



Mayor Crombie from Mississauga, ON represents the Cities Initiative at the US Conference of Mayors

CITIES INITIATIVE NEWS AND UPDATES

Stakeholder Webinar on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Collaborative

Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 am EST

The [Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Collaborative Project](#) is well underway, coordinated by the Cities Initiative and others. With the help of over 80 people, lively discussions on toxics, climate change, nutrients and beaches are continuing. The first phase will make recommendations to the Canadian federal and other governments in June, and the St. Lawrence phase will make recommendations in spring 2020. All municipal leaders and staff are welcome and encouraged to become involved and participate in the upcoming webinar on Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 am (EST), or at the Great Lakes Summit in early May.

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The Cities Initiative goes to Washington DC for the US Conference of Mayors (USCM)

Last week, the Cities Initiative, including member mayors from the US and Canada attended the USCM to advocate for the future health of the Great Lakes and for continued economic growth along the border of the Great Lakes and between our two nations.

St. Catharines joins ban on plastic straws

St. Catharines is saying no more to plastic! The city has banned plastic straws in all municipal buildings, parks and facilities.

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Financing Climate Resilient Water Infrastructure Webinar

Resilient Municipalities Webinar Series

Thursday, February 21 at 12:00 EST

2019 Resilient Municipalities Webinar series is kicking off with the first webinar of the year, Financing Climate Resilient Water Infrastructure on Thursday, February 21. Click register to learn more about the webinar.

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GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE NEWS

Ontario Government Announces Two New Projects for Halton Region

Under Canada's Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of Democratic Institutions, on behalf of the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; and Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair, announce two new projects for the Region of Halton that will protect water services by insulating and lowering supply lines. This action will supply local residents and businesses with access to clean water despite changing weather conditions.

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Governor Whitmer takes first steps to decommissioning Line 5

On her first day in office, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer took the first step to decommissioning Line 5. To learn more about Governor Whitmer's comments and request, click below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 6-7, 2019

Great Lakes Day

Embassy Row Hotel
Washington, D.C.

May 6-8, 2019

Great Lakes Economic Forum

Cleveland, Ohio

Jun. 5-7, 2019

Cities Initiative's Annual Conference

Blue Harbor Hotel
Sheboygan, WI



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