

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### HANOVER COUNCIL PASSES “BUY CANADIAN” RESOLUTION

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**HANOVER, ON** – In response to the significant challenge that will impact local, provincial and national economies with the realities of the potential tariffs on Canadian goods by the U.S., Hanover Council at their February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting unanimously passed a “Buy Canadian” resolution. “This resolution prioritizes Canadian businesses to assist with strengthening our resiliency during this time of possible tariffs”, stated Mayor Sue Paterson.

The resolution includes the following:

- Supporting federal, provincial and local “Buy Canadian” initiatives when and where possible;
- Requesting the federal and provincial governments to collaborate with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses;
- Calling on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and
- Communicating the resolution to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all local municipalities.

According to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years. Given municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs and have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services, this resolution demonstrates commitment to prioritize our Canadian businesses in our local communities and across our Country.

“I encourage all residents in Hanover and area to support our Team Canada businesses by choosing Canadian – made products and services. During this time, this is necessary for resiliency to maintain jobs, stabilize prices and strengthen our local economy”, emphasized Mayor Paterson.

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