



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

RESOLUTION 13 – 2016M

NORTH HARBOUR MERCURY CONTAMINATION IN THUNDER BAY

WHEREAS, a mercury contaminated site of about 350,000 cubic meters of organic sediment deposited over 90 years of mill operations persists in the North Harbour of Thunder Bay; and

WHEREAS, this sediment is subsequently contaminated with mercury in concentrations that range from 2 to 11 ppm at the surface of the sediment to 21 ppm at depth and ranging in thickness from 40 to 380 centimeters and covering an area of about 22 hectares; and

WHEREAS, in order to remediate these areas of concern the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) was implemented which sought public input on the contamination and remediation efforts through their public advisory committee (PAC); and

WHEREAS, a study commissioned in 2014 to provide options for mitigating the mercury contamination in the North Harbour was carried and since the study no further progress has been made by provincial or federal governments, and

WHEREAS, the RAP sent a letter in March 2016 to federal and provincial MPPs, Chronicle Journal, and Port Authority with a response from the provincial and federal governments that this issue is still being discussed with no further indication of action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cities Initiative calls on both Province of Ontario and Governments of Canada to move in a timely matter to respond to inquiries by the RAP; and



BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, seeing that the site is currently located on a federal water lot, that the Cities Initiative calls on both Province of Ontario and Governments of Canada to provide funding to mitigate the mercury contamination in the North Harbour and therefore delist Thunder Bay as an Area of Concern.

Signed this 15th day of June, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Twolan", is written above a horizontal line.

Mitch Twolan, Chair
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Mayor of Huron-Kinloss

