



Ontario Election Update

Ontarians went to the polls on June 2, resulting in another Ford majority, with the NDP forming the Official Opposition once again. Both NDP and Liberal leaders resigned on election night, following their parties' underwhelming performances.

Although there were no major Great Lakes commitments in the Ford government's pre-election Budget (which also served as their electoral blueprint), the Cities Initiative will continue to build relationships with key players, like Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks David Piccini and Ontario's Agent-General in Chicago, to advance our priorities.

In addition, Brian Saunderson, former Mayor of Collingwood and Cities Initiative board member, was elected as MPP for Simcoe–Grey and was appointed as Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General. Brian will be a great resource to help us deepen our relationships with the government.

Congratulatory letters have been sent to all newly elected and re-elected MPPS and introductory meetings are being set up. If you would like to participate in the Cities Initiative's Canadian advocacy activities, please contact our Canada Policy Director, Phil Murphy-Rhéaume at phillipe.murphy-rheaume@glslcities.org.