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## Mayoral Direction

Under Bill 3, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022*, which amended the *Municipal Act, 2001*, I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, hereby approve the following, in accordance with subsection 284.3 (b) (a) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*:

That notwithstanding the Procurement By-law, in response to the tariffs in the amount of 10%-25% being imposed by the United States on Canadian products starting on March 4, 2025 that threaten our sovereignty, our security or our rights to self-determination and freedoms, jobs and daily lives of our residents, the City of Barrie supports the Team Canada approach instituted by the Federal and Provincial Governments by:

- banning any new procurement of US based vendors; and
- removing any US based vendors from our preferred vendor list for municipal projects

as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with the Mayor until either the Federal and/or Provincial Governments provide direction to remove such bans or the tariffs are rescinded; and

That the Chief Administrative Officer, General Managers of Access Barrie, Community and Corporate Services and Infrastructure and Growth Management and the Director of Finance be authorized to release funding sources required to address any additional budgetary requirements as a result of US tariffs; and

That in the event that further tariffs are imposed by the United States Government, the Mayor provide further direction to staff, in consultation with the CAO or designate, to take additional responsive measures in alignment with direction from the Federal and/or Provincial Governments, such as further increases to procurement thresholds; and

That as part of the quarterly financial updates to the Executive Committee, staff advise on any financial impacts resulting from the tariffs; and

That should the tariffs remain in place for more than 6 months; the City's Procurement By-law be updated to address the above-noted items and any further direction or legislation that may be provided.

Dated at the City of Barrie, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

“ORIGINAL SIGNED BY”

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Mayor Alex Nuttall