



MAKING WAVES

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Salaberry-de-Valleyfield's Sustainable Development

The City of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield has developed and adopted a detailed Sustainable Development and Environment Action Plan (SDEAP). The SDEAP has been initiated by Mayor Denis Lapointe and is being implemented by the City General Management. This major undertaking is the result of several public hearings and extensive work by City Service Management. Mayor Lapointe said: "The SDEAP will coordinate the Municipal Services and guide the current and future Policies and Regulation of the City. The SDAEP becomes the required Community Strategic Plan that will foster Quality of life and further improve Environment and Economic performance of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield."

Proposed Municipal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations

The proposed Canadian Federal Municipal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations were published on March 20th, 2010 in Part I, Canada Gazette. Stakeholders interested in sending comments on this regulation have until **May 20th, 2010** to do so. For more information, please consult the related document on our website.

... an Addendum

Please notice that the document summarizing this regulation that we sent last month had a mistake in the last paragraph. The new minimum standards of this regulation are **not** expected to have the greatest impact on those wastewater facilities with **tertiary** treatment, but on those **wastewater facilities with primary treatment**. Please excuse this mistake. The corrected version of the summary is now available on our website.



Chairman George Heartwell

Cities Initiative Chair and Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell recently completed extensive field survey work in tributaries to Lake Michigan and verified the continued presence of some very valuable fish species. Our congratulations to Mayor Heartwell on his successful endeavors!

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Canadian Water Attitudes Study

The 2010 Canadian Water Attitudes Study, commissioned by RBC and Unilever Canada, has found that Canadian efforts to conserve water are declining. The study looked at both conservation methods adopted by the Canadian public as well as their attitudes toward preserving fresh water resources. The entire study can be found on our website at www.gslcities.org/news/news.cfm.

Province of Québec Budget

Last week, the government of Quebec announced their 2010-2011 budget. Here are relevant water points:

- The budget allows \$30M over 2 years for a temporary program to promote wind energy projects between 2010 and 2012.
- The budget continues the Infrastructures Quebec Plan. In 2010-2011, \$9.1 billion will be invested in public infrastructure.
- From January 1st, 2011, industries and commerce using 75 cubic meters of water or more per day will have to pay a fee. The amount will be invested in the Green Fund (Fonds vert). The fee will be established as a function of the use of water:
 - A fee of \$0.0025 / cubic meter for enterprises using it in their process of production.
 - A fee of \$0.07 / cubic meter for enterprises using it as a component of their products (for instance, bottled water, juice, and liqueur).

Some analysts of the budget say that it will give \$2 million during the first year, and then approximately \$8.5million per year.

The full budget is available on the following website:

http://www.budget.finances.gouv.qc.ca/budget/2010-2011/index_en.asp

Registration Now Open – Cities Initiative Annual Member Meeting & Conference!

Register for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2010 Annual Member Meeting and Conference to be held June 16-18, 2010 in Milwaukee, WI! The early-bird registration discount ends April 21st, so register soon! For more details on the conference program and featured speakers, please visit www.gslci2010milwaukee.org.

Membership

Join the 72 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative members in protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River by clicking [here](#) for a membership application. If you are already a member, please encourage your neighboring communities to join, and be sure to renew your membership when you receive your notice.

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