



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES
REGULAR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-273

Moved by: Councillor Regan
Seconded by: Councillor McArthur

Whereas the world's economy has entered into a period of slow economic growth;
and

Whereas Governments throughout the world have introduced various stimulus
packages to encourage economic growth; and

Whereas the United States of America is Canada's largest trading partner and a
signatory of the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

Whereas the City of Temiskaming Shores is supportive of Free Trade between
Canada and the United States which has existed for many years; and

Whereas the Government of the United States of America has introduced
infrastructure stimulus packages including the American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which includes "Buy American" provisions for steel and
other manufactured products; and

Whereas these restrictive provisions which are contrary to the spirit of free trade
will prevent Canadian companies from bidding on contracts which contain the "Buy
American" provisions at the municipal and state levels in the United States since
NAFTA and The General Procurement Agreement of the World Trade
Organization do not nullify such provisions at those levels; and

Whereas Canadians stimulus infrastructure programs do not contain any
restrictions on manufacturers from other countries including the United States
bidding on such contracts in Canada; and

Whereas local Temiskaming Shores companies may be adversely affected by
these restrictions possibly leading to lay-offs and financial losses and further could
lead to the erosion of their overall ongoing viability;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Temiskaming Shores is supportive of
Free Trade between the United States and Canada and that the restrictive 'Buy
American' Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are
contrary to that spirit of free trade; and

Further be it resolved that the City of Temiskaming Shores supports the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters in its quest to have the United States Congress reconsider and repeal their current "Buy American" requirements for the United States stimulus packages; and

Further be it resolved that Canadian municipalities adopt a procurement policy that future Canadian Infrastructure projects at the municipal level, including environmental projects such as water and wastewater treatment projects, require that any goods and materials required for the projects be bought only from companies whose countries of origin do not impose local trade restrictions against goods and materials manufactured in Canada to better ensure open, fair and competitive practices across the globe.

CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE

FOR

Councillor Hobbs
Councillor Hughes
Councillor McArthur
Councillor Regan
Councillor Wells

AGAINST

Councillor Pearson

Certified true copy



Christopher W. Oslund
Municipal Clerk