

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

RESOLUTION 8 – 2013M

ENDORSING 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

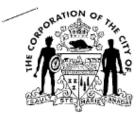
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the federal governments of Canada and the United States to exercise due diligence in the development and the enforcement of a regulatory regime that will be uniform for the two countries.

Signed this 19th day of June, 2013

Tom Barrett, Chair

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Mayor of Milwaukee





CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

		Date: Mar	ch 25, 2013		Agenda Item 7(e)
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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 for their endorsement.					
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