

*A Resolution Submitted by the Anishinabek Nation*



**APPROVING THE FIRST NATION AND TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

May 2026

WHEREAS the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative/Alliance des villes des Grands Lacs et du Saint-Laurent is a multinational coalition of municipal and Indigenous government executives representing communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region that is working to promote economic prosperity and protect our fresh water for the benefit of current and future generations.

AND WHEREAS the 12 U.S. Tribes of the Great Lakes Intertribal Council are Cities Initiative members, as are the Anishinabek Nation, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke and the Wendat Nation of Québec.

AND WHEREAS the Cities Initiative remains committed to working alongside First Nations and Tribes to affirm their sovereignty and treaty rights and identify joint priorities to address Safe and Affordable Water; Climate Change and Coastal Resilience; Economic Transformation and Healthy Lakes and Rivers.

AND WHEREAS at the Cities Initiative 2025 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, members approved a resolution sponsored by the Menominee Nation that created the First Nation and Tribal Engagement Committee, tasking it with producing a report on reconciliation, recruitment and opportunities for collaboration.

AND WHEREAS the First Nation and Tribal Engagement Committee report will assist the Cities Initiative in its continued efforts to better understand joint priorities and identify opportunities for collaboration between First Nations and Tribes and municipalities in protecting our shared waters and guide recruitment and reconciliation efforts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Cities Initiative will seek to faithfully implement the recommendations contained in the report, contingent on organizational capacity and the continued interest of First Nations and Tribes in Cities Initiative membership.
- The First Nation and Tribal Engagement Committee will convene at the next three Annual Conferences to review the Cities Initiative's activities as they relate to the report and provide strategic direction.
- Cities Initiative members will remain dedicated to their allyship to First Nations and Tribes through meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution will be distributed to: current and prospective First Nation and Tribal members of the Cities Initiative; the Chiefs of Ontario Leadership Council; the Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador and Canadian Minister of Indigenous Services Mandy Gull-Masty.