

The word "Calgary" in white sans-serif font on a red rectangular background.

Calgary

A nighttime photograph of a city street. In the upper right, a clock tower is illuminated. The lower half of the image shows a long-exposure shot of traffic, creating vibrant streaks of red, yellow, and blue light. The background includes other city buildings and trees.

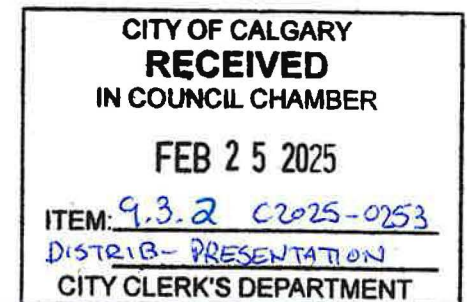
Tariff Update – Administration, Calgary Chamber of Commerce and Calgary Economic Development (Verbal) C2025-0253

25 February 2025

Recommendations

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Administrative Highlights

- Approximately 95% of City contracts are with Canadian and non-American suppliers, while 5% are with US suppliers
- Proactive development of mitigation strategies.
- Continued monitoring and modeling is ongoing.
- Established a supply chain resilience program.
- Examining tariff impacts, on major projects on a contract-by-contract basis.
- Developed a tariff estimator tool for internal use.

Sourcing Strategies

- Awarding contracts to multiple suppliers to increase diversity and resilience in our supply chain.
- Reviewing required product specifications and determining local alternatives.
- Exploring alternate logistic routes to avoid border impacts.
- Engaging in advance, purchasing and delivery of materials to avoid tariff impacts.
- Eliminating all fees to submit bids to The City.
- Digitizing our procurement processes through a Contract Management System.
- Providing free accounts for suppliers, giving them the ability to sign up for automatic alerts on the commodities and services of interest.
- Streamlined processes to provide a better user-experience.



Partner Presenters

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- Brad Parry, President and Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Economic Development.

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