



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

**RESOLUTION 8 – 2013M**

**ENDORISING CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE BALLAST WATER STANDARDS**  
**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the attached resolution was approved by the Sault St. Marie City Council on March 25, 2013 and forwarded to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative for endorsement at the 2013 Annual Member Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the issue of ballast water and protecting the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence from invasive species that enter the system through ballast water has been of particular interest to many Cities Initiative members for some time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities Initiative has maintained the need to develop protective, uniform and achievable federal ballast water standards in the United States and Canada and that standards be harmonized between the countries where appropriate, and the membership of the Cities Initiative has passed several resolutions calling for federal regulations on ballast water, notably resolutions in the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, current approaches in Canada and the United States may lead to the implementation of regulatory regimes that will not be uniform for the two countries.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following resolution entitled *Ballast Water Standards*, submitted by the City of Sault Ste. Marie and passed by their City Council on March 25, 2013 be endorsed by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the federal governments of Canada and the United States to exercise due diligence in the development and the enforcement of a regulatory regime that will be uniform for the two countries.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013

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



**CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Date: March 25, 2013

Agenda Item  
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MOVED BY  
SECONDED BY

Councillor P. Mick  
Councillor S. Myers

Whereas there are pending regulations before Transport Canada which would, if passed, impose substantially restrictive and unachievable regulations for ballast water in the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Waterway; and  
 Whereas the proposed regulation would be far more restrictive than those currently in place by the US Coastguard for competing US vessels; and  
 Whereas current regulations for ballast water in the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Waterway are the most strict and austere in the world; and  
 Whereas since the implementation of compulsory ballast regulations in 2006, no new non-indigenous species has been detected in the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Waterway; and  
 Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie is in the planning phase of expansion of its port facilities, which project has been identified by all three levels of government as the number one economic development priority in Sault Ste. Marie; and  
 Whereas passage of the proposed regulation in its current form would place a significant hardship on this vital transportation link which is critical to our local and regional economy and adversely impact the Canadian shipping economy, resulting in employment losses, higher freight rates and consumer prices,  
 Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie urges Transport Canada to exercise due diligence in extensively researching whether these regulations are in fact necessary and requests Transport Canada to consult with all municipalities along the Great Lakes, further that this resolution be forwarded to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and all Canadian municipalities around the Great Lakes for their endorsement.

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- DEFERRED
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- AMENDED
- DEFERRED

  
SIGNATURE

- C.A.O.
- City Solicitor
- Comm. Finance/Treasurer
- Comm. Eng. & Planning
- Comm. Human Resources
- Comm. Community Services
- Comm. P.W. & Transportation
- City Clerk
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