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Sent: August 8, 2018 4:30 PM
To: Paparella, Stephanie
Cc: Omazic, Drina
Subject: FCM Resolution Follow Up - International Trade
Attachments: AC Trade Resolution - June 2018.pdf

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your resolution submission to FCM about International Trade. We understand that this issue is an important concern to your community and we appreciate you bringing it to the attention of FCM.

At the latest annual conference in June 2018, FCM's membership considered the resolution and adopted it as Category A – Concurrence. This category contains resolutions not addressed by FCM in the last three years that are the direct responsibility or concern of Canadian municipalities beyond a regional level and falls within the jurisdiction of the federal government. As this resolution has been adopted with concurrence, it will guide future FCM policy positions. More details on FCM's resolution procedures can be found [here](#). In support of this adopted resolution, a letter has been sent to the relevant federal government ministers outlining the call for action directed at the federal government contained in the resolution. A copy of this letter is attached for your information.

FCM looks forward to continue working with you and your community in representing the municipal voice at the federal level. If you or your staff have any questions or require further information, please contact Justin Farrell, Policy Coordinator, Policy and Government Relations, at 613-907-6334 or jfarrell@fcm.ca.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ministers:

On behalf of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), thank you for your government's productive partnership with local governments on international trade and support for communities where industry and workers are affected by trade disputes.

Each year at FCM's Annual Conference, members consider resolutions submitted by its 2,000 member municipalities from across Canada. Adopted resolutions help inform FCM's policy and advocacy priorities with the Government of Canada. These resolutions represent municipal issues of national significance that fall within federal jurisdiction and therefore require a strong federal partner to help find a solution. The attached resolution, **Canadian Municipalities Supporting Local Economies in International Trade**, was sponsored by the City of Windsor and the City of Hamilton. This resolution was adopted on June 2, 2018 at the FCM Annual Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Since its adoption, we have received multiple resolutions adopted by the councils of our members supporting the federal government's recent actions on trade.

Over the past year, the federal government has undertaken trade agreement negotiations with Canada's international trading partners, began to explore new opportunities for building global trade relations, as well as responded to trade disputes. Municipal governments are closely following these negotiations and discussions because of the potential impacts on industries critical to their local economies and workforce. Municipalities are already impacted by the current uncertainty of North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) renegotiations and trade disputes with the United States (U.S) because of the challenges this trade environment creates for attracting investment and promoting their local businesses and industries. Key export-oriented industries, which are the basis of many local economies and jobs, are dependent on Canada-U.S trading relationships, including the automotive industry, forestry sector, agriculture and dairy, manufacturing, energy, and many others. FCM has long-advocated that the views and concerns of municipalities on trade matters be represented at the negotiating table.

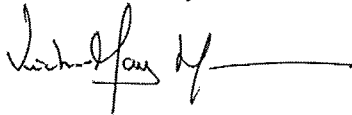


FCM welcomed the Government of Canada's softwood industry aid package as announced on June 1, 2017 to support communities and workers impacted by U.S duties on Canadian softwood lumber imports. FCM also welcomes the newly announced \$2B financial aid package to companies affected by recent U.S. tariffs on aluminum and steel exports. FCM urges the federal government to continue to design and implement similar programs to mitigate the impact of other trade disputes that affect local economies and key industry sectors. The federal government must also work to understand the impacts of trade measures on industries of strategic significance to particular regions, which are critical to these local economies and continue to communicate with municipalities to respond to local concerns in the face of unprecedented U.S trade measures.

We continue to appreciate FCM's relationship with the federal government on international trade and FCM fully supports the Canada-U.S engagement strategy. Municipal leaders across the country are continuing to reach out to American counterparts to express the mutual benefits of trade for communities on both sides of the border. I look forward to continuing our work with your ministries to strengthen Canada's relationship with the U.S.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Jen Arntfield, Manager, Policy and Research at jarntfield@fcm.ca, or (613) 907-6292.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicki-May Hamm", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Vicki-May Hamm
Mairesse, Ville de Magog
FCM President

Canadian Municipalities Supporting Local Economies in International Trade

WHEREAS, Canadian municipalities play a role in international trade and economic development by building relationships globally to attract investment and promote their industries abroad, as well as by supporting local businesses, to build their communities and local economies; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has signalled an agenda for diversifying and strengthening international trade relationships and has undertaken several trade agreement negotiations with global partners in the past year, as well as responded to trade disputes; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of free trade negotiations ongoing, announced or in exploration, including: the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru), China, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and implementing legislation is expected for the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP); and

WHEREAS, NAFTA governs nearly every aspect of Canada and the U.S economic relationship and even minor changes to the established trade relationship could have far-reaching consequences for communities on both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS, Recent trade disputes with the U.S on softwood lumber and potential tariffs on other commodities has caused business uncertainty and impacted local economies; and

WHEREAS, Canada's economic future and the continued well-being of communities and their local economies depend on free and fair trading relationships based in current and future international agreements; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That FCM continue to work with the federal government to support the interests of municipalities across Canada affected by trade disputes and during ongoing trade agreement negotiations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That FCM work to ensure that the federal government understands the full impact of trade disputes and provisions under discussion for trade agreements on local economies, key industry sectors, and municipal governments, and conveys that impact during negotiations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That FCM call on the federal government to design and implement programs to mitigate the impact of trade disputes that affect local economies and key industry sectors.

*Windsor, ON
Hamilton, ON*