



Hamilton

**REPORT 18-001**  
**STEEL COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, June 18, 2018**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Hamilton City Hall**

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Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Councillor S. Merulla, Chair  
Councillor M. Green, Vice Chair  
Councillors J. Farr and T. Whitehead

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**THE STEEL COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 18-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Selection of Vice Chair (Item 1.1)**

That Councillor M. Green be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Steel Committee for the remainder of the 2014-2018 Term of Council.

**2. Support for the Canadian Steel Industry (Item 8.1)**

WHEREAS, the loss or reduction of workers' pensions directly impact the fixed incomes of our residents,

WHEREAS, retired workers on a fixed income were severely impacted by bankruptcies at US Steel/Stelco under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA) as well as at Hamilton Specialty Bar,

WHEREAS, current worker pensions are being listed as corporate debt rather than the workers being listed as primary creditors, and;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Mountain MP, Scott Duvall, is currently fighting for pension reform;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor, on behalf of Council and our retired workers, correspond with Hamilton-area MPs, MPPS, the Prime Minister and the Premier to request a full revision of bankruptcy laws to prioritize and protect pensions;
- (b) That the letter express Council's support for reforming the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA) so that workers and their pensions are protected, and;
- (c) That the letter encourage the federal and provincial governments to be supportive of workers, should there be further job losses.

**3. Reforming the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (Item 8.1)**

That the Mayor correspond with Hamilton-area MPs, MPPS, the Prime Minister and the Premier to express Council's support for the idea of reforming the Canadian International Trade Tribunal to ensure that the industry and the community are appropriately protected from further harm.

**4. Endorsement of the Canadian Government's Position against the Steel Tariffs (Item 8.1)**

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister has stated publicly that the Federal government will be working with steel and aluminium producers to make sure Canadian jobs are protected, and;

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister has said, on the record, the he wants, "Canadian workers and communities to continue to do ok despite these unnecessary and punitive actions."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Mayor correspond with the Prime Minister to confirm Council's support of, and endorsement for, his strategy of supporting Canadian jobs and his government's stand on opposition to the steel tariffs.

**5. Information Report Request on Matters relating to the Steel Industry (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That staff be directed to report back to the Steel Committee with information outlining what the impacts of the tariffs on steel, imposed by the Trump Administration, will be and how it will affect Hamilton with the report to include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- (i) The impact on secondary businesses in Hamilton that provide goods and services that support steel producers;
  - (ii) The property tax implications that would result should steel production move out of Hamilton; and,
  - (iii) The impact that the tariffs may have on the City's rate budget and other City services such as water rates.
- (b) That staff consult Arcelor Mittal Dofasco, US Steel Canada and union stakeholders in researching this report.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

**1. ADDED DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 4)**

- 8.3 Comments and Feedback on the Motion respecting Opposition to Buy American Policies and the Tariffs Recently imposed by the Trump Administration (referred to the Committee at the June 13, 2018 meeting of Council)

The agenda for the June 18, 2018 meeting of the Steel Committee was approved, as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

**(i) February 5, 2015 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of the February 5, 2015 Steel Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

**(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Discussion respecting recent Tariffs on Steel imposed by the United States Government (Item 8.1)**

The Chair welcomed Scott Duvall, Member of Parliament for Hamilton Mountain, to the meeting. Mr. Duvall updated the Committee about recent issues taking place on Parliament Hill regarding the US steel tariffs.

The Chair also welcomed Mr. Gary Howe, President of Local 1005 United Steelworkers (USW) and Mr. Jim McColl, Executive Member and Recording Secretary of Local 1005 USW, to the meeting. Mr. Howe and Mr. McColl provided the Committee with an update on the impact of the tariffs upon workers.

Mayor Eisenberger informed the Committee about the initiatives he has taken to bring attention to the steel tariff issue. He referenced letters that he sent jointly with Mayor Provenzano of Thunder Bay to over 30 Mayors in various US cities closely associated with the auto sector, where the rising costs of steel will have a negative impact on auto production in their communities. The Mayors' letter and the response are shown in Appendix "A" to these minutes.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Items 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**(ii) Discussion respecting the Sale of Surplus Waterfront Lands to Bedrock Industries (Item 8.2)**

Glen Norton, Director of Economic Development, provided an overview for the Committee about the recent sale of surplus waterfront lands to Bedrock Industries.

Committee members expressed their disappointment with the Provincial government for not consulting the City about this matter and for not being given the opportunity to be considered for the purchase of the surplus lands.

**(iii) Comments and Feedback on the Motion respecting Opposition to Buy American Policies and the Tariffs Recently imposed by the Trump Administration (Added Item 8.3)**

The motion respecting Comments and Feedback on the Motion respecting Opposition to Buy American Policies and the Tariffs Recently imposed by the Trump Administration, was received.

**(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

**(i) Receipt of Correspondence from 2015 and 2016 (Item 11.1)**

**(1) Correspondence from Charlie Luke, Mayor, Norfolk County, to Kathleen Wynne, Premier, respecting US Steel Canada Inc. Lake Erie Works, Nanticoke (Item 11.1(a))**

**(2) Correspondence from David Oraziotti, MPP, Sault Ste. Marie, to the Prime Minister, urging him and the affiliated Ministries to immediately address steel dumping and the negative impact it is having on the Canadian Steel Industry (Item 11.1(b))**

Items 11.1(a) and (b) being correspondence referred to the Steel Committee in 2015 and 2016, was received.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

There being no further business, the Steel Committee adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair  
Steel Committee

Lauri Leduc  
Legislative Coordinator  
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Appendix A  
Steel Committee Report  
18-001

June 4, 2018

SENT VIA EMAIL

Name  
Address  
City  
Zip Code

Dear Mayor (NAME),

We are writing to outline our deep concern with the disturbing turn in trade discussions between Canada and the United States and the serious impact tariffs will have on our municipalities, industries and workers on both sides of the border. As the Mayor of XXX, we expect you are also concerned about the impact of the tariffs on your community.

As city leaders, we recognize that these trade agreements have significant economic impacts on our communities and local economies. Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie are Canada's two largest steel-producing cities, with integrated and interdependent economic relationships with many American cities. In 2017, steel worth \$12 billion (USD) was traded between our two countries, with each country exporting \$6 billion worth of steel to the other country. Canada is the top destination for US steel exports and the US is the top destination for Canadian steel exports. In fact, our industries co-produce a variety of products.

The Canadian and US economies are deeply interlinked and have a balanced trade relationship in steel. Tariffs threaten the integrated supply chains of our local industries and the balanced relationship that has developed between our countries. While a tariff on steel may create a limited increase in employment in US steel production, a study released by the Trade Partnership Worldwide LLC found that more than 18 US jobs would be lost for every steel/aluminum job gained. In total, it is estimated that 470,000 jobs in the US alone would be lost if steel tariffs are imposed.

It is our suggestion that we can work together to make the fact-based case for the importance of the free movement of goods across our borders, without which, will result in the loss of jobs and higher consumer prices for both Americans and Canadians. Our offices are working with our federal government, and we ask that you work with your governor, congressional leaders and the Trump administration to address this important issue. We look forward to your positive reply.

Sincerely,

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M  
Mayor, Sault Ste. Marie

Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor, City of Hamilton

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Councilwoman	Liz Sierawski
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June 6, 2018

Sent via Email

City of Sault Ste. Marie  
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Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
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RE: Tariff on Canadian Steel

Dear Mayors Provenzano and Eisenberger:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 4, 2018 regarding the subject matter. As you indicated, Sterling Heights has a robust manufacturing base and is home to production of the Dodge Ram pickup and numerous Ford Motor Company facilities. We are also home to numerous defense and aerospace companies. We are indeed concerned about the effects potential tariffs may have on our businesses and related jobs. We are collaborating with our business partners, various councils of government, County and State officials to determine a prudent course of action based on feedback from stakeholders.

We will continue to stay on top of this matter and act accordingly. Thank you for taking time to write me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Taylor".

Michael C. Taylor, Mayor  
City of Sterling Heights