

February 18, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

At its regular meeting on February 13, 2025, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council supports the resolution from the Town of Shelburne, dated February 10, 2025, to urge the Provincial and Federal governments to promote the use of Canadian companies and to request Dufferin County develop a "buy local" campaign.

Thank you,

Michelle Dunne

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Clerk

Cc Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Honourable Vic Fedelli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Dufferin Road of Trade
Dufferin Municipalities

Attachment: Town of Shelburne Resolution



TOWN OF SHELburnE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. 2025-22

Date: February 10, 2025

Moved by: Mayor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Guchardi

WHEREAS the threat of tariffs imposed by the United States on Canadian goods remains open and unsettled;

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders have encouraged Canadians to support Canadian businesses;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power but have traditionally been prevented from giving preference to Canadian suppliers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council calls upon the federal and provincial governments to remove any barriers allowing municipalities from preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and other supplies;

AND THAT Council also calls upon the federal and provincial governments to take immediate action to remove trade barriers between provinces;

AND THAT Council encourages the County of Dufferin, through the Community Development and Tourism Department, to develop a framework to support local businesses including a “Buy Local” campaign that identifies and promotes local products and services;

AND THAT Council requests staff to review existing procurement policies and applicable laws to determine if there are existing mechanisms to allow the Town of Shelburne to offer a preference to Canadian companies for capital projects and other supplies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs

- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Our local MP and MPP
- The County of Dufferin
- The Dufferin Board of Trade
- All Ontario municipalities for their support.

CARRIED, W. Mills

Requested Vote to be recorded Yes No

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Mills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deputy Mayor Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Benotto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Fegan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Guchardi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Sample	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Wegener	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>