

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM17.5	ACTION			Ward: All
--------	--------	--	--	-----------

Transforming the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin into a Thriving Blue-Green Economic Corridor While Safeguarding Our Freshwater Resources - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow, recommends that:

1. City Council and the Mayor affirm their commitment to work closely with the Cities Initiative and its members to guide the Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation and advance its mission.

Summary

The Cities Initiative will launch the Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation at its Annual Conference in Montréal, Quebec, May 15-17, 2024, to promote sustainable, resilient and inclusive economic development basin-wide and appropriate freshwater stewardship for the benefit of current and future generations.

The Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation will develop the Action Plan for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Economic Transformation, 2025-2035, a roadmap for basin communities to capitalize on this historic moment to become a globally-renowned, blue-green economic corridor, which will be released at the Cities Initiative's next Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in May 2025.

The Action Plan for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Economic Transformation, 2025-2035 will map paths for municipal action to support the following:

1. Industrial Transformation: attracting green and blue industries to foster job creation and climate and water innovation while protecting the basin's unparalleled freshwater

ecosystem;

2. Energy Transformation: implementing clean and renewable energy sources to respond to the expected growth in clean energy consumption for businesses, industries and residents;

3. Transportation Transformation: expanding sustainable, integrated and water-borne commerce, mobility and tourism; and

4. Waterfront Transformation: developing shorelines intentionally by weaving together multiple uses, including residential and recreation, to create accessible and thriving economic centers while ensuring coastal resilience.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM17.5