



**Council Member Motion
For the COTW Meeting of March 13, 2025**

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** 7 March 2025
From: Mayor Marianne Alto
Subject: Financial contribution to the Border Mayors Alliance

Background

The Border Mayors Alliance is an association of Mayors, originally convened by the Mayor of Windsor, Ontario, established to coordinate local governments and their communication, collaboration, and response to national tariffs from the US Administration. This group, currently consisting of 40 members across Canada predominantly proximate to the US border, represents communities that are affected by US tariffs. Mayor Alto has been participating since the Alliance's 2nd meeting.

Members have been asked to contribute funds to support the operations of the Alliance and must contribute to maintain their membership. Each municipality's contribution is calculated on a per capita basis. Recent census data indicate the current population of the City of Victoria is 102,856, resulting in a fee for the city of \$5,037.27.

Rationale for Same Day Council Consideration

The US Administration continues to shift and change their implementation of, and threats regarding, Canada-US tariffs. This is a fluid situation which changes rapidly, requiring increasingly intense response from the BMA, precipitating the need for financial contribution to support research, organization and communication. To confirm our ongoing membership in the coming weeks, a contribution must be authorized before Council meetings pause for Spring Break.

Recommendation

1. That Council authorize \$5,037.27 for continued membership in the Border Mayors Alliance, and
2. That should Council approve this recommendation at Committee of the Whole, the matter be forwarded for consideration at the daytime Council meeting of March 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marianne Alto".

Mayor Marianne Alto.