
FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL TRADE RESOLUTION
IPEX MANAGEMENT INC.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Mayor write a letter to the Mayor of Statesville, North Carolina, USA expressing the City of Burnaby's disagreement with the "Buy American" provisions in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* as they are contrary to the spirit of free trade between the United States and Canada, and
2. THAT a copy of the letter be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

REPORT

Burnaby City Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2009 November 02, received correspondence from IPEX Management Inc. requesting support for a "Reciprocal Trade Resolution" passed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in early June. The resolution is in response to the "Buy American" program, which unfairly restricts products made in Canada from being used on U.S. stimulus-funded projects. Council referred the correspondence to the Finance and Civic Development Committee for further review.

The Finance and Civic Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2009 November 26, completed its review and noted that the City of Burnaby recently purchased refuse totes valued at \$4,230,000 from Toter Incorporated, an American company with their head office in Statesville, North Carolina. In consideration of this, and given the "Buy American" program unfairly prevents Canadian companies from bidding on contracts, the Committee requested that Mayor Corrigan write a letter to the Mayor of Statesville, expressing our disagreement with the "Buy American" provisions in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* as they are contrary to the spirit of free trade between the United States and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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