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2025 Ontario Water Leaders Summit

Thursday, November 13
Bronte Boathouse - 2340 Ontario St, Oakville, ON L6L 6P7

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Preliminary Program

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Mayor Mat Siscoe, City of St. Catharines &
Co-Chair, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

9:15 am	Registration Opens
9:30 am	Water Ceremony – led by Valerie King
10:30 am	Water Leaders Summit Opening • Mayor Mat Siscoe, City of St. Catharines • Coun. Sean O'Meara, Halton Region (Oakville) • Councillor Fawn Sault, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation • Valerie King
11:10 am	Session 1 – For the Good of the Great Lakes Region: Building Stronger First Nation-Municipal Relationships

	<i>In collaboration with Biinaagami</i> Moderated by: • Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Vice President, Dable Advisory & Consulting Services and former Grand Chief, Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Speakers: • Warden Andrea Matrosovs, Grey County • Chief Duncan Michano, Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (Pic River First Nation)
11:55 am	Introduction to the Biinaagami giant floor map
12:00 pm	Networking Lunch <i>Guests are invited to explore the Biinaagami giant map during the lunch break</i>
12:30pm	Session 2 – Building the Fresh Coast Economic Corridor: Opportunities and Challenges on the Horizon for Ontario’s Great Lakes Region
1:10 pm	Partner Remarks – Geosyntec Consultants • David Bertrand, Senior Principal Hydrogeologist, Geosyntec Consultants
1:20 pm	Session 3 – Building Resilience Together: A Fireside Chat on the Lake Ontario Coastal Resilience Pilot Project <i>Presented by Halton Region</i> Introduction by: Bonnie Fox, Policy and Planning Director, Conservation Ontario Moderated by: Lisa Kohler, Executive Lead, Climate Change and Reconciliation Speakers: • Leilani Lee-Yates, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

	• Chandra Sharma, CAO, Conservation Halton • Scott Peck, Deputy CAO/Director Watershed Planning & Engineering, Hamilton Conservation Authority
2:05pm	Networking Break <i>Guests are invited to explore the Biinaagami giant map during the networking break</i>
2:30pm	Partner Remarks – Nuclear Waste Management Organization • Dakota Kochie, Director of Government and External Relations
2:40pm	Session 4 - Water-Tech Solutions: Cutting Costs, Enhancing Resilience, Driving Growth Moderated by: Phil Murphy-Rhéaume , Chief Operations Officer / Canadian Managing Director, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Speakers: • Mark Palmer, Executive Director, GREENLAND® Engineering & Technologies Group • Mehrdad Varedi, Founder and CEO, Waterlix
3:10pm	Partner Remarks – Canadian Beverage Association
3:15pm	Session 5 – Transforming and Building Resilient Waterfronts <i>Presented by Halton Region</i>
3:45pm	Partner Remarks – Green Infrastructure Partners
3:50pm	Ontario Water Leaders Summit Closing Ceremony • Mayor Mat Siscoe, City of St. Catharines • Mayor Rob Burton, Town of Oakville
4:00pm	Water Leaders Networking Reception <i>Presented by:</i> • Geosyntec Consultants

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