

<b>Item</b>	City of Cambridge's Response to Proposed Tariffs
Mover	Mayor Liggett
Seconder	Councillor Ermeta

**Recommendation**

WHEREAS the City is committed to supporting residents and businesses as we navigate the potential impacts of proposed tariffs from the US government through continued engagement and consultation with the business community to better understand their evolving needs;

AND WHEREAS the economic health and well-being of the Cambridge community, for both its residents and businesses, remains an utmost priority for Council;

AND WHEREAS Cambridge is home to a thriving business community representing small businesses, medium and large Canadian-owned companies and international firms that contribute to the strong and vibrant local economy.

AND WHEREAS both our small and large businesses provide important and necessary jobs to our City;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mayor be requested to work with staff to conduct a comprehensive review and analysis focused on minimizing the impact of the proposed tariffs on the Cambridge community;
2. AND THAT the Mayor and staff be requested to work in partnership with economic development partners at the Chamber of Commerce, Waterloo Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), and the Business Economic Support Team Waterloo Region (BEST WR) as well as with municipal peers, Provincial and Federal levels of government to mitigate effects, advocate for businesses, and support our local economy;
3. AND THAT staff be directed to review procurement policies and practices to determine the feasibility of a Buy Canadian products approach;

4. AND THAT staff be directed to continue to assess our operations and sourcing strategies to minimize disruptions and ensure City services and projects remain affordable;
5. AND THAT the Mayor be requested to call on the federal and provincial governments to work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses;
6. AND THAT the Mayor be requested to continue to work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities Ontario, and the Ontario Big City Mayors in identifying and pursuing advocacy opportunities to Federal and Provincial governments for support and funding for Canadian businesses;
7. AND further that the City Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, local and area MP's, MPP's and Heads of Council, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
8. AND THAT staff be directed to report back with key updates on the actions set out in this motion.