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July 17, 2025

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RE: Correspondence from Northumberland County dated June 25, 2025, regarding "Township of Mulmur 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'"

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 9, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-226:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17 be received for information; and,

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of correspondence from Northumberland County dated June 25, 2025, regarding "Correspondence, Township of Mulmur 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions"; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch also recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Puslinch also recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;



And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Puslinch also commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Puslinch also calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Leader of the Opposition
- MP Michael Chong
- MPP Joseph Racinsky
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: The Leader of the Opposition, MP Michael Chong, MPP Joseph Racinsky, AMO, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) & All Ontario Municipalities



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

June 25, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)
Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)
Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur
'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor John Logel

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

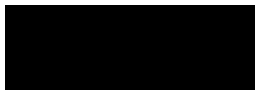
"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508

Carried

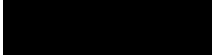

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By J. Logel 
Seconded By S. Dibb 

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2025-06-18- 508

Council Date: June 18, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Carried 

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

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Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions

At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

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Carried.

Sincerely,



Roseann Knechtel, Clerk