



TOM MRAKAS
MAYOR

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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR TOM MRAKAS – ON TOWN OF AURORA’S RESPONSE TO U.S. TARIFFS

“In response to the anticipated U.S. tariffs that will have devastating consequences for the Canadian economy, local jobs, and our community, I am bringing forward a motion to Aurora Town Council to review the merits of amending the Town’s Procurement Bylaw to implement a “Canada First” policy. This amendment will prioritize Canadian businesses in our procurement processes, supporting both local and national industries. By investing in Canadian companies, we can fortify our economy, protect jobs, and build a more resilient future for Aurora and Canada.

Additionally, I will be convening a Mayor’s Economic Taskforce in the coming weeks, bringing together business and community leaders to hear their concerns, identify solutions, and ensure I can effectively advocate on their behalf. Government action must be swift, strategic, and substantial to shield jobs, stabilize industries, and safeguard our local economy.

I urge residents to shop local and choose Canadian whenever possible. At the same time, we must support businesses – both domestic and international – that invest in Canada, create jobs, and contribute to our economy.

In uncertain times, every purchasing decision matters. Now more than ever, we must stand together as Team Canada.”

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