



TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS
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September 8, 2014

Gary McNamara
President
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
200 University Ave
Toronto, ON M5H 3C6

Dear President McNamara:

Re: Town of Halton Hills - Buy American 2.0 Resolution

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, August 25, 2014, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2014-0164

WHEREAS cities and communities across Canada support free and fair trade between Canada and the United States;

AND WHEREAS bilateral trade between Canada and the United States amounts to over \$600 billion per year in economic activity, significantly contributing to Canada's long-term economic competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS many of the most important supply chains and industry linkages that fuel our respective economies are inexorably linked;

AND WHEREAS provisions, such as 'Buy American' requirements, which serve to inhibit this important economic partnership directly effects the economic prosperity of our country, our businesses and our communities;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills and Halton Region showed leadership in 2009 by passing resolutions calling on the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments of Canada to push back against unfair US legislation;

AND WHEREAS organizations like Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters estimate that thousands of manufacturing jobs are continuously at risk from continued Buy American provisions being proposed across the US;

AND WHEREAS Halton Companies were directly impacted as jobs were lost here due to the Buy American provisions being inserted into projects receiving Federal and Municipal funding;

AND WHEREAS Canadian cities and communities are committed to open and fair trade with American governments and businesses;

AND WHEREAS recent agreements between Canada and the United States have recognized the critical economic linkages between our two countries, fostering secure, predictable trade and investment environments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that municipalities express support for free, fair and reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada and that any restrictive 'Buy American' provisions in U.S. legislation are contrary to that spirit of free trade;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills calls on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to support and work with the Government of Canada and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters and other stakeholders in their efforts to urge the United States Congress and state governments to abstain from the use of 'Buy American' provisions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FCM be requested to write to the US National League of Cities and the US Conference of Mayors to also support the spirit of this resolution and the spirit of free trade, so that businesses and industries on both sides of the border can compete for contracts in the fairest and most efficient manner;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be requested to write a letter and forward this resolution to the Prime Minister, the leaders of the Federal Parties, Halton Area MP's and MPP's for information;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to FCM and AMO for circulation to all municipalities for support and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Jones, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2601 ext. 2331 or suzannej@haltonhills.ca.

Sincerely,

Renée Brown
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