

Council Member Report

REPORT DATE: February 12, 2025 **MEETING DATE:** February 25, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Councillors Alison Evans and Mike Manion

SUBJECT: Prioritizing Canadian-made Products and Services in City Procurement

RECOMMENDATION(S): THAT Council:

- A. Direct City Staff to conduct a scan of the City's current procurement and purchasing practices to identify opportunities to prioritize Canadian-made products and services, with a focus on supporting local businesses and local workers; AND
- B. Direct Staff to report back within six months with findings from the scan, including proposed actions to enhance local purchasing within the City.

DISCUSSION

We have heard loud and clear from people across Canada, and especially here in Pitt Meadows: we need to do more to support local businesses and workers. Regardless of whether President Trump follows through on his 25% tariff threats, Canadians have woken up to the importance of prioritizing our own products, services, and workers.

Supporting local businesses strengthens our community, creates jobs, and keeps more dollars circulating in our local economy. By prioritizing Canadian-made products and services in City procurement, we can bolster local enterprises and workers while ensuring our tax dollars contribute to economic resilience. This motion seeks to identify opportunities within our purchasing practices to enhance local procurement and reinforce our commitment to a thriving, sustainable Pitt Meadows.

SIGN-OFFS

The following council members endorse this staff report and move and second the recommended motion(s):

1. Councillor Alison Evans
2. Councillor Mike Hayes