



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

RESOLUTION 7 – 2010M

Protection for Migratory Birds and “Lights Out” Program
Submitted by the City of Toronto

WHEREAS, city lights from skyscrapers and rooftops blind migrating birds and confuse their navigation system, drawing them to city lights and causing them to circle among the buildings and streets until they die of exhaustion;

WHEREAS, “Lights Out!” is an initiative intended to draw attention to the dangers urban centers pose for migratory birds whereby everyone is encouraged to turn out unnecessary lights at work and at home during the Spring and Fall migration seasons.

WHEREAS, Toronto’s “Bird-Friendly Development Guidelines” provide options and strategies for building owners, managers and tenants, as well as home and business owners that will help make urban areas less dangerous for birds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative call on its members to acknowledge the dangers all municipalities and urban areas pose for migrating birds and take steps to develop tools that will provide the means to reduce migratory bird deaths for local developers, architects, building owners and managers, home and business owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative call on its members to adopt and implement a ‘Lights Out’ migratory bird-friendly policy, similar to that adopted by the Cities of Toronto and Chicago, consisting of a public awareness campaign to draw attention to the problem caused by city lights during the Spring and Fall migratory season, and during those periods, to encourage everyone to turn out unnecessary lights at work and at home.

Signed this 17th day of June, 2010

Denis Lapointe, Chair
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