

# Administrative Backgrounder

## Public Presentation Request

<b>Title</b>	<b>9:05 a.m. Alberta Forest Products Association Presentation</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide information on trade barriers impacting the Alberta Forest Industry and how municipalities can support this sector.
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	That Council accept the Alberta Forest Products Association presentation as information.
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	N/A
<b>Additional Background Information</b>	<p>Trade barriers are creating difficult circumstances for businesses within the forestry sector in Alberta. In addition to tariffs announced by the Trump Administration, softwood lumber duties are projected to increase by approximately 30% beginning in the fall of 2025.</p> <p>The industry is exploring ways to enhance competitiveness, improve supply chains, and promote the use of Alberta forest products at home.</p> <p>Sturgeon County is home to businesses within the forestry sector, including Western Archrib, which manufactures structural wood systems, and McLeod Creek Timber Frame Company, which builds custom heavy-timber frame structures. Administration is engaging with these businesses to better understand the impact these trade barriers are having.</p> <p>Rory Koska, Program Director, Alberta Forest Products Association will be in attendance to make a presentation to Council.</p>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attachment 1: Presentation Request Form</li> <li>Attachment 2: Alberta Forest Products Presentation</li> </ol>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<p>Mark Morrissey, Director, Economic Innovation &amp; Growth</p> <p>Milad Asdaghi, Acting General Manager, Development Services</p> <p>Travis Peter, Chief Administrative Officer</p>