

## **SAFEGUARDS FOR CANADIAN STEEL MANUFACTURERS**

Mover: Matthew Shoemaker

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**WHEREAS**, the steel supply industry employs more than 3,000 employees and represents billions of dollars of economic activity in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, across Canada the steel industry employs more than 25,000 middle-class workers, and supports and additional 100,000 high quality jobs from coast-to-coast-to-coast; and

**WHEREAS**, these jobs and future economic growth are being threatened by a surge of off-shore imports resulting from excess global capacity, and the diversion of imports resulting from changes in trade policy around the globe, including Section 232 measures in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government recognized the potential injury caused by these imports to the steel industry and implemented provisional safeguard measures in October 2018 with the intent of stabilizing the Canadian steel market; and

**WHEREAS**, these provisional safeguard measures are in place for a 200-day period and are set to expire on May 13, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, these provisional safeguard measures have had the effect of preventing a continued surge of off-shore imports from damaging the domestic steel industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Canadian steel industry, including both Algoma Steel Inc. and Tenaris Algoma Tubes, recently participated in hearings at the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT), and presented the need for continued safeguard measures beyond May 13, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, continued safeguard measures are vital affording the domestic steel industry the necessary market stability to continue to grow and create high quality, middle class jobs in our community;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Sault Ste. Marie City Council support the request of the Canadian steel industry for the federal Minister of Finance to impose final safeguard measures for all seven steel products subject to provisional safeguard measures;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Sault Ste. Marie City Council support the request that the final safeguard measures be reflective of the remedies requested by the Canadian steel industry during the safeguard hearings held by the CITT in January 2019.