



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

**THE 2008 GREAT LAKES & ST. LAWRENCE CITIES
INITIATIVE CONFERENCE**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

July 16th to 18th, 2008
Sheraton Centre
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



The Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2008 Annual Meeting and Conference

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you all to the 2008 annual meeting and conference of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative on July 16 - 18, 2008.

The City of Toronto is proud to host this important event which brings together political, environmental and community leaders who share a common commitment and a responsibility to protect the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin as a world renowned and international treasure.

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative demonstrates that mayors, working together across provincial, state and national boundaries, can and do take practical, innovative actions to safeguard and conserve our precious water resources while addressing global change. The Annual Conference is an important event at which we can strengthen our commitment and share it with our partners in other governments and organizations.

I believe this event will advance our crucial cause and provide delegates with innovative ideas for sustained action in the future. Your presence here is indicative of your willingness to be a part of the process and I thank you for your participation.

On behalf of Toronto City Council and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, please accept my best wishes for an informative and successful conference.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mayor David Miller
Founding Canadian Chair and Director,
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence
Cities Initiative

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Dalton McGuinty led his party to a second-consecutive majority government in October 2007. He is Ontario's 24th Premier. He was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 1990 and in 1996, Dalton McGuinty was elected leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.

In the general election of 2003, Dalton McGuinty's Liberals formed the government, taking 72 seats with 47 per cent of the vote. Premier McGuinty's campaign to build a stronger Ontario for a stronger Canada led the country's leading newsmagazine, Maclean's, to call him "Mr. Ontario."



Richard M. Daley has been mayor of Chicago since 1989. A former state senator and county prosecutor, he has earned a national reputation for his innovative, community-based programs to address education, public safety, neighborhood development and the environment.

Mayor Daley has been named Municipal Leader of the Year by American City and County magazine; Public Official of the Year by Governing magazine; and Politician of the Year by Library Journal. In 1996 he headed the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Time magazine, in its April 25, 2005 issue, said Daley "is widely viewed as the nation's top urban executive."



John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment for Ontario, was first elected in 1995 to represent Kingston and The Islands. As former Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, he brought forward the award-winning Greenbelt Plan which permanently protects 1.8 million acres of agricultural and environmentally sensitive land around the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area. His work and that of the Ministry was recognized with a national planning award for planning excellence in the category of Environmental Planning from the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Mr. Gerretsen has been a leader in his Kingston community, first as a city councillor, and then as the longest-serving mayor in the city's history. He has also been president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and chair of the Ontario Housing Corporation.



Marcy Kaptur was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982 and represents Northern Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. She is the senior-most woman in Congress and is one of only 90 women out of 535 members of the 110th Congress. Trained as a city and regional planner, she practiced 15 years in Toledo and throughout the United States before seeking office. Appointed as an urban advisor to the Carter White House, she helped maneuver 17 housing and neighborhood revitalization bills through the Congress during those years. Congresswoman Kaptur sits on the House Budget Committee, she has secured subcommittees on Agriculture, Transportation/Housing and Urban Development, Defense and the prestigious House Budget Committee.

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PROGRAM - Toronto Sheraton Centre Hotel, 2nd Floor

Wednesday July 16 2008

Noon - 7:00 pm

Registration
Churchill Room

1:45 pm

**Waterfront Study Tour
Participants embark bus
(pre-registration required)**
Bus departs Richmond Street
Entrance,
Toronto Sheraton Centre Hotel

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Pre-Conference Toronto
Waterfront Study Tour**

Less than one hundred years ago Toronto's waterfront was largely populated by industry and was a busy port. Today you can find thriving mixed use communities, beautiful parks, Blue Flag beaches for swimming, shops, restaurants and art galleries. More dramatic changes are underway along Toronto's waterfront, guided by leading international design firms.

Join the tour and learn about the challenges, achievements and local opportunities. The tour will include experts sharing their knowledge on a range of waterfront issues including: brownfield remediation, waterfront revitalization activities, water quality improvements and the creation and renewal of parks and public spaces. This is primarily a bus tour, but there will also be a thirty minute walk through the central waterfront. The tour will end at the offices of Waterfront Toronto for a reception and overview of the waterfront revitalization initiative project. Bus service will be available back to the conference hotel at the conclusion of the reception. Don't miss the tour!

Thursday July 17 2008

7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Registration
Churchill Room

7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Exhibitors Open
Exhibit Hall
(Dominion/Churchill Foyers)

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast
Exhibit Hall
(Dominion/Churchill Foyers)

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Welcome and Opening Address
Dominion Ballroom
Welcoming Remarks:
Mayor David Miller,
City of Toronto
Address:
Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier, Province of Ontario
Greetings from Quebec City

9:00 am - 10:30 am

GLSLCI Members' Meeting
Dominion Ballroom

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Coffee Break with Exhibitors
Exhibit Hall
(Dominion/Churchill Foyers)

Coffee Break
Sponsored by:



11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**A 'Marshall Plan' for the Great
Lakes and St. Lawrence**
Dominion Ballroom

Municipalities are spending \$15 billion on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence programs and infrastructure. At the same time, 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, it is time for a grander vision. 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: Mayor Gary Becker, Racine
John Jackson, Director, Clean Production, Great Lakes United
Gail Krantzberg, Director, Dofasco Centre for Engineering and Public Policy, McMaster University

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Keynote Speaker:
Honourable John Gerretsen,
Minister of the Environment,
Province of Ontario
Civic Ballroom

Lunch sponsored by:



1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

**Coffee and Dessert with
Exhibitors**
Exhibit Hall
(Dominion/Churchill Foyers)

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

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

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.

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Moderator: Mayor Denis Lapointe, Salaberry de Valleyfield

Panelists: Philippe Morel, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Environment Canada

Nicolas Audet, Executive Director, Stratégies Saint-Laurent

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm **Coffee Break**
Exhibit Hall
(Dominion/Churchill Foyers)

Coffee Break
Sponsored by:



3:45 pm - 5:00 pm **The Ups and Downs of Water Levels**
Dominion Ballroom

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: Mayor Ellen Anderson, Town of the Blue Mountains

Sam Speck, Commissioner, International Joint Commission

6:00 pm **Buses depart for Palais Royale**
Depart Richmond Street entrance, Sheraton Centre Hotel

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm **Reception and Dinner**
Palais Royale
Greetings: The Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources, Province of Ontario

Dinner Sponsored by:



10:00 pm **Buses depart Palais Royale for return trip to Sheraton Centre**

Friday July 18 2008

7:30 am - Noon **Exhibitors Open**
Exhibit Hall
(Dominion/Churchill Foyers)

7:30 am - 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**
Exhibit Hall
(Dominion/Churchill Foyers)

Breakfast
Sponsored by:



8:30 am - 9:00 am **Opening Speaker: Mayor Richard M. Daley**, City of Chicago
Dominion Ballroom

9:00 am - 10:15 am **Driving Prosperity, Vitality and Sustainability in the Basin**
Dominion Ballroom

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

10:15 - 10:30 am **Coffee Break**

Coffee Break
Sponsored by



10:30 am - 11:00 am **Keynote Speaker: Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur**
Invited
Toledo, Ohio, Ohio 9th Congressional District

11:00 am - 12:15 pm **Sustainable Cities Leading the Way**
Dominion Ballroom

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: Mayor Larry MacDonald, Bayfield
Mayor Helen Fotopolus, Plateau Mount-Royal Borough

12:15 pm - 2:00 pm **Awards Luncheon**
Civic Ballroom
Host: Mayor David Miller, Toronto

The Awards Luncheon will feature the presentation of the 2008 Wege Small Cities Sustainability Best Practices Award as well as recognition of water conservation efforts and best practices under the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Water Conservation Framework and a presentation by the 2009 Annual Meeting & Conference Host City, Trois-Rivières.

Lunch Sponsored by:



Mayor David Miller
cordially invites
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Conference Delegates to the historic Palais Royale for
an evening not to be missed.

Thursday July 17, 2008 6:30pm – 10:00pm

Featuring:
Global Blues

Toronto based musicians offering a culturally diverse take on the universal celebration of the human condition. Global Blues is a revue that includes the traditional eight bar swing blues led by South Asian singer and actor, Raoui Bhaneja. Featured guests for the evening include Regent Park resident and African Griot Katenen Diaoubate, African Guitar Summit star Adam Solomon (also known for his regular gigs in the Toronto subway), Portuguese “Fado” vocalists Catarina Cardeal and Tony Gouveia, and African cappella gospel group Soul Influence.

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Please refer to your copy of the Exhibit Hall Show Guide for details regarding this year's exhibitors.

Visit the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2008 Conference Exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall, Dominion/Churchill Foyers.

Make sure to participate in the Exhibit Hall Silent Auction.

All proceeds go to the Toronto Star's Fresh Air Fund, sending inner city kids to camp since 1901.

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2008 Conference Steering Committee adopted the following measures to reduce waste and emissions:

- No bottled water
- Juice and soft drink bottles to be recycled
- No stir sticks, or any single serve food containers such as creamers, salt, pepper, jam, etc.
- No idling of buses or cars beyond two minutes
- Extra food to be donated to "Second Harvest" or other food distribution charity
- Food will be sourced locally wherever possible
- Convenient recycling stations placed throughout the venue
- Paper shall be printed on two sides and shall be recycled
- No conference delegate bags will be procured
- All professionally printed material shall be printed on FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) paper
- As much as possible, signage and backdrops will be produced that can be used in subsequent years
- Lanyards will be from post-consumer waste
- Badges will be printed on recycled paper with plastic holder re-used
- "Green power" the venue
- Hybrid buses will be used to transport delegates
- All presentations will be posted on the website post conference

Please join us for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives 2009 Conference hosted by:

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