

Windsor port traffic shows large increase



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The bulk carrier, Mesabi Miner, is navigated downstream on the Detroit River between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan on Aug 9, 2017. JASON KRYK / Windsor Star [t](#)

Windsor's ports are booming this year with total cargo volume up almost 20 per cent as of the end of July compared to the same time frame for 2016.

The most prominent increase are shipments of grain which is up 36 per cent this year, while salt volumes are up 32 per cent, according to figures released Wednesday by the Windsor Port Authority.

"We are obviously very pleased with these strong early results for the season," said David Cree, CEO for the port authority. "We had anticipated a slight recovery after a downturn in 2016, but these numbers have exceeded our projections."

Other strong growth numbers include general cargo, which primarily consists of imported steel, and is up over 25 per cent.

Given how grain and general cargo are largely shipped on foreign vessels, Cree also noted that has made for a large increase in overall traffic so far this year throughout the entire St. Lawrence Seaway system.