



March 24, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney,  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 (sent via email: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca))

**RE: Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs**

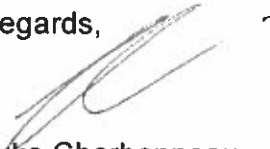
Dear Prime Minister Carney,

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,

  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) ([policy@amo.on.ca](mailto:policy@amo.on.ca))  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) ([resolutions@fcm.ca](mailto: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



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**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**