

## **Resolution to Support the Construction of a new Lock**

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**WHEREAS** on July 29, 2015 the 73 year-old MacArthur Lock at the Michigan Soo Locks was shut down due to emergency repairs being required; and

**WHEREAS** repairs were initially scheduled to take 10 days but due to the nature of the repairs required, ended up taking 20 days; and

**WHEREAS** the 20 day shutdown of the MacArthur lock caused the lock to be unused for over 450 hours and delayed 103 ships, negatively affecting both the Canadian and American economy; and

**WHEREAS** since 2009 there have been approximately 3,000 hours of unscheduled closures at the Michigan Soo Locks; and

**WHEREAS** the Michigan Soo Locks are vital to Essar Steel Algoma, the proposed Port of Algoma, Tenaris Algoma Tubes, and other industrial, forestry and aggregate operations in Sault Ste. Marie and in the Algoma District, and are critical to the economies of the twin Saults, Ontario, Michigan, Canada and the United States; and

**WHEREAS** future shutdowns at the Michigan Soo Locks could cause devastating harm to Sault Ontario's economy; and

**WHEREAS** a new lock at the Michigan Soo Locks has been approved but unfunded by the United States for 29 years;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario expresses its unreserved and full support for the renewed efforts of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Senators from Michigan, Members of the United States House of Representatives from Michigan, and the Governor of Michigan in trying to move forward the proposal for a new lock at the Michigan Soo Locks.