

January 29, 2020

Andrea Holland
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Sent via email: clerk@hamilton.ca

Re: Heddle Shipyards
Our File No: 68.45.7

Dear Ms. Holland,

At its meeting held on January 13th, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS St. Catharines and the entire Niagara Region has a long history in the shipbuilding industry and is a critical part of the marine-based economy of Ontario; and

WHEREAS for more than half a century, the Port Weller Dry Docks have historically built, maintained, and repaired vessels in excess of 1,000 tonnes; and

WHEREAS locally, Heddle Shipyards (Heddle) has operated and revived the Port Weller Dry Docks since 2017, employing a current staff of approximately 150 with significant available shipbuilding, repair and maintenance capacity; and

WHEREAS Heddle’s infrastructure and the local supply-chain are well-positioned to participate in national procurement initiatives including the \$100-billion federal National Shipbuilding Strategy to renew the federal fleet of vessels; and

WHEREAS The City of St. Catharines’ updated Strategic Plan commits to building and growing a diverse and resilient economy through investments, employment, and partnerships;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that given our strategic binational location, the City of St. Catharines calls on the Federal Government to initiate a truly National Shipbuilding Strategy by considering the option of a fourth shipyard, to be located in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal government consider Heddle Shipyards as a major component supplier to the National Shipbuilding Strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council urge the Department of Public Services and Procurement to ensure that procurements under the National Shipbuilding Strategy remain fair, open and transparent and eligible for proponents from throughout the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council endorse the efforts of Heddle Shipyards to provide year-round employment and economic development in the marine industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement; Chris Bittle, M.P., St. Catharines; Vance Badawey, M.P., Niagara Centre; Premier Doug Ford; local MPPs; the Regional Municipality of Niagara; and the municipal councils of the City of Hamilton and City of Thunder Bay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be directed to schedule a meeting with local mayors, MPs and MPPs to lend support to the request from Heddle Shipyards.

If you have any questions, please contact the Government Relations Advisor at extension 1518.

Melissa Wenzler
Government Relations Advisor

cc. The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister
The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement
Chris Bittle, M.P., St. Catharines
Vance Badawey, M.P., Niagara Centre
The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P., Premier of Ontario
Jennie Stevens, M.P.P., St. Catharines
Jeff Burch, M.P.P., Niagara Centre
Wayne Gates, M.P.P., Niagara Falls
Sam Oosterhoff, M.P.P., Niagara West
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
The Municipal Council of the City of Thunder Bay