

**TO:** COUNCIL

**FROM:** MAYOR HURLEY

**SUBJECT: SUPPORTING LOCAL PROCUREMENT IN RESPONSE TO U.S. TARIFFS**

**PURPOSE:** To encourage residents to support Canadian businesses in the face of recently imposed tariffs by the United States.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**WHEREAS** supporting local businesses strengthens the local economy, creates jobs, and enhances community resilience;

**WHEREAS** recent tariffs imposed by the United States on Canadian goods have created economic uncertainty and financial pressures on local industries and suppliers;

**WHEREAS** municipalities have a responsibility to support Canadian businesses and workers by ensuring procurement practices prioritize local economic development where permitted under trade agreements;

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**THAT** all Burnabarians, including Canadians, permanent residents and those who currently call Canada home be encouraged to “Buy Local and Buy Canadian”;

**THAT** a " Buy Local and Buy Canadian " approach for municipal procurement be implemented, where feasible and in accordance with trade agreements and best value principles;

**THAT** staff be directed to review current procurement practices and identify opportunities to enhance local purchasing in response to recent U.S. tariffs and economic pressures; and

**THAT** staff be directed to report back to Council with an outline of proposed changes to procurement policies and practices that will support local businesses as soon as practicable.

### **BACKGROUND**

Following the recent inauguration of the President of the United States, the U.S. government has imposed tariffs on the import of Canadian products to the U.S effect

February 4, 2025. In an effort to support businesses throughout Canada who will see increased costs and greater economic pressures as a result of these tariffs, there have been calls by the Federal and Provincial governments to buy Canadian products and reduce the number of products imported from the U.S.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

The tariffs imposed by the U.S. government will see a 25% charge applied to all goods imported to the U.S. from Canada, except where a 10% charge is imposed on oil and gas imported to the U.S. from Canada. The Canadian Government has also imposed tariffs on the imports of goods from the U.S. in response. The overall financial impact on shifting to buying Canadian goods instead of U.S. goods will be reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYOR HURLEY