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Via Email:

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
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Re: Support for the Great Lakes Resilient Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that at its meeting held on November 10, 2025, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 209-25.

Whereas the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is advocating for the establishment of a Great Lakes Resilient Infrastructure Fund (GLRIF) in partnership with the Government of Ontario to assist municipalities across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin in adapting to the growing impacts of extreme weather and improving the health of the watershed; and,

Whereas communities throughout the basin, including the Town of Whitby, are experiencing increased urban and coastal flooding, shoreline erosion, and infrastructure strain due to more frequent and severe weather events; and,

Whereas the proposed GLRIF represents a timely and necessary response to address gaps in existing infrastructure funding programs, particularly for municipalities with populations under 200,000, by supporting innovative and cost-effective approaches to enhance stormwater and wastewater system resilience; and,

Whereas in the Town of Whitby, we are advancing key actions of our Climate Emergency Response Plan, which includes initiatives to address riverine and coastal flooding; and,

Whereas one major action within this plan is the construction of a flood berm between Highway 401 and adjacent residential properties to mitigate flooding risks in the Michael Boulevard and Flemington Court area, a project that requires substantial capital investment; and,

Whereas the GLRIF would be instrumental in helping the Town implement this project and demonstrate leadership in sustainable, climate-resilient infrastructure; and,

Whereas the GLRIF would further enable municipalities like Whitby to identify and implement nature-based and sustainable solutions that safeguard communities, support housing and economic development, and protect the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Town of Whitby hereby expresses its strong support for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative's proposal to establish a Great Lakes Resilient Infrastructure Fund (GLRIF) with the Government of Ontario; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Mayor Mat Siscoe, Co-Chair, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and Mayor, City of St. Catharines, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland–Peterborough South, Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, the Durham Environment and Climate Change Advisory Committee, the Region of Durham and all Durham Region municipalities, for their information and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Klein, Deputy Chief Administrative Office at 905-430-4338.



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