



Media Advisory

Attention: News, Assignment and Environment Reporters and Editors

Mayors call on Federal government to reinvest in “Cities as the Solution” to advance Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Protection

*Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and Ontario to sign Great Lakes Pact at
annual conference in Toronto*

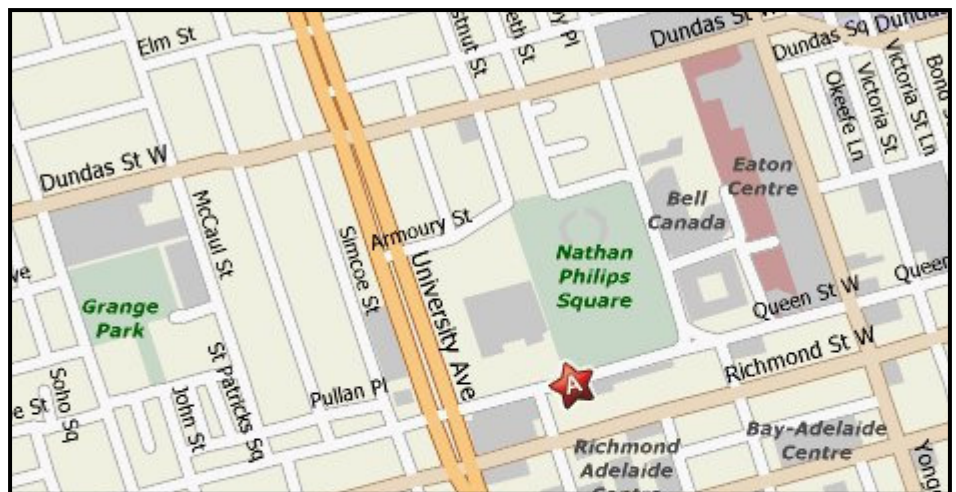
WHAT: Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Annual Meeting & Conference – News Conference / Media Teleconference with a photo and video opportunity during signing ceremony for Great Lakes Memorandum of Cooperation Keynote addresses (see attached)

WHEN: Thursday, July 17, 2008
(Signing ceremony at 1:00 p.m. EDT / News Conference and Media Teleconference at 1:20 p.m. EDT)

WHERE: Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario
(Signing ceremony in the Civic Ballroom with the News Conference / Media Teleconference in the City Hall Room – see map below)

SPEAKERS:

Toronto Mayor David Miller, Host Mayor & Founding Canadian Chair, GLSLCI
Thunder Bay Mayor Lynn Peterson, Chair, GLSLCI
The Honorable John Gerretsen, Ontario Minister of the Environment
Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Founding U.S. Chair, GLSLCI
Member mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative



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To join teleconference: Dial 888-262-0101 about 5 to 10 minutes before the press conference is scheduled to begin. Notify the operator that you are joining for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Press Conference. You will be placed on hold until the press conference is started.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE
2008 ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING & CONFERENCE**

**TORONTO, ONTARIO
SHERATON CENTRE HOTEL**

Thursday, July 17, 2008

- 8:30 am: Opening Remarks, Mayor David Miller
Keynote Address, the Honorable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario (via video feed)
Dominion Ballroom
- 12:40 pm: Keynote Address, the Honorable John Gerretsen, Ontario Minister of Environment
Dominion Ballroom

Friday, July 18, 2008

- 8:30 am: Keynote Address, Cameron Davis, President/CEO, Alliance for the Great Lakes
Dominion Ballroom
- 10:45 am: Keynote Address: Mayor Richard M. Daley, City of Chicago
Dominion Ballroom
- 12:30 pm: Awards Luncheon
Mayor Lynn Peterson, City of Thunder Bay
Mayor Bob Benedetti, Ville de Beaconsfield
Councillor Joanne Dies, Town of Ajax
Mayor Yves Levesque, Ville de Trois-Rivières
Civic Ballroom