



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

RESOLUTION 7 – 2013M

PROJECTING WATER DEMAND DUE TO POPULATION GROWTH BY 2050

Submitted by: City of Mississauga

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence are the world’s largest supply of freshwater, the source of drinking water to over 40 million people, and provide important economic, environmental and social benefits to communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cities Initiative collaborates toward the common interest of protecting this critical natural resource for future generations; and

WHEREAS, continued population growth within the Great Lakes watershed will provide a natural stressor most critically with respect to water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact (“Compact”) and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Sustainable Water Resources Agreement (“Agreement”) have provided a framework for the region to manage and protect the waters of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River system in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, commercial demands such as the continued desire for withdrawals for the purposes of bottled water would represent a consumptive use in which water is forever lost from the Great Lakes watershed and which could also result in local impacts around the withdrawal sites; and

WHEREAS, decision makers party to existing agreements that deliberate on proposed water-takings within the Great Lakes watershed, notably the Compact and the Agreement, would benefit from the context provided by a holistic understanding of the expected long-term population growth and associated water-demand projection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative calls upon the Canadian and American Governments to steer a coordinated study which would aim to approximate population and water demand projections affecting the Great Lakes watershed for the horizon extending to year 2050; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative collaborates to provide input as appropriate to a study which would aim to approximate future population and water demand projections by 2050; and



BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, upon completion of a study that comprehensively approximates future population within the Great Lakes watershed, that this information be circulated to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and decision makers in Canada and the U.S. for informed responses on future water-related issues.

Signed this 19th day of June, 2013

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