

Council Memorandum

Date:	March 4, 2025
To:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Councillor Perry
Re:	Trade Tariffs

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Perry, **regarding Trade Tariffs**, be received;

That the City of Kawartha Lakes supports and endorses the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) resolution of 10 February 2025 - EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs;

That staff review and report back to Council on options and barriers to privilege Canadian and local sources in the City's procurement policy by the end of Q2; and

That this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

Given the impending tariffs on Canadian exports to the United States, it is important that municipalities support the efforts of the Provincial and Federal Governments to strengthen trade across all provinces and remove barriers. One way to accomplish this is for the Canadian and Ontario governments to remove any impediments or requirements for municipalities to procure Canadian products and services. The City



should also review ways we can promote local, provincial, and Canadian businesses in our procurement process.



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