

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Councillor Wright
Date: February 18, 2025
Subject: Notice of Motion – DOM Procurement Practices

The date for this motion to be considered is the March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council directs staff to prepare a report highlighting opportunities to improve the District of Mackenzie's procurement practices on how we can adapt to global/national issues and prioritize Mackenzie/Northern BC/BC/Canadian interests, in the event of American tariffs or other hostile actions from foreign countries, so we can respond with practices that emphasize Local Mackenzie/Northern British Columbia/British Columbian/Canadian interest.

BACKGROUND:

1. Other municipalities in BC have passed similar motions in the last month, considering threats of tariffs from the United States. A motion from the February 3, 2025 City of Prince George Council meeting was used as a model for this motion.
2. Both federal and provincial governments have been employing an 'all hands-on deck' mentality to prepare for potential tariffs and other hostilities from the USA. We as a municipal government need to look at what we can do to support these efforts.
3. Prime Minister Trudeau recently said we as Canadians need to take seriously the threats of US annexation of Canada, this motion would be the first step of we as a municipality taking it seriously.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The report itself has no budgetary impact other than staff time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Councillor Jesse Wright