



GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE
ALLIANCE DES VILLES DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

RESOLUTION 5 – 2013M

ST. LAWRENCE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin accounts for 20 percent of the world surface fresh water reserve; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes are an essential economic, social and environmental development corridor; and

WHEREAS, almost 60 percent of Quebec’s population lives in St. Lawrence River shoreline municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Quebec Collective Water Resources Protection Act (*Loi affirmant le caractère collectif des ressources en eau et visant à renforcer leur protection*) states that the St. Lawrence hydrologic unit must be managed with an integrated and collaborative strategy; and

WHEREAS, the governments of Canada and Quebec have been collaborating since 1988 in the conservation and enhancement of the St. Lawrence River with the St. Lawrence Action Plan (SLAP); and

WHEREAS, the SLAP proposes a participative governance system, highlighted by the implementation of the integrated management of the St. Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the SLAP advocates for the progressive installment of regional discussion groups allowing all stakeholders interested in resource management and uses of their portion of the River to plan and harmonize their actions contributing to the integrated management of the St. Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, Quebec shoreline municipalities wish to actively take part in all phases of the SLAP implementation and in all government initiatives touching current or future uses of the water or the shorelines of the St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS, shoreline municipalities have roles and responsibilities in the planning of their own land, for which they are imputable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls on the governments of Quebec and Canada to fully recognize shoreline municipalities’ role in the SLAP and in all initiatives related to usage, protection, restoration and enhancement of the St. Lawrence River; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative asks that shoreline municipalities be adequately informed and mobilized to be active participants in the installment of the regional discussion groups; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative asks the Quebec government to create a provincial discussion group uniting shoreline municipalities and the provincial government, where all social, environmental and economic issues linked to the St. Lawrence River would be discussed as an integral part of the implementation of the integrated management of the St. Lawrence River.

Signed this 19th day of June, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Barrett'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T'.

Tom Barrett, Chair
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Mayor of Milwaukee