



May 9, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

RE: Resolution from the City of Waterloo passed May 5, 2025, re: Federal and Provincial Stimulus Funding to Fast-Track Investments in Infrastructure to Protect Local Economies Motion

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, May 5th, 2025 resolved as follows:

WHEREAS the United States has imposed tariffs on key Canadian industries, and Canada has implemented counter-tariffs in response; and

WHEREAS tariffs are already disrupting local economies across Ontario, jeopardizing jobs, investment, and economic stability in communities of all sizes; and

WHEREAS we must protect our most vulnerable residents whose housing supports and services may be negatively impacted by an economic downturn; and

WHEREAS infrastructure investments in public transit, Light Rail Transit and improving the electricity grid will simultaneously address the economic uncertainty created by the US imposed tariffs by creating good, local jobs while also addressing the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS in times of economic uncertainty, federal and provincial governments have historically stepped up with stimulus investments to support municipalities, create jobs, and maintain economic momentum; and



WHEREAS past stimulus initiatives, such as the 2009 Economic Action Plan, which funded 23,000 infrastructure projects across the country in response to the global financial crisis, and the 2020 COVID-19 stimulus plan, which provided critical economic relief during the pandemic, played a critical role in stabilizing local economies and ensuring communities could withstand economic downturns; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are uniquely positioned to drive economic recovery by facilitating major infrastructure projects that create well-paying jobs, attract investment, and improve public services for residents; and

WHEREAS fast-tracking significant municipal projects as stimulus initiatives would help mitigate the negative economic impacts of US tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs while building critical infrastructure that benefits Ontarians for generations; and

WHEREAS projects such as housing enabling infrastructure, asset management mitigation and adaptation, transit and transportation infrastructure, affordable housing and supportive housing projects, and other key infrastructure investments that support economic growth, job creation, and sustainable urban development, are ready to serve as engines of economic resilience and community capacity building,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Waterloo Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to introduce comprehensive municipal stimulus strategies to fast-track large-scale investments in infrastructure, housing, transit, state-of-good-repair projects and other critical projects that will help safeguard local economies against the destabilizing effects of US tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs; and

THAT these stimulus strategies also allow for funding of social housing programs including wrap around services for our most vulnerable residents; and

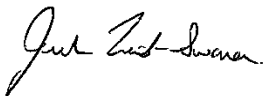
THAT Council urges the federal and provincial governments to work in partnership with municipal associations such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to identify and accelerate key projects to serve as stimulus initiatives, ensuring that economic growth remains centered on protecting the livelihoods and well-being of the people within our Waterloo and across Waterloo Region:

- **City of Waterloo Beaver Creek Road and Conservation Drive Pumping Stations** - construction of 2 new pumping stations required to enable the creation of over 4,500 new homes in Waterloo.
- **City of Waterloo Albert McCormick Community Centre Renovation and Expansion** - a significant redevelopment to enhance its energy efficiency, accessibility, and overall functionality.
- **City of Waterloo RIM Park GHG and Accessibility Retrofit Project** – a major renovation of a key community asset that represents approximately 47% of the GHG savings required to meet the City's 2030 GHG emission target (in 2030).

AND THAT this resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, local MPs, Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus (OBCM), Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Finance, President of the Treasury Board, Premier Doug Ford and the federal ministerial counterparts when the new federal cabinet is established.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Finley-Swaren'.

Julie Finley-Swaren
City Clerk, City of Waterloo

CC (by email):

William Short, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Danielle Manton, Clerk, City of Cambridge
Amanda Fusco, Clerk, City of Kitchener
Ashley Good, Clerk, Township of North Dumfries
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Kaitlin Bos, Clerk, Township of Wilmot
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Catherine Fife, M.P.P. (Waterloo)
Jess Dixon, M.P.P. (Kitchener South-Hespeler)

Hon. Mike Harris, M.P.P. (Kitchener-Conestoga)
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Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus (OBCM)
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board