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Town of Halton Hills
Office of the Mayor
Ann Lawlor

January 22, 2025

Via Kirsten Hillman, Ambassador of Canada to the United States

President Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

At a recent meeting, Halton Hills Town Council passed the attached Resolution in response to your comments regarding Canada's potential as the 51st American state. We are a small municipality just west of Toronto which has been called the 'most patriotic town in Canada'. Demonstrating our pride, our community displayed close to 60,000 Canadian flags to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

We take offense at remarks about an economic or other takeover by the United States and I know that we are not alone in our thoughts.

As referenced in the Resolution, our country has traditionally been a strong ally with yours and by all accounts, this is the relationship we want to keep. The Town of Halton Hills stands with our federal leaders in rejecting imperialistic measures which would undermine the sovereignty of Canada.

Canada will remain strong, free, independent and characterized by peace, order and good government.

Yours truly,

Mayor Ann Lawlor,
Town of Halton Hills

Attached: Resolution No. 2025-0010 dated January 20, 2025

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c.

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Honourable Michael Chong, MP of Wellington-Halton Hills

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario

The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP of Wellington-Halton Hills

Federal Political Party Leaders: The Honourable Pierre Poilievre; Jagmeet Singh; Elizabeth May

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010

Title: Sovereignty of Canada

Date: January 20, 2025

Moved by: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada’s Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867; and

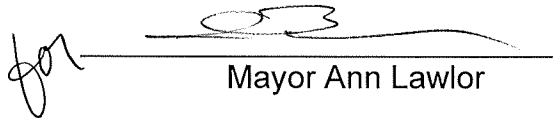
AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.


Mayor Ann Lawlor