



**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE**  
CITIES INITIATIVE  
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DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

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## **Mayor Dorothy McCabe of Waterloo Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

**Toronto, ON –July 9, 2026–** The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) is pleased to welcome Mayor Dorothy McCabe and the City of Waterloo, ON to its growing coalition of more than 425 local government leaders working to advance economic prosperity across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region while protecting the globally significant freshwater resources that sustain our quality of life.

As a member of the Cities Initiative, Mayor McCabe and Waterloo will work collaboratively with members from across the region in Canada and the United States to support healthy lakes and rivers, safe and affordable water for all residents, climate resilient communities, and economic transformation to build the Fresh Coast Economic Corridor from Lake Superior to the Gulf of the St. Lawrence.

**Mayor McCabe of the City of Waterloo, ON:** “Waterloo is proud to join the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and work alongside municipal leaders to protect our shared freshwater resources and build a more sustainable, resilient future. As a growing city with a strong innovation economy and a deep commitment to climate action, we know that healthy watersheds and a strong environment are essential to our long-term prosperity. We look forward to collaborating with communities across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region to advance solutions that support both environmental stewardship and economic growth”

Waterloo is a dynamic mid-sized Ontario city known for its innovative spirit, strong economy, and commitment to sustainability. Home to thriving technology, engineering, and manufacturing sectors, Waterloo fosters collaboration among government, businesses, non-profits, and community partners to build a future-ready community. Combining small-town hospitality with big-city amenities, Waterloo is an internationally recognized city that values inclusivity, environmental stewardship, and a high quality of life.

**Mayor Mat Siscoe of St. Catharines, ON, Canadian Chair of the of the Cities Initiative:** “The Cities Initiative plays an important role in uniting community leaders to strengthen the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region. We’re pleased to welcome Mayor McCabe and Waterloo to our growing coalition of local and First Nation governments. At a time of rapid economic and environmental change, collaboration is essential to safeguarding our region’s vital lakes and rivers and ensuring that our region remains a global economic leader. Together, we are advancing the Fresh Coast Economic Corridor to create new opportunities for our communities and residents and improve the health of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.”



Every new member of the Cities Initiative is a testament to the importance that municipal, First Nation, and Tribal governments place on protecting the region's globally significant watersheds, preparing communities for extreme weather, modernizing aging water infrastructure, and position our CA\$12.72-billion economy to be among the fastest growing in North America.

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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 425 communities represented, the Cities Initiative is leading the way in advancing the environmental, economic, and social health of the region by addressing issues impacting its residents. The Cities Initiative is comprised of a U.S. organization and a Canadian organization. In September 2025, the Cities Initiative launched its Economic Transformation Action Plan: A Blueprint for Economic Growth and Freshwater Stewardship in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region.

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