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Warden Nathan Townend of Lennox & Addington Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Chicago, IL – July 8, 2025— The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to welcome Warden Nathan Townend of Lennox & Addington County, ON to its growing coalition of more than 325 mayors and top elected local leaders working to advance the socioeconomic and environmental health of communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region.

As a member of the Cities Initiative, Warden Townend and Lennox & Addington will work collaboratively with members from across the basin in the United States and Canada to support healthy lakes and rivers, safe and affordable water for all residents, climate resilient communities, and economic transformation throughout the region.

Warden Nathan Townend of Lennox & Addington, ON: “Lennox and Addington is extremely proud to become a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. Now more than ever, cross border cooperation is vital for ensuring future generations can live, work, and play in our interdependent watersheds. We cannot backslide on our climate and environmental commitments, and we all must integrate, not juxtapose economic and environmental priorities. The Cities Initiative understands this and leverages formidable resources in addressing our shared challenges. I continue to be impressed by their highly productive, collaborative, and determined efforts and I look forward to L&A being a valued and active participant in the years ahead.”

The County of Lennox and Addington in Eastern Ontario stretches from Lake Ontario to the rugged, rocky terrain of the Canadian Shield. The County is made up of the Townships of Addington Highlands, Stone Mills and Loyalist, as well as the Town of Greater Napanee.

Mayor Mat Siscoe of St. Catharines, ON, Canadian Co-Chair of the of the Cities Initiative: “It’s great to welcome Warden Nathan Townend and Lennox & Addington to our growing coalition. We need to work together to ensure the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Region remains one of the top global economies and continue to deliver prosperity for our residents. That means collaborating on building a vibrant blue economic corridor, modernizing our water infrastructure, and protecting the lakes and rivers that are the foundation of our success as a region The Cities Initiative is a key player to deliver on those priorities.”

Every new member of the Cities Initiative is a testament to the importance that local governments in this globally significant basin place on preserving our freshwater resources, preparing our communities for the impacts of climate change, improving our aging water infrastructure and building sustainable local economies that attract new industries and good jobs.

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**About the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a multinational coalition of municipal and Indigenous government executives representing communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region who are working to promote economic prosperity in our communities and protect our fresh water for the benefit of current and future generations. With more than 325 member communities, the Cities Initiative is leading the way in advancing the environmental, economic, and social health of the region by addressing issues impacting its residents.

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