



MEDIA ADVISORY

MAYORS CALL ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO REINVEST IN “CITIES AS THE SOLUTION” TO ADVANCE GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE PROTECTION

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and Ontario to sign Great Lakes Pact at annual conference in Toronto

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- What: Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Annual Meeting & Conference**
- News Conference/Media Teleconference
 - Photo and video opportunity during signing ceremony for Great Lakes Memorandum of Cooperation
 - Keynote addresses (see attached)

- When: Thursday, July 17, 2008**
- Signing ceremony at 1:00 p.m. EDT –arrive for setup by 12:40 p.m. EDT
 - News Conference and Media Teleconference at 1:20 p.m. EDT

- Where: Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario**
- Signing ceremony in the **Civic Ballroom**
 - News Conference/Media Teleconference in the **City Hall Room**

Speakers: Toronto Mayor David Miller, host mayor & Founding Canadian Chair, GLSLCI
Thunder Bay Mayor Lynn Peterson, Chair, GLSLCI
The Honourable John Gerretsen, Ontario Minister of the Environment
Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Founding U.S. Chair, GLSLCI

In attendance: Member mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

To join teleconference: Dial **888-262-0101** about 5 to 10 minutes before the press conference is scheduled to begin. Notify the operator that you are joining for the **Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Press Conference**. You will be placed on hold until the press conference is started.



KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE 2008 ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING & CONFERENCE

**TORONTO, ONTARIO
SHERATON CENTRE HOTEL**

Thursday July 17, 2008

- 8:30 a.m.: Opening Remarks, Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto
Keynote Address, the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario (via video feed)
Dominion Ballroom
- 12:40 p.m.: Keynote Address, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Ontario Minister of the Environment
Dominion Ballroom

Friday, July 18, 2008

- 8:30 a.m.: Keynote Address, Cameron Davis, President/CEO, Alliance for the Great Lakes
Dominion Ballroom
- 10:45 a.m.: Keynote Address: Mayor Richard M. Daley, City of Chicago
Dominion Ballroom
- 12:30 p.m.: Awards Luncheon
Speakers to include:
Mayor Lynn Peterson, City of Thunder Bay
Mayor Bob Benedetti, Ville de Beaconsfield
Councillor Joanne Dies, Town of Ajax
Mayor Yves Lévesque, Ville de Trois-Rivières
Civic Ballroom