

# Mayor "Confident" Steel Tariffs Forefront of Government's Mind

By **Megan Pounder** - March 5, 2019



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Mayor Provenzano told council on Monday evening that, after meetings in both Ottawa and Sault Michigan, he's "confident that resolving the steel tariffs is on the top of everyone's minds."

These tariffs, imposed by President Trump in June of 2018, increased costs of exporting to the U.S. by 25 per cent on steel and 10 per cent on aluminum, affecting local companies and causing layoffs at both Algoma Steel and Tenaris Tubes.



"These tariffs are detrimental on both sides," Provenzano said. "We need to stay supportive and show a unified front and continue to push for these to be lifted."

Coun. Shoemaker seconded that, saying he's "eager to see the feds do whatever they have to to lift this."

Provenzano thanked his partners across the bridge for their continued support, saying it was “nice to see that support from our neighbours in Michigan.”

Both Provenzano and Coun. Shoemaker agreed in their hopes of some sort of resolution before Canada signs another trade agreement.

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