



**Town of Arnprior**  
**Regular Meeting of Council: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Correspondence Package Number A-25-FEB-03**

**Recommendation:**

**That** the Correspondence Package Number. A-25-FEB-03 be received, and that the recommendation(s) outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

**Action Items:**

1. **Request for Support – Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Women's Sexual Assault Centre Renfrew County**

**That** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County; and

**Whereas** the Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County is continuing to work on a Status of Women Canada Project, creating a rural model for female survivors of sexual abuse/assault with the hope of sharing this model across Canada; and

**Whereas** one of the components of the completed model will be a yearly campaign entitled "We Stand with Survivors", with this year being the 7<sup>th</sup> annual event; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council agrees to hang the "We Stand with Survivors" banner for the month of May 2025 in the municipality; and

**Further That** Council direct the CAO to work with Town staff to find the most suitable location to hang this banner; and

**Further That** this resolution be forwarded to the Status Project Coordinator of the Women's Sexual Assault Center Renfrew County.

2. **Resolution of Support – County of Renfrew – Canada Post and the Industrial Inquiry Commission**

**That** the Council of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the County of Renfrew; and

**Whereas** the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the

resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*; and

**Whereas** the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon created at *Industrial Inquiry Commission* under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*; and

**Whereas** Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service; and

**Whereas** the *Commission* has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers; and

**Whereas** the *Commission* only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post; and

**Whereas** while there is room for written input, the *Commission* process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments; and

**Whereas** it will be crucial for the *Commission* to hear out views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Town of Arnprior support the County of Renfrew in their written submission to the *Commission*; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Town of Arnprior will share this support resolution with the County of Renfrew, Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

### 3. **Resolution of Support – Town of Hanover – United States Imposition of Tariffs on Canada**

**That** the Council of the Town of Arnprior receives the correspondence from the Town of Hanover; and

**Whereas** United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada; and

**Whereas** these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

**Whereas** federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

**Whereas** municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

**Whereas** 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; and

**Whereas** municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

**Whereas** municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Town of Arnprior endorses the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

**That** the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

**That** Council of the Town of Arnprior calls 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

**That** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Town of Hanover.

February 4, 2025

Hello Mayor McGee,

I'm writing to you again this year on behalf of the Women's Sexual Assault Centre Renfrew County.

We are planning the 7<sup>th</sup>. annual "We Stand with Survivors Campaign". This campaign is the result of research completed in Renfrew County, and as a result, We created a "Rural Model" for female survivors of sexual violence. We listened to survivors and they told us the model needed to be built around "Awareness". The "We Stand with Survivors Campaign" is a direct result of our hearing what survivors asked for.

As you may recall, our plan was to make this campaign a yearly event. Our goal was to run it in the same communities annually, as well as, add one new community each year. As of 2024, we achieved that goal, with Eganville, Pembroke, Arnprior, Petawawa, Barry's Bay, Renfrew and the Women of Steel Union all on board. We also expanded the campaign into other Ontario communities as well as the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Labrador/Newfoundland.

I am very excited to share with you that 2025 is gearing up to be another great year. We have invited 2 new Renfrew County municipalities to join us this year, as well as several other communities throughout Ontario and across Canada!

We are therefore requesting that the Town of Arnprior agree to let us hang the banner for the month of May again this year, in support of both This specific campaign and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

We will once again be asking local Arnprior businesses to hang our poster in their business for the month of May.

Thank you, Mayor McGee, for considering our request and for always being such great supporters of the Women's Sexual Assault Centre Renfrew County.

Sincerely,

Kim Charlebois  
Status Project Coordinator  
WSAC  
613-401-3623

## Canada Post and the Industrial Inquiry Commission

**Whereas** the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*.

**Whereas** the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an *Industrial Inquiry Commission* under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

**Whereas** Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.

**Whereas** the *Commission* has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.

**Whereas** the *Commission* only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.

**Whereas** while there is room for written input, the *Commission* process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.

**Whereas** it will be crucial for the *Commission* to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that (name of municipality) provide input to the *Commission* in the form of a written submission.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that (name of municipality) will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

**PLEASE SEE THE MAILING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE**

## MAILING INFORMATION

1) Please send your resolution to the Commission:

- We do not have a mailing address at this time. As we understand it, this is the email address that will collect the documents on behalf of the Commission:  
edsc.cdi-iic.esdc@labour-travail.gc.ca

2) Please send your resolution to the Ministers responsible for Labour and Canada Post, and your Member of Parliament:

- Steven MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Labour, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Your Member of Parliament

Note: Mail may be sent postage-free to any member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by going to the Parliament of Canada website at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

3) Please send copies of your resolution to:

- Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3
- Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3

February 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
Via fax

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Via email

Robin Jones, President, AMO  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
155 University Avenue, Suite 800  
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7  
Via email

Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
24 Clarence Street  
Ottawa, ON K1N 5P3  
Via email

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**Re: United States Imposition of Tariffs on Canada**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover, at their regular meeting of February 3, 2025, adopted the following resolution with respect to the above noted matter:

“Whereas United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective February 4, 2025; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas 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; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Hanover endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and



That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That council call 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

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vicki McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Vicki McDonald  
Clerk

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cc: Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
All Ontario Municipalities