



April 8, 2025

**BY EMAIL**

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**Re: Tariffs on Canadian Production**

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 17, 2025, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated March 4 2025, from the Town of LaSalle regarding tariffs on Canadian production. Council of the Town of Essex calls upon the Provincial Government to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers to ensure that Canadian items produced in the County of Essex and in the Town of Essex are no longer subject to these interprovincial trade barriers.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

**R25-03-127**

Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais  
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**Whereas** the recent threats of an imposition on tariffs on Canadian production will have a substantial effect on the items produced in the County of Essex and purchased in the Town of Essex;

**And Whereas** there has only been a 30-day reprieve granted;

**And Whereas,** a tariff on Canadian steel and aluminum has been threatened;

**And Whereas,** these tariffs were going to be applied by another country and therefore can be deemed as being external to the Province and Country;



**And Whereas,** the interprovincial trade has been deemed by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) to represent 18% of Canada's GDP.

**And Whereas,** the CFIP released a report that said removing interprovincial barriers could boost the economy by up to \$200 billion annually;

**And Whereas,** items produced, grown, and manufactured in Essex County are sent across Canada;

**And Whereas,** persons in the Town of Essex purchase goods manufactured in many provinces and from across the country, and these goods are in many cases subject to interprovincial barriers.

**Be It Resolved that,** the Town of Essex calls upon both the Provincial and Federal Governments to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers to ensure that items produced in the County of Essex and that Canadian items purchased in the Town of Essex are no longer subject to these interprovincial trade barriers; and

**That** a letter from the Town of Essex be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Office of the Prime Minister, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Chris Lewis, MP, Essex, Irek Kusmierczyk, MP Windsor-Tecumseh, and Brian Masse, MP Windsor West.

**Carried**



We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Malandrucolo".

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Enclosure

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