



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
April 1, 2025

1. Correspondence from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms.
2. Correspondence from the Municipality of East Ferris Re: Standing for Canada.
3. Correspondence from the Township of Amaranth Re: Buy Local and Canadian.
4. Correspondence from the Municipality of Assiginack Re: US Tariffs, Buy Local
5. Correspondence from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Re: Tariff Response.
6. Correspondence from Workers Health and Safety Centre Re: National Day of Mourning Events in Chesley and Hanover

March 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford

Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-79
Moved: Councillor Giordano
Seconded: Councillor Dykie

WHEREAS Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords;

WHEREAS small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being;

WHEREAS it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld;

WHEREAS proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords
- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices

- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council requests the provincial government to look at ways to implement these balanced reforms that protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Attorney General, and all Ontario municipalities to support the creation of balanced protections for both landlords and tenants

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



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CC: President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Robin Jones - resolutions@amo.on.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General - attorneygeneral@ontario.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

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;



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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.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

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March 5, 2025

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

Re: Resolution regarding “Buy Local and Canadian”

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 5, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 10

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All Township residents be encouraged to “Buy Local and Canadian”;

That a “Buy Local and Buy Canadian” approach for municipal procurement be implemented where feasible and in line with best value principles;

That staff be directed to review current procurement practices and identify opportunities to enhance local purchasing in response to recent U.S. tariffs and economic pressures; and

That staff be directed to prohibit procurement of U.S. goods and services where possible; and

That staff be directed to report back on any opportunities found to modify procurement policies and practices to support “Buy Local and Buy Canadian” where practical.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Martin", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

C: AMO

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(705) 859-3196 or 1-800-540-0179**

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 pm
Agenda Item 6. J) Request for Support – US Tariffs, Buy Local

058-03-2025 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Assiginack, in response to foreign countries recent actions on tariffs to Canada, Council supports the Provincial and Federal Governments call to action of a “Canadian Business First” policy;

AND THAT Council recognizes there may be circumstances where this may not be possible;

AND THAT in situations where Canadian goods are not available staff, our suppliers, and those held in contract with the Township will source from countries that do not have tariffs applied to Canada.

Carried



Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
pm@pm.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), I want to thank you both for your strong leadership on behalf of Ontario and Canada through the continued uncertainty around tariffs and international trade.

The WOWC is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper and single-tier municipalities and 1.6 million constituents across rural Western Ontario, aiming to enhance the prosperity and overall well-being of rural and small communities across the region.

As Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), I want to express our ongoing support for the Governments of Ontario and Canada as you work to navigate the challenges posed by tariffs, inter-provincial trade barriers, and other trade restrictions.

Western Ontario's economy is closely linked to trade, particularly with the United States, but also within Canada. Economists highlight that sectors most vulnerable to the imposition of tariffs and trade barriers—potentially leading to layoffs or significant economic challenges—include automotive, construction, energy, agriculture, and consumer goods. In terms of industry GDP, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and transportation and warehousing are expected to be among the most affected industries.

Regional export data, defined as both domestic and international exports outside of Western Ontario, is available through Lightcast Analyst. Western Ontario's exports outside of the region totaled over \$226 billion in 2022. Exports outside the Western Ontario region in the largest industry, manufacturing, totaled close to \$145 billion in 2022, representing 64% of total regional exports. Tariffs on agriculture and food also present substantial risks to the regional economy. This industry accounts for nearly \$12 billion in goods in regional exports.

The WOWC recognizes that trade barriers—whether international or inter-provincial—create significant challenges for industries that are vital to our region's economic stability, job

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creation, and long-term prosperity. Restrictions on the movement of goods, services, and labour between provinces can hinder economic growth, increase costs for businesses, and limit opportunities for rural communities. Addressing these inter-provincial trade barriers is crucial to ensuring that businesses in Western Ontario can compete effectively in the national and global marketplace.

The WOWC will remain a vocal advocate for solutions that protect our industries and communities, as we are committed to working with all levels of government to safeguard our region's economic future. As part of this commitment, the WOWC strongly supports efforts to develop and implement procurement policies that alleviate some of the financial and administrative burdens on municipalities. We recognize that municipalities are often constrained by procurement regulations that limit flexibility and increase costs. By collaborating with provincial and federal governments, we can work towards policies that streamline procurement, promote local economic development, and enhance the efficiency of public investments.

Western Ontario's strength comes from our ability to adapt and respond as a region, and the WOWC remains dedicated to partnering with all stakeholders to ensure our communities remain strong and resilient. We look forward to continued collaboration with both levels of government to address these pressing economic and trade-related challenges.

Sincerely,



Mayor Amy Martin
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus
chair@wowc.ca

cc.

Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs
Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Western Ontario MPs and MPPs
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Counties and Municipalities



REMEMBER and RECOMMIT



April 28, 2025

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING



Safeguarding worker lives and livelihoods **CLOSE TO HOME**

When unacceptable tragedies strike – such as worker deaths or critical injuries – we often say they struck ‘close to home.’

Solutions to the unchecked workplace hazards that lead to heartbreaking loss of loved ones or their ability to earn a living, however, can also be found close to home. Much like our collective, ‘buy Canadian’ response to recent bullying tactics levelled at our trade agreements and national sovereignty, let’s draw on our better instincts, work with one another, control what we can, and create safer, healthier work.

Towards safer, healthier work

Workers, their representatives, supervisors, and employers must work together to build effective workplace health and safety programs of their own. They can begin with what hard-won health and safety laws provide:

- ▶ Employer responsibilities to take every reasonable precaution to protect workers, including development of effective workplace health and safety policies and programs;
- ▶ Worker rights to participate in these health and safety matters through worker health and safety representatives, joint health and safety committees and worker health and safety trades committees; and
- ▶ Health and safety training in support of both workplace responsibilities and rights and the elimination or control of workplace hazards.

If or when this internal system breaks down though, hard-won laws provide additional safeguards. Workers need to know our government agencies, provincial and/or federal, are as committed to defending their well-being as that of our economy – prepared to protect their lives and livelihoods by enforcing their right to safe, healthy work, as well as laws designed to punish and deter criminal negligence, provide just worker compensation and promote environmental sustainability, after all, many environmental hazards originate in workplaces and threaten workers too.

On April 28, our National Day of Mourning for workers injured, killed, or made ill because of hazardous work – let's remember AND let's recommit to working for safer, healthier workplaces and communities.



WHSC. We can help.

We are Ontario's only labour-endorsed, government-designated health and safety training provider. We help ensure you get the quality training you need – hazard-based, prevention-focused, worker-to-worker – when and where you need it.

ON APRIL 28. REMEMBER.

Mourn for the Dead. Fight for the Living. More than a slogan.

#MakeWorkSafe. More than a hashtag.

Join Us

GREY BRUCE LABOUR COUNCIL, CHESLEY

Day of Mourning Ceremony

Friday, April 25, 2025 | 10:00 am

Chesley Community Centre Arena
129 4th Avenue East, Chesley

Guest Speakers:

From Labour and the Community

Contact:

Chris Stephen
acjstephen@gmail.com

Check out our Day of Mourning resources, including a province-wide event listing. www.whsc.on.ca





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Day of Mourning Ceremony

Monday, April 28, 2025 | 11:00 am

Heritage Square
358 10th Street, Hanover

Guest Speakers:

From Labour and the Community

Contact:

Hazel Pratt
peacegirlhp2@gmail.com

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