

## **Motion from the March 17, 2025 City Council meeting**

### **15.1 Councillor Head - responding to United States Tariffs**

1. That Council affirms and signals the City of Prince Albert support the Team Canada approach to align local, provincial and national priorities as necessary to counter foreign policies designed to harm the Canadian economy, joining other Saskatchewan municipalities in this unified stance; and,
2. That Administration initiate a review of the following matters, in support of the Team Canada approach:
  - a. City's sustainable purchasing policy and trade agreement exposure to identify opportunities to update the policy to Buy Local/Buy Canadian on a priority basis and report back as soon as possible with immediate and long-term strategies;
  - b. The City's regulations to identify opportunities to streamline regulations and help the City respond quickly to economic threats like tariffs and supply chain disruptions;
  - c. Establish an internal roundtable to facilitate the rapid response to tariffs and other economic challenges facing the City, including direction to report back on actions the City can take on an urgent basis given the United States government imposition of tariffs including (but not limited to):
    - i. Potential adjustments to the City's business licensing regime to enable businesses to expand the scope of their operations in the face of economic uncertainty, through a "split-license" mechanism that would reduce regulatory burden;
  - d. Immediately begin work with local business and community economic development organizations (including but not limited to The Rural Municipality of Prince Albert, the Rural Municipality of Buckland, Local Companies, Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Federation of Canadian Business (CFIB), to explore opportunities to initiate and promote a targeted Buy Local/Buy Canadian campaign in response to tariffs, building on the successful "Support Local" model;
  - e. Work with regional counterparts to develop a coordinated response strategy that amplifies the collective economic influence of Saskatchewan municipalities,
  - f. Engage with The Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce to formally communicate that bolstering local economic development and attracting direct foreign investment from diverse markets beyond the United States are key priorities for The City;
  - g. Report back to City Council on the implementation of these measures,
  - h. Send a copy of this resolution to the Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce, neighbouring Rural Municipalities, Towns and Villages and Local Companies.