



**Great Lakes Beaches and Coasts: 2010 to 2020**  
**Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto**  
**April 15, 2010**

## **Agenda**

***“Working together to improve Ontario’s Beaches and Coasts”***

***By the end of the day, you will...***

- *Meet 60 other people interested in improving Great Lakes beaches and coasts and have a better understanding and appreciation of their challenges and successes,*
- *Increase your awareness of Great Lakes coastal and beach quality trends introduced through presentations and case studies,*
- *Scope out needs for better supporting Great Lakes beach and coastal zone management,*
- *Identify ways to promote Great Lakes beaches and coasts,*
- *Identify potential barriers and opportunities for working together to improve Ontario’s Great Lakes beaches and coasts,*
- *Highlight additional potential interests to include in the network for improving Great Lakes beaches and coasts.*

**8:15-9:00**      **Registration and Refreshments**

**9:00-9:15**      **Welcome, Introductions, Workshop Objectives (Eric Boysen, MNR)**

**New Developments and Opportunities for Enhancing  
Great Lakes Beaches and Coasts (Sarah Rang, GLSLCI)**

***“Connecting”***

**9:15-9:30**      **Participant Connection to Great Lakes (Jim Mackenzie, Facilitator)**

**9:30-9:45**      **Success Story #1: Southern Georgian Bay Initiative (Greg Mayne, Environment Canada)**

## ***“State of our Beaches and Coasts”***

- 9:45-10:30** Great Lakes Coastal Environmental Scan
- Context (Eric Boysen, MNR)
  - State of Great Lakes Coasts (John Marsden, Environment Canada)
  - Discussion
- 10:30-10:45** BREAK
- 10:45-11:15** Beach Health in Ontario
- Working together towards improving Ontario's beaches and coasts (Sarah Rang, GLSLCI)
  - Beach Quality in Ontario, Recent MOE Projects (Tim Fletcher, MOE)
- 11:15-11:30** Success Story #2: Blue Flag Program (Sarah Winterton, Environmental Defence)
- 11:30-11:45** Discussion: Beach Health in Ontario
- 11:45-12:00** Success Story # 3: Wasaga Beach and Ontario Parks (John Fisher, MNR)
- 12:00-12:40** Lunch (provided)
- 12:45- 13:00** Success Story #4: City of Toronto (Ted Bowering)

## ***“Promoting Our Beaches and Coasts”***

- 13:00-13:15** Success Story #5: Ontario Provincial Trails Strategy (Carol Oitment, Ministry of Health Promotion)
- 13:15-13:45** Promoting Great Lakes Beaches and Coasts (Linda Ashley-Crane, Ministry of Tourism and Culture)
- Discussion
- 13:45-14:00** Success Story #6: Grand Bend (Peggy van Mierlo-West, Municipality of Lambton Shores)
- 14:00-14:15** BREAK

## ***“Identifying Key Opportunities”***

## **2:15-3:30 Knowledge Cafes**

Cafe 1: What tools would you like to see developed to better support coastal and beach management and experiences?

Café 2: How could we better promote our coasts and beaches?

Café 3: What do you see as key challenges or barriers and opportunities for improving our coasts and beaches?

- Each Café will have a facilitator/reporter and a record-keeper and will help promote understanding of suggestions and...
  - What would you do now?
  - What would you do within 5 yrs?
  - What would you do longer term?
  - How can we best work together?

## **15:45-16:15 Overview of Café Results**

- **Café Facilitators (6) to report to whole group**

## **16:15-16:40 Facilitated Discussion**

## **16:40-17:00**

- **Next Steps and Wrap Up (Jennifer Keyes, MNR; Sarah Rang, GLSLCI)**

## **17:00 Close (Jim Mackenzie)**

***Safe Travels Home and thank you for participating***

*Workshop Steering Committee*

*Tim Fletcher, MOE*

*Sarah Rang, GLSLCI*

*Bev Ritchie, MNR*