

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 actions of the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus as outlined in the media release from Kevin Marriot, Vice Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), dated February 11, 2025, regarding tariffs.

Thank you,

Michelle Dunne

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Clerk

Cc Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Honourable Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Honourable Vic Fedelli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Western Ontario Warden's Caucus
Dufferin Municipalities

Attachment: WOWC Media Release



Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 11, 2025

Statement from the Vice Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus on Tariffs

(Southwestern Ontario, February 11, 2025) – “As Vice-Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus (WOWC), I want to express our ongoing support for the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada as they work to navigate the challenges posed by tariffs and other trade restrictions. The WOWC recognizes that these barriers create significant challenges for industries that are vital to our region’s economic stability, job creation, and long-term prosperity.

Our communities in Western Ontario thrive when we work together, and supporting our local producers, manufacturers, and farmers is critical to ensuring continued growth and sustainability. The WOWC will remain a vocal advocate for solutions that protect our industries and communities, as we are committed to working with all levels of government to safeguard our region’s economic future.

Western Ontario’s strength comes from our ability to adapt and respond as a region, and the WOWC remains dedicated to partnering with all stakeholders to ensure our communities remain strong and resilient.”

Warden Kevin Marriot, Lambton County
Vice Chair, Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus

About

The Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus (WOWC) is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper and single-tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario, representing more than 1.6 million residents. The WOWC aims to enhance the prosperity and overall wellbeing of rural and small urban communities across the region. Caucus members work collectively to influence federal and provincial legislation and programs through advocacy, research, analysis and education. For more information, visit www.wowc.ca.

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