



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

RESOLUTION 19-2010 M

Green CiTTS Program
Submitted by the Cities Initiative

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative has developed the Cities Transforming Towards Sustainability program (*Green CiTTS program*), which will promote member municipalities' current sustainability actions and provide support for expanding these actions to address all sources of impacts on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence water quality and quantity, including those from air, land and water, across a broad set of municipal operations and responsibilities (see attached);

WHEREAS the *Green CiTTS program* will put GLSLCI at the forefront of municipal organizations promoting sustainability and a sustainable vision for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Region;

WHEREAS, the Cities Initiative has already demonstrated the strength of collective actions with its Water Conservation Framework, under which 13 of our members have already reduced water withdrawals by 13 % since 2000;

WHEREAS, the GLSLCI will designate and centre its efforts on one or more specific actions each year, and mayors will be asked to endorse each year's actions with a municipal council resolution;

WHEREAS, for the first year, the focus will be to reduce storm water entering the lakes, and the Joyce Foundation has provided seed money for this year's program;

WHEREAS, the program will involve GLSLCI-sponsored best practices, training, research partnerships, events, fundraising, awards and annual reporting on progress on the specific actions for that year, and to the extent possible, GLSLCI will enter into partnerships with organizations already engaged in these activities.

WHEREAS, in addition to promoting sustainable municipal actions, the *Green CiTTS program* will enhance member services, help recruit new members, expand fundraising efforts, and serve as a framework to guide GLSLCI's work with other orders of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that mayors of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative commit to the the principles of the Cities Initiative's *Green CiTTS program*, and in doing so, will work collectively and on the ground to move towards a



sustainable future for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, where appropriate, mayors of the Great lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will sign on to the annual actions under the program with a municipal council resolution;

Signed this 17th day of June, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Denis Lapointe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Denis Lapointe, Chair
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Mayor of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield



Objectives and actions under the Green CiTTS Program

1. Protect Water Resources and Coastal Areas

- 1.1. Adopt and expand water conservation, water leakage prevention, and water recycling measures /Sign onto GLSLCI's Water Conservation Framework
- 1.2. Work towards eliminating CSOs and storm water runoff, and continuously improve the quality of sewage discharges.
- 1.3. Promote pollution prevention and the reduction of toxic chemicals and pesticides entering waterways.
- 1.4. Sign onto GLSLCI's Pharmaceuticals Framework and advocate for producer responsibility for the disposal of pharmaceuticals

2. Promote Low-Carbon Energy Generation and Consumption

- 2.1. Increase the proportion of renewable energy vs. conventional carbon-based sources of energy consumed through municipal operations
- 2.2. Expand the number of low carbon or electric vehicles in municipal fleets
- 2.3. Use municipally-owned utilities and facilities to promote renewable energy generation and co-generation, eg. at landfills and sewage treatment operations.
- 2.4. Institute energy conservation measures in municipal operations, and promote energy conservation by businesses and the public-at-large.
- 2.5. Expand public transit access and/or awareness, where applicable
- 2.6. Support multi-modal transportation of goods, particularly the expansion of rail and maritime transportation.

3. Adopt Green Land Use and Building Design

- 3.1. Adopt high density urban planning where applicable
- 3.2. Integrate low-impact urban design into all land-use planning decisions, to reduce storm water entering lakes and river, including green roofs, pervious roads, culverts, swales, buffer strips, downspout disconnections, etc.
- 3.3. Encourage energy efficient, green building design or retrofits in all publicly-owned buildings and offer incentives for private buildings.
- 3.4. Plan land use to maximize pedestrian access and non-motorized modes of transportation, and use of public transit, where applicable.
- 3.5. Take actions to naturalize coastlines
- 3.6. Improve beaches by promoting innovative beach management practices, explore alternative water testing methods to protect public health and reduce the number of days with swimming bans

4. Encourage Green Economic Development

- 4.1. Adapt procurement policy to promote the application of green technologies and the growth of green jobs
- 4.2. Support green technology development through collaborative research



- 4.3. Promote green tourism
- 4.4. Use investments in local infrastructure to support green technology innovation