



# TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

## CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

**Date:** May 12, 2025

**Item(s) no.:** 15 a

**Subject:** Notice of Motion – Marc Lalonde - USA Tariffs on Canadian Goods

**Moved by:** Marc Lalonde

**Seconded by:** Lisa Deacon

**WHEREAS** the United States of America (USA) has placed unjustified tariffs of 25% on Canadian goods (steel and aluminum) and is threatening to add more tariffs on Canadian manufactured automobiles; and

**WHEREAS** trade between Ontario and the USA is very important to our residents and our 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 dollars on infrastructure over the next 10 years; and

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

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

**WHEREAS** there exist trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Township of Russell support the Team Canada initiatives and;

**THAT** the province of Ontario and the government of Canada provide guidance on how to give preference to Canadian companies while adhering to requirements under trade agreements and;

**THAT** the province of Ontario and the government of Canada work to remove interprovincial trade barriers to support Canadian companies and supply chains in delivering made-in -Canada options for municipal procurement requirements and;

**THAT** the province of Ontario and the government of Canada provide clarity and direction on the intent and scope of the call to ban USA suppliers from municipal procurement.

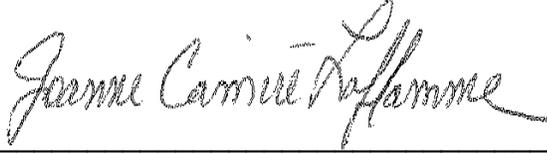
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations:

- 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 MMP

## MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



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Joanne Camiré Laflamme  
Clerk