



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

April 24, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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VIA EMAIL

**Re: Support for 100% Canadian Wines Excise Exemption**

At its meeting of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following:

***“That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of Grey County's resolution regarding 100% Canadian Wines Excise Exemptions.”***

**Motion Carried**

encl: Grey County correspondence

Regards,

Tammy Fowkes  
Deputy Clerk

cc:

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March 16, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
By email only: pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Grey County Council Resolution Supporting 100% Canadian Wines Excise Exemption**

At the March 12, 2020 session of Grey County Committee of the Whole, resolution CW60-20 was passed by Grey County Council as follows:

**Whereas, Canada's federal excise tax currently exempts 100% Canadian wines; and**

**Whereas, Australia has asked the World Trade Organization (WTO) to rule that this exemption is discriminatory; and**

**Whereas, if the WTO were to rule with Australia, Canadian wineries making 100% Canadian wine would no longer be exempt; and**

**Whereas, the present value of the excise exemption is \$39 million annually across Canada; and**

**Whereas, in the 13 years since this exemption was created, the production of 100% Canadian wine has increased by almost 30 million litres, representing an additional annual contribution of \$2.7 billion to the Canadian economy; and**

**Whereas, Grey County, specifically the municipalities of Meaford and Town of Blue Mountains, is home to a number of successful, award winning, boutique wineries;**

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the County of Grey supports the excise exemption for 100% Canadian wines; and**

**That, the County of Grey appeals to the Federal government to ensure the exemption remains in place by reaching an agreement**

**with Australia prior to the WTO ruling; and**

**That, this motion be forwarded to: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition; Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of the Bloc Québécois; Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada; Jo-Ann Roberts, Interim Leader of the Green Party of Canada; The Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion, and International Trade; Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound; AMO Member Municipalities; FCM Member Municipalities; Vintner's Quality Alliance; Ontario Craft Wineries; Ontario Craft Cider Association; and**

**That this resolution be forwarded prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 of Procedural By-law 5003-18.**

Yours truly,



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