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## **Mayor's Statement – Supporting Canadian Businesses Through Municipal Procurement**

The tariffs that are being proposed by the US Government against Canada will damage a trade relationship that benefits both countries and as I have expressed previously, will have real consequences for our mining sector, our workers, and our local economy.

As part of my advocacy and support of our local economy, I will be presenting a motion tonight at City Council, asking the Provincial and Federal Governments to work collaboratively with municipalities to provide clearer guidance and remove barriers that prevent cities from prioritizing Canadian companies when making procurement decisions.

In the years ahead, the City of Greater Sudbury will be investing hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure repairs and new construction, including some of our community's largest projects. However, under current regulations, municipalities have limited flexibility to ensure these investments directly benefit Canadian businesses and workers.

With ongoing uncertainty in global markets, now is the time for a united Team Canada approach—one that strengthens our economy, supports local businesses, and reinforces economic resilience. This motion reflects our commitment to ensuring public investments create lasting benefits here at home.

Beyond government, this is also a call to residents to consider choosing Canadian-made products and services whenever possible. Every decision—big or small—helps build a stronger, more self-sufficient economy for the future.

For those interested in the full details, the motion being presented to Council is included below.

Full Motion:

**Whereas** Canada has been a consistent ally, friend and neighbour of the United States; and

**Whereas** the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement was signed only a few years ago between our countries, to ensure free trade in many of our highly integrated supply and manufacturing chains; and

**Whereas** the United States government, contrary to that trade agreement continues to threaten significant tariffs against Canadian products sold to the United States; and

**Whereas** these unjust, unfair and illegal tariffs will cause economic disruption to manufacturers and businesses and their employees in Greater Sudbury and across Canada;

**Now therefore** be it resolved that City of Greater Sudbury calls on the federal and provincial governments to establish policies to guide the acquisition of products, supplies and materials from suppliers in the United States; and

That that staff continue to investigate alternative products, supplies and materials to current municipal purchasing from United States suppliers and take the necessary steps to develop a structured framework that enables the prioritization of products, supplies and materials from countries other than the United States; and

That, in the event punitive tariffs are imposed on Canadian companies selling products to the United States, the provincial and federal governments consider stimulus funding to assist Canadian companies impacted by the tariffs; and

That this motion be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPs and MPPs for Nickel Belt and Sudbury, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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