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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD

March 11th, 2025

2025-76

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Canada and the United States have a shared history of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS newly elected President Donald Trump has suggested that with the use of economic force such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States;

AND WHEREAS President Trump, has now imposed tariffs on imports from Canada that will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries;

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian, at the same time as it seeks to remove inter-provincial trade barriers within Canada;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs and can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support Canadian businesses by their procurement of Canadian products and services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris categorically rejects any efforts by President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada, and we stand united with our provincial and federal leaders for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government;



AND FURTHERMORE that Council endorses the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian and therefore remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for products and services when appropriate and feasible;

AND FURTHERMORE that Council encourages the provincial and federal governments to remove trade barriers between provinces in support of Canadian businesses;

AND FURTHERMORE that the CAO be directed to prepare a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota, Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Good Roads Association, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2025-76 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 11th day of March, 2025.

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Clerk

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
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Right Hon. Prime Minister, Justine Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
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March 11, 2025

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

At the Council meeting held on February 20, 2025, Laird Township Council approved Council Resolution 43-25, supporting the letter submitted by the Town of Newmarket regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Motion 43-25

Moved by: Todd Ryall

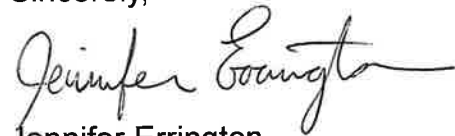
Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Laird supports the Town of Newmarket resolution to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail at clerk@lairdtownship.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Errington
Clerk Administrator

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
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February 11, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on February 10, 2025, the Town of Newmarket Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and,

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and,

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and,

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and,

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents; and,



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Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved:

1. That Newmarket Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and,
2. That Newmarket Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Thomas-Hopkins
 Legislative Coordinator

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**Town of Newmarket Council Extract
Council**

Title: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Date: Monday, February 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Simon

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

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Carried

March 18, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria,
Minister of Transportation
Via Email: minister.mto@ontario.ca

Re: Driver Training and Examinations Auditor General Report

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 17, 2025 supported the attached resolution, Appendix A, regarding the above noted matter from the City of Brampton.

Sincerely,

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February 20, 2025

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Re: Driver Training and Examinations Auditor General Report

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of January 15, 2025 was approved by Council on January 22, 2025, pursuant to Council Resolution C027-2025:

CW009-2025

Whereas:

- It is a relief that Premier Ford was unharmed in the accident on the 401 in Pickering involving a reckless driver (age 18) from Oshawa on January 8, 2025 (Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-premier-doug-ford-uninjured-in-highway-401-collision-says-his-office-1.7168982>)
- In addition to tragic loss of life and injury, vehicle collisions cause higher auto-insurance rates, unwanted congestion, lost productivity, and significant costs associated with emergency response (police, fire, paramedics, hospital emergency rooms and healthcare);
- According to the OPP, there were more car collision-related deaths (**568**) on Ontario highways in 2023 than in any year since 2007, making it **the deadliest year in over 15 years** and "...it's so critically important that we understand the rules of the road and we share the road safely, responsibly and understand the consequences for making a bad decision can be deadly." (Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/opp-number-fatalities-last-year-deadly-year-1.7204528>);
- That same year 26,425 were injured in vehicle collisions according to the MTO Preliminary 2023 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-07/mto-orsar-preliminary2023-en.pdf>)
- As of Thanksgiving 2024, the OPP notes that **296** drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists died in car collisions, and the vast majority of those road incidents were preventable and attributed to poor and careless actions and behaviours (Source: <https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/nearly-300-people-missing-from-thanksgiving-tables-opp-1.7070787>), one-fifth involving a transport truck (as at July 2024 Source: <https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/one-fifth-of-fatal-collisions-in-2024-involve-transport-trucks-9177343>)

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- 2024 is the most dangerous year for pedestrians and cyclists who have been particularly at risk this year, with fatalities in these two road user classes up 100 per cent and 82 per cent respectively over this time last year (Source: <https://www.mondaq.com/canada/rail-road-cycling/1565790/how-2024-has-quickly-become-the-deadliest-year-for-cyclists-and-pedestrians>);
- By far, the most common type of conviction of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and cause for fatalities was speeding, representing 60.4% of all HTA convictions (Source: <https://www.g1.ca/driving-statistics/>);
- Peel Region had 25 fatalities due to car collisions - 13 in Brampton and 12 in Mississauga;
- The most dangerous places to drive in Ontario are Brantford (0.7/5), Kingston (0.7/5), Burlington (0.8/5) and Brampton (1.1/5), which impacts road safety and insurance affordability for everyone in these communities (Source: <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/top-10-safest-and-most-dangerous-cities-to-drive-in-ontario-in-2024-889054846.html>);
- From January to September 2024 the following traffic violation charges have been made by Peel Police:
 - 632 careless driving charges (345 in Brampton, a 25% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
 - 559 cellphone use while driving charges (125 in Brampton, a 29% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
 - 6,367 speeding charges (830 in Brampton, a 117% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
 - 1,992 “Fail to Stop” at a stop sign charges (874 in Brampton, a 74% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023);
- To mitigate speeding drivers, The City of Brampton has made historic investments in ASE cameras, an ASE processing centre, speed bumps, road diets, lower speed limits, police enforcement and other traffic calming measures, however like all municipalities, lacks jurisdiction over driver training and examinations, an area requiring urgent reform under the Provincial Government;
- Under the HTA, the Ministry of Transportation (Ministry) is responsible for protecting the public by restricting the privilege of driving to those who demonstrate that they have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to drive safely;

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- Ensuring that drivers receive appropriate and effective training and testing before they get a driver's licence is a crucial step in keeping Ontario's roads safe;
- The Auditor General (AG) conducted a value for money audit (AG Report) which includes 18 recommendations (***summary attached to this motion***) for the Provincial Government Ministry, published in December 2023 and concludes by highlighting:

“Our audit concluded that the Ministry of Transportation did not have effective evidence-based driver examination programs to evaluate and test novice drivers thoroughly and consistently. The Ministry did not provide effective oversight of novice driver training and driver examination service providers to ensure desired service outcomes with due regard to economy. Ministry oversight of driving schools and instructors was limited. It does not regulate driver training services outside of the optional Beginner Driver Education program, curbing its ability to identify and/or deter substandard training practices within the industry. In addition, the Ministry's monitoring programs were not designed to proactively identify drivers with repeat suspensions or high-risk medical conditions, impeding the effectiveness of these programs to maximize road safety in Ontario. (Source Page 4:

https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_drivertraining_en23.pdf);

- In March 2024, CBC Marketplace broke an investigative story “Driving schools selling shortcuts to insurance discounts and faster road tests” where schools submit false information to government saying drivers completed 40 hours of training, consistent with concerning findings in the AG Report (Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/marketplace-driving-schools-education-fee-1.7134557>); and
- The provincial government has not provided a substantial update on any action taken regarding the recommendations in the AG Report to improve driver training and examination for safer drivers and improve safety on our roads.

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The City Brampton endorse the Auditor General Value-for-Money Audit Driver Training and Examination Report (AG Report) - its findings and 18 recommendations to ensure that we have safe and qualified drivers on our roads; and
2. The City of Brampton share this motion and endorsement with the Premier, Minister of Transportation, all local MPPs, and the leaders of the official opposition and third party; and

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3. The City of Brampton request a formal update from the provincial government and meeting with the Minister of Transportation regarding any action taken to date based on the recommendations described in the AG Report, particularly those that prioritize improved driver training and examination for safer drivers on our roads; and
4. The City of Brampton forward this motion and attachment to any cities or towns listed in the AG Report and the top dangerous cities in Ontario, encouraging them to pass a similar motion; and CC them in the follow-up correspondence to the province; and
5. The City of Brampton forward this motion, attachment, and follow-up correspondence to the Region of Peel, Peel Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Driving Instructors Association, and Young Drivers of Canada.
6. Staff report back with data to identify road safety hotspots with the intention to use the data strategically with Peel Police to improve Brampton's status as a safe city to drive.
7. Staff report back on bylaw enforcement tactics regarding driving instructors as referenced on page 22 of the AG Report: "In some municipalities, such as Brampton, municipal bylaw officers patrolled test routes and issued fines to driving instructors who lingered around exam routes".

A summary of recommendations in the Auditor General Value-for-Money Audit Driver Training and Examination Report is attached.

By copy of this correspondence to Robert Higgs, Director, Enforcement and By-law Services, Legislative Services, and Shane Loftus, Director, Road Maintenance and Operations, Public Works and Engineering, they are requested to carry out the directions outlined in clauses 6 and 7. Item **RM 5/2025** has been added to the Referred Matters List for the report requested.

Yours truly,

Sonya Pacheco

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(CW – 7.2)

MOTION: SAFER DRIVERS = SAFER ROADS, a call for the Provincial Government to act**Moved by: Santos****ATTACHMENT: Summary of recommendations published by the Auditor General Value – “Value-for-Money Audit: Driver Training and Examination” December 2023***NOTE: The following list of recommendations have been copied directly from the report.***Issue and Recommendations (Pg16-38)**https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_drivertraining_en23.pdf:**4.1 Driver Examinations****4.1.1 Novice Drivers from Urban Areas Who Took Road Tests at Rural or Suburban Drive Test Centres Were Involved in More Collisions**

1. So that driver examinations effectively assess whether novice drivers are sufficiently prepared to drive safely on Ontario’s roads, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
 - assess the impact on road safety of novice drivers from urban areas taking their road tests at rural and suburban DriveTest Centres; and
 - based on that assessment, identify and put in place reasonable restrictions that prohibit urban novice drivers from taking their road test at a DriveTest Centre outside of where they live, work or study.

4.1.2 Ministry Reduced the Requirements for the G (Highway) Road Test Without a Full Review and Formal Evaluation of Road Safety Impacts

2. To understand the full impact of the reduced G (highway) road test and make evidence-based decisions about the reduced test, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
 - conduct a thorough policy analysis of the impact of the reduced G (highway) road test, including the impact related to drivers from countries with no reciprocal driver’s licence exchange agreement with Ontario;
 - track and compare the collision rates of drivers who pass the reduced G (highway) road test to those who passed the full G (highway) road test over a sufficient period of time to determine if it increases road safety risk; and
 - based on these analyses, determine whether it is appropriate to continue to use the reduced G (highway) road test.

4.1.3 Novice Drivers Can Repeat the Knowledge Test as Many Times as Necessary in One Sitting to Pass

3. To encourage novice drivers to study the rules of the road more effectively prior to attempting the G1 knowledge test, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation review best practices in other jurisdictions, such as Quebec and British Columbia, and determine whether it should introduce a wait period before an individual can retake the test or limit the number of tests that can be taken in a single day.

4.2 Driver Training**4.2.1 Drivers Allowed to Shorten Their G1 Supervised Driving Period Were Involved in More Collisions**

4. So that novice drivers are better prepared to drive safely on Ontario’s roads, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
 - review and identify opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of the Beginner Driver Education program (program) for novice drivers, including the sufficiency of the existing minimum number of driving practice hours;
 - based on leading practices in other jurisdictions, reassess the time discount provision that allows novice drivers to shorten the supervised driving period after the completion of the program;

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- based on its review of these areas, implement necessary changes to improve the program; and subsequent to making changes to the program, determine whether all novice drivers should be required to complete the program.

4.2.2 Ministry Provided Limited Guidance Regarding Necessary Driving Practices for New Drivers Compared to Other Jurisdictions

5. So that novice drivers are well prepared to drive safely on Ontario roads, and to protect the integrity of the Ministry's driver examination process, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- review the types of driver training services available in the marketplace (including the practice of route training) and assess their impact on novice drivers and on the integrity of the driver examination process;
 - based on that assessment, propose regulatory changes to prohibit driver training services that compromise the Ministry's ability to assess the driving skills of novice drivers through the Ministry examination process; and
 - implement monitoring and enforcement tools to deter prohibited driver training services.

*4.2.3 Unregulated Driver Training Services May Undermine the Integrity of Driver Examinations**4.2.4 Weak Oversight of Beginner Driver Education Driving Schools*

6. To strengthen the oversight of driving schools, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- develop and implement a formal policy to require timely on-site follow-ups at driving schools where audits identified either serious or a high number of compliance violations to assess if the violations have been resolved;
 - develop and implement a strategy for routinely conducting cost-effective mystery shops on driving schools that it identifies as high-risk; and
 - regularly document and assess progress reported through follow-ups with driving schools to direct the Ministry's future oversight and enforcement actions.

4.3 Graduated Licensing System May Not Adequately Prepare Less-Experienced Drivers from Other Countries to Drive in Ontario

7. To better prepare novice drivers from other countries for driving in Ontario, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- research whether drivers from other countries have unique challenges that may contribute to their involvement in a higher proportion of collisions;
 - reassess the impact of waiving the 12-month wait period between the G1 (knowledge) and G2 (city) road test; and
 - based on the results of Ministry research and reassessment, make necessary changes to the training and examination programs.

4.4 Monitoring High-Risk Licensed Drivers*4.4.1 Ministry Rarely Requires Drivers with Repeat Driving Suspensions to Take Retraining Courses*

8. To encourage road safety and provide early remedial measures for drivers with a history of repeat driving offences and suspensions, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- routinely identify drivers with a record of repeat driving offences and suspensions who Ministry data indicates are at increased likelihood to cause a collision; and
 - expand the criteria for requiring drivers to complete remediation and retraining to include these drivers.

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4.4.2 Elderly Drivers' Ability to Drive Safely Not Effectively Assessed

9. To enhance road safety for the growing number of elderly drivers, we recommend the Ministry of Transportation review and adopt best practices from other jurisdictions, such as:

- re-examining elderly drivers' driving skills; and
- requiring regular medical assessments for all Drivers 80 and older.

4.4.3 Reporting of Drivers Who May Be Medically Unfit to Drive Could Be Improved

10. For more complete and timely identification, assessment and suspension of drivers with high medical risks, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation periodically conduct educational and outreach initiatives to increase awareness among doctors, nurses and optometrists to report patients for medical assessment.

4.4.4 Supporting Evidence for Ministry's Medical Suspension Decisions Not Always Complete

11. To help ensure that decisions to suspend driver's licences are based on all medically relevant information, and that the suspension decisions are consistent and adequately supported, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- redesign the forms doctors use to provide condition-specific medical information to the Ministry to include all necessary information, such as test or treatment results;
- require medical assessors to consistently document their rationale for decisions related to complex driving suspensions and reinstatements; and
- implement a quality-assurance process to routinely review the completeness and appropriateness of medical assessments.

4.5 Driver Examination Services Contract Management and Oversight*4.5.1 Ministry's Contract Administration Was Ineffective, and Failed to Improve Driver Examination Services for Ontarians*

12. To better motivate the service provider to improve service rather than incur penalties, and to hold the service provider accountable for contract deliverables, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- design and implement performance measures that incorporate effective penalties for performance failures, including delays in contract deliverables;
- collect an upfront contingency deposit for performance penalties based on historical records; and
- design and implement incentives (in addition to penalties) to promote compliance and appropriate responses from the service provider.

13. To promote effective contract management and relations between the Ministry of Transportation and its service provider, and to avoid undermining the contractual position of the Ministry, we recommend that the Ministry ensure that communications with contractors use appropriate contract channels.

4.5.2 Ministry's Compliance Audits of Driver Examination Services Were Inconsistent and Incomplete

14. To better monitor and report on the driver examination service provider's compliance and performance, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation strengthen its audit function by implementing a program of risk-based audits to examine all key operational processes of driver examination services, including road tests.

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4.5.3 Ministry Paid Additional Funds to Maintain Service Levels That Were the Responsibility of the Service Provider

15. To provide for better accountability of funds provided to third parties for driver examination services to Ontarians, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- administer contracts such that risks and costs are allocated between the parties in accordance with contractual terms; and
- conduct thorough reviews on all relief, subsidization or reimbursement requests from service providers and render decisions that are consistent with the Ministry's contractual obligations.

4.5.4 Ministry Awarded New Contract to the Service Provider Despite Poor Performance and Issues of Concern

16. To provide for more effective oversight of driver examination service providers, and to provide Ontarians with better quality of service, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- ensure adequate lead time to comply with government policies on procurement when contracting with a service provider;
- consider past performance in negotiating future contracts;
- compare its experience relative to other Canadian provinces to identify best practices in structuring driver examination services; and
- use independent research to immediately evaluate the costs and benefits of various options for an examination service delivery partnership.

4.6 Ministry Overrode Its Own Proof of Identification Requirements When Issuing Driver's Licences

17. To better prevent fraud and identify theft, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- develop internal guidelines and formal procedures to evaluate and document the extenuating circumstances for ID escalations;
- educate Serco and ServiceOntario staff on these guidelines and procedures; and
- put in place a process to monitor that these guidelines and procedures are followed.

4.7 Ministry Did Not Incorporate Key Safety Data When Determining the Effectiveness of Its Road Safety Programs

18. To measure the effectiveness of its driver training and examination programs on a timely basis, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- expand the use of business intelligence tools to conduct additional analytics that leverage data from related information systems, linking driver information to the driver examination, collisions and driver medical databases;
- establish a comprehensive set of road safety indicators, including those related to collision rates, based on the objectives of its driver training and examination programs; and
- monitor its driver training and examination programs using these indicators, and report on the results annually.

March 19, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

To whom it may concern:

Re: Procurement Approach in Response to United States Tariffs

For your information and records, at its meeting of Municipal Council held on March 18, 2025, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS Canada and the United States have a longstanding and valued relationship as neighbours, allies, and trading partners that offers mutual stability, prosperity, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS Council believes that maintaining a positive and co-operative partnership and strong economic ties benefits both Canadian and American industries, companies, and citizens; and

WHEREAS despite this longstanding partnership, the United States government enacted 25 per cent tariffs on select imports from Canada as of March 4, 2025, with the intention to expand tariffs to steel and aluminum effective March 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS the United States government has announced their intention to impose broad-based 25 per cent tariffs on imports from Canada and a 10 per cent levy on Canadian energy effective April 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Canadian government responded with 25 per cent tariffs on \$30 billion worth of imports from the United States as of March 4, 2025, with the intention to increase tariffs to \$155 billion worth of goods if the United States tariffs are maintained; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government responded with a ban on United States-based companies participating in provincial government procurement, and encouraged municipalities to consider implementing a similar response at the local level; and

WHEREAS local economies are particularly vulnerable to tariffs and trade uncertainty; and

WHEREAS municipalities can play a critical role as part of the pan-Canadian approach to combat tariffs and protect local, Ontario, and Canadian businesses through coordinated and strategic procurement practices;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury supports the measures that the federal and provincial governments have implemented in response to the current and proposed United States tariffs on Canadian imports; and

THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury calls upon the federal and provincial governments to remove trade barriers between provinces and impediments towards preferring Canadian companies in procurements for capital projects and supplies; and

THAT effective immediately and until the threat of tariffs is lifted, the Town of East Gwillimbury will:

- 1) Prioritize procurement of Canadian goods, services, and suppliers where possible; and*
- 2) Review circumstances and explore options where there are limited alternatives to goods, services, or suppliers from the United States on a case-by-case basis; and*
- 3) Monitor existing contracts to identify and mitigate potential risks; and*

THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury Procurement By-law Number 2019-146 be applied consistently with this resolution; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Scot Davidson, MP, York—Simcoe; the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York—Simcoe; York Region Municipalities; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Amanda McNeil, Hon. B.A., M.M.St.
Legislative Coordinator

**TOWNSHIP OF JOLY**

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March 11, 2025

RESOLUTION**Resolution # 2025-0077****Agenda Item # 5.1 Blood Collection - No paid Plasma****Moved By :** Bill Black**Seconded By :** Tom Bryson**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby, supports Member Motion Item 23.1 by Toronto and the City of Hamilton Public Health Committee Report 24-005 (June 3, 2024).

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly expresses its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies.

AND FURTHER Direct the Clerk to forward this resolution to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Carried

**Original Copy Signed
Mayor
Township of Joly**

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 pm

- a) Agenda Item 6. G) Request for Support – Municipality of Durham to Ban the
Nazi Swastika
-

#055-03-2025 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we support the Region of Durham regarding the B’Nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with certain exceptions the public display of Nazi symbols and iconology.

Carried

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Stasia Carr

Clerk



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March 21, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

**RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

At the Council meeting held on March 17, 2025, the Town of Milton Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and,

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and,

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and,

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and,

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved** That Milton Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. **Be It Further Resolved** That Milton Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. **Be It Further Resolved** That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,
4. **Be It Further Resolved**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. **Be It Further Resolved**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours sincerely,

Meaghen Reid
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All local Members of Parliament (MPs)
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Re: Resolution - Deposit Return Program

Dear Honourable Todd McCarthy,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program; and further that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Finance; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried - Resolution #2025-5273

Sincerely,

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Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC



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February 20, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0025 regarding Support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0025.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Lawr'.

Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington – Halton Hills
Leaders of the Opposition Parties
All Municipalities in Ontario



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0025

Title: Ontario Deposit Return Program

Date: February 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS ON September 20, 2024 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury issued a letter endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills has always shown a leadership role in environmental matters including, passing in 2005, asking the province to create a deposit and return system for wine and liquor bottles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024, by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); MPP Ted Arnott; Leaders of the Opposition Parties; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Mayor Ann Lawlor



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September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,

Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - 2024 York Region Health and Well-Being Review
Date: March 25, 2025 11:51:35 AM

On March 20, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Regional Chair write a letter to Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing formally requesting funding increases and policy adjustments to alleviate income insecurity in York Region, including:
 - a. Implement living wage and basic income policies.
 - b. Increase and index Ontario Works rates with inflation to meet life's basic needs.
 - c. Include the reduction of food insecurity as a component of all appropriate government policies.
 - d. Provide permanent long-term and predictable benefit programs like the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit beyond 2029 along with multi-year and sustained funding to expand access to affordable housing of all types.
 - e. Work collaboratively with Service Managers to develop a comprehensive and sustainable community housing funding model, with increased and predictable Provincial funding for new supply and capital repairs.
2. Council include information about socio-economic, health and well-being trends and service pressures when meeting with provincial ministries and elected officials to raise awareness of the need.
3. Council direct staff to work with Human Services Planning Board, other community partners and municipal counterparts to identify innovative and collaborative solutions and advocate to senior levels of government for poverty reduction and housing stabilization initiatives and funding.
4. Regional Clerk circulate this report and Attachment 1 to the Clerks of the local municipalities, City of Toronto, Region of Peel, Durham Region, Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Children, Community and Social Services, York Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, York Regional Police Services Board, Human Services Planning Board and United Way Greater Toronto.
5. The Region work with Local Municipalities to distribute this report and Attachment 1

to local non-profit and community organizations.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Mary Boushel, Director, Strategies and Partnerships Branch, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 78389 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services
Department

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Re: Resolution - Request to Increase Tile Drain Amount

Dear Honorable Rob Flack,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the motions from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and County of Frontenac requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and Minister of Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000; and, Further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, The Minister of Rural Affairs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

(613) 646-2282

Carried - as amended Resolution #2025-5275

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Sincerely,

Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Request for Redistribution Funding for Sustainable Infrastructure

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on March 10, 2025 and subsequently ratified by City Council on March 24, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

“WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated February 11, 2025, we support, in principle, the request for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding from the Province of Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay express its willingness to work collaboratively with the Province in an effort to realize any and all opportunities that may be available with respect to support for long term planning and sustainable infrastructure funding for municipalities in Ontario that result in overall community benefit;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Thunder Bay - Superior North, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all 444 municipalities in Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.”

Result: CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Dana Earle
Deputy City Clerk

/gs

Cc:
Prime Minister of Canada,
Premier of Ontario,
Ontario Minister of Finance,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River,
MP Thunder Bay - Superior North,
MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan,
MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North,
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
all 444 municipalities in Ontario



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,


Luke Charbonneau,
Warden
warden@brucecounty.on.ca

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



**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax, Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
Date: February 24, 2025

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- 1. That Council for the City of Peterborough respectfully requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and**
- 2. That Council for the City of Peterborough calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and**
- 3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and**
- 4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and**
- 5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.**

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.
Thank you.



John Kennedy, City Clerk



**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Tariff Motion
Date: February 24, 2025

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas Ontario is the number one or number two customer for at least seven US states including New York, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Missouri, and trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities, although currently subject to various trade agreements including the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for equipment, materials and supplies for both operating and capital infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces that add costs and create inefficiencies in the movement of goods.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the City of Peterborough supports Team Canada and the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary procurement policy that integrates and addresses these concerns to the greatest extent possible;

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers
- All local MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.
Thank you.


John Kennedy, City Clerk

99 Christie Lake Road, Perth, ON K7H 3C6

All Ontario Municipalities

2024.03.27

To Whom it May Concern:

On Wednesday March 12th, 2025 Lanark County Council passed the following motion:

MOTION #CC-2025-39

MOVED BY: P. McLaren

SECONDED BY: B. King

WHEREAS the United States has placed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods and 10% tariffs on energy exports from Canada; and

WHEREAS trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

WHEREAS according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario, municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

WHEREAS municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement of capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

NOW THEREFORE; be it resolved that Lanark County stand with Team Canada; and

THAT Lanark County shall immediately institute a “Buy Canadian” approach with routine and regular purchases within the mandate of existing trade agreements; and



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THAT Lanark County supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on measures they have put in-place in response to the U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods; and

THAT Lanark County requests that Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies; and

THAT Lanark County requests the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations:

- All Ontario Municipalities
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The local MP and MPP

Thank you,

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Megan Beson, Deputy Clerk

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister, Scott Reid, MP, John Jordan, MPP





**Town of Newmarket Council Extract
Council**

Title: Heritage Month Motion
Date: Monday, January 20, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Woodhouse
Seconded by: Councillor Broome

1. That April be proclaimed Sikh Heritage Month in the Town of Newmarket; and,
2. That May be proclaimed Jewish Heritage Month in the Town of Newmarket; and,
3. That October be proclaimed Islamic Heritage Month in the Town of Newmarket; and,
4. That November be proclaimed Hindu Heritage Month in the Town of Newmarket; and,
5. That December be proclaimed Christian Heritage Month in the Town of Newmarket; and,
6. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this motion.

Carried



March 28, 2025

Sent to: sebastien.derveeuw@parkinson.ca

Dear Sebastien Derveeuw:

RE: Lighting Request – April 11, 2025 – World Parkinson’s Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize World Parkinson’s Day by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on April 11, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,



John Taylor
Mayor



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Legislative Coordinator
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March 28, 2025

Sent to: sebastien.derveeuw@parkinson.ca

Dear Sebastien Derveeuw:

RE: Lighting Request – April 11, 2025 – World Parkinson’s Day

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on April 11, 2025 to recognize World Parkinson’s Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town’s website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town’s social media.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

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March 28, 2025

Sent to: wfh@wfh.org

Dear Gaele Coicou:

RE: Lighting Request – April 17, 2025 – World Hemophilia Day

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on April 17, 2025 to recognize World Hemophilia Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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Yours sincerely,

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



March 28, 2025

Sent to: ericka.aguilera@canadahablaespanol.org

Dear Ericka Aguilera:

RE: Proclamation Request – April 23, 2025 – Spanish Language Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize April 23, 2025 as Spanish Language Day.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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March 28, 2025

Sent to: ericka.aguilera@canadahablaespanol.org

Dear Ericka Aguilera:

RE: Proclamation Request – April 23, 2025 – Spanish Language Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim April 23, 2025 as Spanish Language Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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March 28, 2025

Sent to: info@fertilitymatters.ca

Dear Fertility Matters Canada:

RE: Lighting Request – April 24, 2025 – Canadian Fertility Awareness Week

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Canadian Fertility Awareness Week by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in green on April 24, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Taylor".

John Taylor
Mayor



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