

1. Motion – Councillor C. Kitts – Mitigate Financial Impacts of U.S.-Canada Trade Tariffs on the City of Ottawa

Motion – Conseillère C. Kitts – Atténuation des répercussions financières sur la Ville d'Ottawa des tarifs douaniers canadiens et américains

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council approve:

- 1. That staff prepare an update outlining the economic forecast and potential negative impacts of the ongoing trade war on the City of Ottawa's procurement exposure and financial positions.**
- 2. That staff present a plan to ensure the City's procurement bylaws and processes are sufficiently flexible to support the purchase of local, Canadian and non-American goods and services, wherever possible.**
- 3. That the Mayor convene a meeting of local business leaders to develop an action plan to support and promote local products and businesses.**
- 4. That the Mayor work with the Mayor of Gatineau on a request to the other levels of government to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers.**
- 5. That the City of Ottawa collaborate with other levels of government and representative business and trade organizations in efforts to create local supply chains for products and services currently purchased from American companies.**
- 6. That the City of Ottawa examine only utilizing the banking and investment services of Canadian financial institutions.**

Recommandation(s) du Comité

Que le Conseil municipal approuve que:

1. le personnel prépare un compte rendu des prévisions économiques et des possibles répercussions négatives de la guerre commerciale en cours sur l'approvisionnement de la Ville d'Ottawa et sa situation financière;
2. le personnel présente un plan pour que les règlements et processus touchant l'approvisionnement soient suffisamment souples afin de favoriser l'achat de biens et de services locaux, canadiens et non américains, lorsque possible;
3. le maire convoque une réunion avec les chefs d'entreprise d'Ottawa pour produire un plan d'action destiné à encourager l'achat de produits locaux et à promouvoir les entreprises locales;
4. le maire travaille avec la mairesse de Gatineau pour demander aux autres ordres de gouvernement d'éliminer les obstacles aux échanges interprovinciaux;
5. la Ville d'Ottawa collabore avec les autres ordres de gouvernement, avec des organisations du milieu des affaires et avec des commerces afin de créer des chaînes d'approvisionnement locales pour les produits et services actuellement obtenus d'entreprises américaines;
6. la Ville d'Ottawa envisage d'utiliser uniquement les services bancaires et d'investissement d'institutions financières canadiennes.

For the Information of Council

The committee also approved the following DIRECTION to staff:

Direction to staff (Councillor L. Dudas)

That City staff be directed to:

Include in any action plan, or response strategy, targeted measures on how the City and residents can also support Ottawa's local neighbourhood economies, Ottawa's rural village economies, and Ottawa's agricultural and rural economies.

Pour l'information du conseil municipal

Le comité a également approuvé la DIRECTIVE au personnel suivante :

Directive au personnel (conseillère L. Dudas)

D'inclure dans les plans d'action ou les stratégies d'intervention des mesures précises sur la façon dont la Ville et la population peuvent contribuer à l'économie des quartiers, des villages ruraux et des zones agricoles et rurales.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Finance and Corporate Services Committee, February 4, 2025.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal du Comité des finances et des services organisationnels, le 4 février 2025.

2. Members' Motion submitted to Finance and Corporate Services Committee, dated February 4, 2025 (ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0015)

Motion d'un membre soumise au Comité des finances et des services organisationnels, daté le 4 février 2025 (ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0015)

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Vice-Chair Kitts moved the motion on behalf of Councillor D. Brown.

Pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of Procedure By-law 2022-410, to add the motion to the agenda was Carried on a division of 9 Yeas to 1 Nay (7 votes required) as follows:

Motion No. FCSC 2025 - 21-02

Moved by C. Kitts

BE IT RESOLVED that this Motion be added to the agenda pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law so that staff can provide the requested information to Council as soon as possible.

For (9): M. Sutcliffe, C. Kitts, M. Luloff, L. Dudas, C. Curry, G. Gower, R. King, J. Leiper, and S. Menard

Against (1): R. Brockington

Carried (9 to 1)

Vice-Chair Kitts moved the motion on behalf of Councillor Brown.

During the discussion, Councillor King suggested a friendly amendment as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Ottawa examine only utilizing the banking and investment services of Canadian financial institutions.

Councillor Kitts accepted Councillor King's friendly amendment.

Motion No. FCSC 2025 - 21-03

Moved by C. Kitts

WHEREAS despite the 30-day reprieve achieved on February 3, the threat of U.S. tariffs against the Canadian economy remains; and

WHEREAS a 25 percent levy on Canadian imports to the U.S., along with anticipated retaliatory tariffs from Canada, will disrupt supply chains, increase prices for goods, depreciate the Canadian dollar, and negatively impact the Canadian economy and major industries, potentially leading to a recession; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa should take proactive measures to support federal and provincial efforts while mitigating financial impacts on the municipality,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff prepare an update outlining the economic forecast and potential negative impacts of the ongoing trade war on the City of Ottawa's procurement exposure and financial positions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff present a plan to ensure the City's procurement bylaws and processes are sufficiently flexible to support the purchase of local, Canadian and non-American goods and services, wherever possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor convene a meeting of local business leaders to develop an action plan to support and promote local products and businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor work with the Mayor of Gatineau on a request to the other levels of government to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa collaborate with other levels of government and representative business and trade organizations in efforts to create local supply chains for products and services currently purchased from American companies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Ottawa examine only utilizing the banking and investment services of Canadian financial institutions.

Carried

Councillor Dudas introduced the following Direction to Staff during the discussion of Councillor Kitts Motion, as follows:

Direction to Staff (Councillor L. Dudas)

While Canada has been given a 30-day reprieve from the Trump Tariffs, the threat of them still remains over our country. Knowing that the tariffs would be far reaching and incredibly impactful to residents, small and large businesses alike. It is imperative that the coordinated response from the City considers the economies of our City and region as a whole, but also include looking at measures specifically tailored to our downtown, suburban and rural economies.

That City staff be directed to:

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