



Cities of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence: Prosperity, Vitality and Sustainability

Conference and Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Thursday, July 17 and Friday, July 18, 2008

Toronto Sheraton Hotel, 123 Queen Street West (across from Toronto City Hall at Bay & Queen Street)

Through special arrangement between IPAC Toronto Region Group (TRG), the City of Toronto and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI), you are invited to attend sessions of this event occurring this week.

This event is hosted by the City of Toronto for the GLSLCI, a bi-national (Canada-US) coalition of mayors and other local officials working to advance the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River system, one of the world's largest freshwater resources and international treasure, essential to the cities, towns, villages and counties along its shores and in surrounding watershed.

This event will appeal to those interested in public policy and administration related to water management, infrastructure development, intergovernmental relations, environmental and economic sustainability. Special rates and registration information can be found on the next page.

■ Thursday, July 17, 2008

Half Day #1 – Morning Session 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon (1 Panel & Exhibitions)

A 'Marshal Plan' for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence

Municipalities are spending \$15 billion on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence programs and infrastructure. Federal spending on expensive infrastructure upgrades has slowed or reversed around the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin. With the renegotiation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement under review, is it time to call for a 'Marshall Plan' for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence? A panel of experts provide their opinion.

Moderator: Mayor George Heartwell, Grand Rapids

Panelists include: Mayor Gary Becker, Racine; John Jackson, Director, Clean Production, Great Lakes United; and Gail Krantzberg, Director, Dofasco Centre for Engineering and Public Policy, McMaster University.

Exhibitions can be viewed from 10:30 to 11:00.

■ Thursday, July 17, 2008

Half Day #2 – Afternoon Session 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM (2 Panels)

Protégeons le fleuve Saint Laurent/Let's protect the St. Lawrence

The federal and Quebec governments protect the mighty St. Lawrence River through the 'Plan Saint Laurent'. Come hear about the plan, special programs under the plan to protect the St. Lawrence, and the unique contribution of towns and cities along the length of the river.

Moderator: Mayor Denis Lapointe, Salaberry de Valleyfield

Panelists include: Philippe Morel, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Environment Canada and Nicolas Audet, Executive Director, Stratégies Saint-Laurent.

And then

The Ups and Downs of Water Levels

The dramatic drop in water levels in the Upper Lakes is causing problems for shippers, commercial fisheries, marinas and municipalities. What is causing the decline? Should measures be taken to limit water levels from dropping any further? Come hear from leading experts and decision makers on what is being done, and options for the future.

Moderator: Mayor Lynn Peterson, Thunder Bay

Panelists include: Mayor Ellen Anderson, Town of the Blue Mountains; Sam Speck, Commissioner, International Joint Commission; and Peter R. Johnson, Program Director, Council of Great Lakes Governors.

■ Friday, July 18, 2008

Half Day #3 – Morning Session
8:30 to 12:15 PM
(2 Keynote Speakers & 2 Panels)

Hear Cameron Davis, the President and CEO of the Alliance for Great Lakes

And then

Driving Prosperity, Vitality and Sustainability in the Basin

The eight states and two provinces of the basin form the third largest regional economy in the world. How are we to maintain and build on the region's prosperity, vitality and sustainability? Hear from leading voices around the Basin.

Moderator: Mayor Dave Ross, City of Superior

Panellists include: George Kuper, President and CEO, Council of Great Lakes Industries; Elyse Allan, President and CEO, GE Canada; and Leo Gerard, President, United Steelworkers

And then

Hear Mayor Richard Daley from Chicago speak about the Chicago experience.

And then

Sustainable Cities Leading the Way

Cities across the basin are developing some of the most innovative and effective approaches to deal with climate change, growing populations, and other stressors on the resource. Hear straight from the leaders who are making a difference at the local level.

Moderator: Mayor David Miller, Toronto

Panelists include: Mayor Larry MacDonald, Bayfield and Mayor Helen Fotopolus, Plateau Mount-Royal Borough.

To Register:

You may register for the **full conference** by visiting: <http://www.toronto.ca/greatlakes-stlawrence/>.

Or

Through special arrangement with IPAC Toronto Region Group, **you may register for select, half-day sessions at a rate of \$52.50 (\$50 + GST) each.**

Pre-registration or advance payment is not required if you plan to attend only specific sessions instead of the full two-day event. Simply complete the registration form below and bring it with you to the conference.



Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of your half-day session and report to the Churchill Room in the Sheraton Hotel in order to register and submit payment. Please bring a credit card or cheque for \$52.50 per half-day session made payable to: "Treasurer, City of Toronto (GLSLCI)"

If you have questions, please e-mail GLSLCI@toronto.ca.

Please complete this form and bring to the registration desk (Churchill Room of the Sheraton Hotel) no later than 30 minutes prior to the session.

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