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March 7, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Via email: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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### **Re: Impacts of Tariffs**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its special meeting held on March 6, 2025, supported the following resolution regarding the above noted matter:

Whereas Canada is facing an unfair trade war based on tariffs from the Trump administration;

And Whereas tariffs have the prospect of negatively impacting our citizens, businesses, and community organizations;

And Whereas Chatham-Kent Council is ready and prepared to stand up for our businesses and citizens, and to support Team Canada in this fight;

And Whereas the approaches taken to respond to tariffs need to consider all potential impacts of the decision, including unintended consequences;

And Whereas Council strenuously objects to the ongoing attempts to undermine Canadian sovereignty by the Trump Administration;

And Whereas Council encourages the Federal government to continue work toward negotiations on ending this Trade War;

Therefore, Chatham-Kent Municipal Council directs administration to continue its work to address the impacts of this trade war, to immediately work on the following list of actions, and to work on any other matters that could be relevant to address the impact of these unfair tariffs:

1. Administration continue its work on addressing tariff impacts, including the review of:
  - a. Approaches taken by other municipalities to ensure Chatham-Kent is adopting best practices;
  - b. Supply chains for major purchases and products that may be impacted by tariffs;

- c. Legal options for adjusting contracts and procurement processes to reduce Chatham-Kent exposure to tariffs;
  - d. Employment and support services for citizens whose jobs may be impacted by tariffs;
  - e. Opportunities to advance major projects to assist in economic stimulus;
2. Economic Development continue to:
- a. Connect with local businesses to understand impacts that tariffs are having;
  - b. Enhance existing Buy Local campaigns to help support local businesses and provide citizens with information about their purchasing decisions;
  - c. Be prepared to assist businesses with accessing senior government programs that may become available.
3. Administration be directed to support upper levels of government's "Team Canada" approach, including participating in municipal association work, and preparing advocacy to senior levels of government to address any barriers Chatham-Kent faces, and to advance the needs of our local companies;
4. Administration continue to update the [www.Chatham-Kent.ca/TariffSupport](http://www.Chatham-Kent.ca/TariffSupport) webpage to keep citizens updated on the impacts of tariffs and relief programs that become available;
5. Administration report to the Mayor and Council regarding any opportunities for political collaboration between Chatham-Kent and other municipalities, municipal associations and cross-border initiatives;
6. Administration return to Council for any necessary funding requests and with updates on progress on each of the items in this motion.
7. Administration be directed to send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments to consider all means to decrease costs to Canadians.
8. Administration be directed to share this resolution with local MP's, MPP's, AMO, FCM, ROMA, OBCM, Border Mayor Alliance and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk