



Members vote on 6 new resolutions at this year’s Annual Meeting and Conference.

CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

Annual Meeting and Conference Highlights

The 15th Annual Meeting and Conference was held in Ajax, Ontario on June 13 – 15, 2018. This year’s theme was Charting a Course to Resilience. The Cities Initiative brought in 10+ experts on topics ranging from coastal resilience to municipal liability resilience to equip members with the tools necessary to combat ever changing climate patterns pertaining to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. In addition, members passed 6 new resolutions for the next year and elected members to the board.

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Members Adopt 6 New Resolutions

- Resolution 1:** Building Resilient Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities and Towns
- Resolution 2:** Taking Action to Halt Asian Carp and Other Aquatic Invasive Species
- Resolution 3:** A Collaborative Approach to Addressing Nutrient Pollution
- Resolution 4:** North Harbour Mercury Contamination in Thunder Bay — *Submitted by the City of Thunder Bay*
- Resolution 5:** Niagara River Ramsar Nomination — *Submitted by the City of St. Catharines ON and the City of Niagara Falls, NY*
- Resolution 6:** Supporting the Edmonton Declaration — *Submitted by the City of Niagara Falls, NY*

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Foxconn Plans to Invest in Water Tech, Petitioners Granted Hearing

The Cities Initiative sent letters to the Governor of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin DNR to voice concerns about Foxconn’s water diversion. After receiving pressure, Foxconn has announced that it will invest \$30 million in a water recycling system that will help cut the amount of water the manufacturing plant needs to withdraw from Lake Michigan by about 50%. According to the company, the zero-liquid discharge system not only reduces the amount of water used, but virtually eliminates the returned of any manufacturing process wastewater to the lake.

Midwest Environmental Advocates, representing a number of organizations challenging the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource’s’ decision to allow the Racine water diversion of 7 million gallons per day of Lake Michigan water for the Foxconn plant, has been granted a hearing. However, a date for the hearing has not yet been set.

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MONITOR CASE

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS

Canada-Quebec Investments in Infrastructure

The Canadian and Quebec governments recently announced \$7.5 billion in federal infrastructure investments over the next ten years in the Province of Quebec. The projects, which will include cost shares with the Province, municipalities, and others, will include work like public transit, green infrastructure, recreational, cultural, and community infrastructure, as well as rural and northern community infrastructure.

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Quebec Water Strategy Released

The minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Change, Mme Isabelle Melançon, announced the release of the Québec Water Strategy 2018-2030 and the action plan 2018-2023. The strategy has 3 phases, and represents investments in water of \$550 million. The Water Strategy builds on stakeholder and citizen consultations as well as input by over 140 water related organizations, and aims to achieve integrated, equitable, and sustainable water resource management.

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Join the 10 Tonnes Mission

The 10-tonne mission, an initiative launched by two Quebec citizens in collaboration with the Mouvement des Artisans du changement, aims to remove 10 tonnes of waste from the world's waterways, starting with the St. Lawrence River.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

OCT. 17-18

14th Annual
Healing Our Waters
Great Lakes Restoration
Initiative Conference

Westin Cadillac Hotel
Detroit, Michigan

OCT. 24-25

2018 Great Lakes Beach
Association and Great Lakes
Water Safety Consortium
Joint Conference

DoubleTree Hilton
Independence, OH



Dan Egan speaking with Dave Ullrich at 2018 GLSLCI Conference

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