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Mayor Josh Morgan of London Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Toronto, ON – January 8, 2026– The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to welcome Mayor Josh Morgan and the City of London, ON to its growing coalition of more than 400 mayors and local executives working to advance economic prosperity across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region while protecting the globally significant freshwater resources that are the heart of the region.

As a member of the Cities Initiative, Mayor Morgan and London will work collaboratively with members from across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region in the United States and Canada to promote regional economic prosperity and resilient communities, while supporting healthy lakes and rivers.

Mayor Josh Morgan of London, ON: “The City of London is proud to join the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and work alongside communities across the region to strengthen economic prosperity while protecting our vital freshwater resources. As a thriving city along the Thames River, we understand the importance of resilient infrastructure, climate readiness, and strong regional partnerships, including with our partners south of the border. We look forward to collaborating to support healthy waterways, economic resilience, and sustainable growth for our residents and future generations.”

London is situated in the heart of southwestern Ontario between Toronto and Detroit, and it is one of Canada’s fastest growing and increasingly diverse cities. With a population exceeding 530,000 (CMA), London is the 11th largest city in Canada. London is a hub for life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and agribusiness, and is home to world-class educational institutions such as Western University and Fanshawe College.

Mayor Mat Siscoe of St. Catharines, ON, Canadian Co-Chair of the of the Cities Initiative: “It’s great to welcome Mayor Morgan and London 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 the Fresh Coast 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 region place on preserving freshwater resources in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, preparing our communities for the impacts of climate change, improving our aging water infrastructure and building sustainable local economies that attract new blue and green 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, First Nation, and Tribal 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 400 communities represented by its membership, 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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