas trade agreements and legislation have traditionally prevented municipalities from giving preference to Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can help combat tariffs and support businesses through procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of County of Bruce calls on the federal and provincial governments to:

1. Empower municipalities to buy Canadian;
2. Remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible;
3. Work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses.
4. That the federal and provincial governments be requested to remove interprovincial trade barriers.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried