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# REPORT

## The People's Great Lakes Summit 2.0: Planning Policy Action

November 13 - 14, 2017

November 13, 2017 Noon – 9 pm  
William Doo Auditorium, New College,  
University of Toronto,  
45 Wilcocks Street, Toronto

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Music Room, Hart House, University of  
Toronto, 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto



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# 1. Introduction

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## Context

The health of the Great Lakes is declining. While many groups and individuals work to protect the waters and wetlands of the Great Lakes – St Lawrence River Basin in Ontario are focused on improving the state of the waters, more can be done to strengthen and synchronize our efforts, especially in improving Ontario water policy. These conclusions led to the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) hosting two “People’s Great Lakes Summits” in 2017. The objective was to bring together a broad range of individuals and organizations in order to connect, share ideas, strategize about Ontario public policy priorities and set plans for collective action.

In May 2017, forty people met in Toronto at the first People’s Great Lakes Summit. They generated approximately 20 project ideas and then brainstormed thirteen potential action plans that were:

- Related to public policy advocacy;
- Focused on the Ontario government;
- To take place by May 2018; and
- Potentially involving some or all of the Summit participants.

The full report from the May Summit is available on CELA’s website:

<http://www.cela.ca/peoples-great-lakes-summit>. The May Summit concluded with a plan to regather in the fall to continue this work.

## Objective of Summit 2.0

The People’s Great Lakes Summit 2.0 took place at the University of Toronto on November 13-14, 2017. Building on the work of the May Summit, Summit 2.0 sought to bring together people working to protect and restore the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence/Ottawa River Basin waters and wetlands (“Great Lakes Water”) in order to ...

- Connect and strengthen passionate water leaders and emerging leaders;
- Share progress on the May Summit action plans re Ontario public policy priorities; and,
- Set plans for collective action on emerging priorities and opportunities.

## Sponsorship

The Summit process been sponsored and facilitated by the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) as part of its Healthy Great Lakes program. CELA launched its Healthy Great Lakes program in December 2016. With funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Healthy Great Lakes program engages a broad network of individuals and organizations in shaping, implementing, and making use of laws and policies that protect and restore the waters of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin (including the Ottawa River watershed). For a detailed explanation of the program, see [www.cela.ca/healthy-greatlakes](http://www.cela.ca/healthy-greatlakes).

## Ownership

The project ideas generated by the Summit participants belong to all of the participants. CELA sees its role as facilitator of these planning discussions. All participants are encouraged to engage with any of the project ideas as they see fit. For instance, if there is a project idea that a Summit participant is already working on or wishes to start working on, participants are encouraged to use the Summit reports as part of a case for support in seeking funding.

## Healthy Great Lakes Advisory Committee

CELA's Healthy Great Lakes program is guided by an Advisory Committee made up of the CELA program team and 5-7 individuals external to CELA who are passionate about water and wetlands. Currently, the Advisory Committee members are:

- Lawrence Gunther (Blue Fish Canada)
- George Henry (Chippewas of the Thames FN)
- Samantha Restoule (Ontario Rivers Alliance)
- John Jackson (Toxics Free Great Lakes Network)
- Allison Turner (Innovation Consultant / First Year Fellow at enFocus Inc.)
- Natalija Fisher (Canadian Freshwater Alliance)
- Theresa McClenaghan (CELA)
- Fe de Leon (CELA)
- Rick Lindgren (CELA)
- Monica Poremba (CELA)

The Advisory Committee provides guidance on how CELA's Healthy Great Lakes program can best provide support for efforts to strengthen Ontario's public policy. From their CS Mott Foundation grant, CELA has modest funds available to support a limited number of projects. From the May Summit, the Advisory Committee chose two project ideas to assist in moving forward with these funds – Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals, resulting in the establishment of the Toxics Free Great Lakes Network (co-led with National Wildlife Federation), and Ontario Budget, resulting in the establishment of Educating Canadian Great Lakes Decision-Makers (co-led with Freshwater Future). Further support will be provided based on the results of the November Summit recorded in this report.

## Note on the term “Great Lakes”

At the Summits and throughout this report, the term “Great Lakes” is used as a short form that denotes the Great Lakes – St Lawrence/Ottawa Rivers Basin that fall within Ontario’s borders. The Basin include all waters (headwaters, rivers, lakes) not just the shoreline and waters of the lakes and major rivers. The Ontario government has delineated the Canadian portion of the Great Lakes Basin into five watersheds: Lakes Superior, Huron, Erie, Ontario and the St. Lawrence/Ottawa Rivers. We need Ontario government action across all the Great Lakes – St Lawrence/Ottawa Rivers watersheds in Ontario as the threats and issues differ across the region.

## Summit 2.0 Participants

Forty-four people participated over the two days of the November 2017 Summit. They represented 24 organizations from grassroots to national, and were people that regularly work on policy advocacy as well as those who are new to this activity. The list of participants is presented in Appendix A.

Sixteen of the organizations represented in May also attended in November. As with the May Summit, participants were diverse in the following ways:

- Experienced advocates and those new to advocacy; active and retired advocates, First Nation representation, Métis representation, ecologists, lawyers etc.
- Broad geographical representation from Thunder Bay to Ottawa to Sarnia
- Healthy number of both "youth" and "old guard"

## Summit 2.0 Process

In the feedback from the May Summit, while there was praise for the participatory process, there were several requests for more context to ground the strategizing – especially in relation to the issues facing the Great Lakes and the policy change opportunities.

Building on this feedback, Summit 2.0 had a two-day structure:

### **Day 1: Information and Reflection:**

Day 1 featured presentations on the state of the Great Lakes and the policy “waterscape”; after each there was opportunity for randomly mixed groups of participants to reflect on any emerging action priorities. In the evening seven leaders of May Summit topics action topics provided updates and calls to action.

### **Day 2: Action Groups and Strategy**

Day 2 was largely participatory: In the morning explorations in self-selected small

groups of the issues that emerged from Day 1; the afternoon focused on potential strategies for bringing Great Lakes advocacy into the June 2018 provincial election.

The Summit 2.0 Agenda is presented in Appendix B. Consultant Christine Peringer [www.peringer.ca](http://www.peringer.ca) who facilitated the May Summit, also facilitated Summit 2.0 and prepared this report.

## Land Acknowledgement

Summit 2.0 started with an acknowledgement, by University of Toronto student Stephanie Woodworth, that the land on which we gathered is the territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabeg, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit. Stephanie also acknowledged the waters of Lake Ontario are also known as Chi niibish or Niiggaani-gichigami in Ojibway which means Lake of Shining Waters. Stephanie expressed gratitude that we are able to gather, live, work and play in the community, on this territory, and for the life that the both land and water provide and sustain.

This territory is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase Treaties. While the treaties in Canada have been broken, they still stand today and will continue to stand “as long as the grass is still green and the sky is still blue”. We are all treaty people, and to be a treaty person is to understand who you are, how you fit into the treaty process, and to understand your rights and responsibilities for the treaty process. It is important for us to acknowledge this as part of healing from the ongoing and historical traumas of colonization, cultural suppression, and oppression of Indigenous peoples in North America.

See Appendix C for the full text of the Land Acknowledgement.

Whatever you can do, or dream you can,  
begin it.  
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.  
Begin it now.

*W.H. Murray, The Scottish Himalaya Expedition, 1951  
as quoted by John Jackson in his presentation  
on Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (below)*

## 2. The State of the Waters and the Policy Waterscape

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### a. State of the Waters

Anastasia M Lintner, Special Projects Counsel, Healthy Great Lakes, Canadian Environmental Law Association



Using data from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Environment and Climate Change Canada, and World Wildlife Fund - Canada, Anastasia provided an overview on the state of the Great Lakes. Of the nine Great Lakes indicators of Ecosystem health, seven are fair to poor, only one (toxic chemicals) was potentially improving with the rest unchanging, deteriorating or undetermined. In terms of climate trends, across the Great Lakes, precipitation is increasing, ice cover decreasing, surface water temperature is increasing for Lakes Superior and Huron (undetermined for Lakes Erie and Ontario) and water levels are decreasing for Lakes Superior, Huron, Erie (and undetermined for Lake Ontario). Of especial interest to the participants was the following assessment of seven threats to the Great Lakes:

Indicator	Great Lakes	Ottawa River	St Lawrence
Pollution	Very high	Very high	Very high
Habitat loss	Moderate	Moderate	High
Habitat fragmentation	Very high	Very high	Very high
Overuse of water	Very high	Low	Moderate
Invasive species	Very high	High	Moderate
Climate change	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Alteration of flows	Moderate	High	Moderate
OVERALL	Very high	High	Moderate

*Threats to the Great Lakes (Source: World Wildlife Fund - Canada)*

Anastasia identified the following initial “take-aways” from the data she presented:

- Concern that trends are unchanging or deteriorating
- Concern that so many indicators are “fair” (or lower)
- Data deficiencies, particularly for measuring “health”
- Invasive species consistently are the highest threat
- Emerging toxic chemicals of concern

For Anastasia Lintner’s full powerpoint presentation:

<http://www.cela.ca/StateOfOurWaters>



## b. Policy Waterscape

Theresa McClenaghan, Executive Director and Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association; former senior water policy advisor to the Ontario Minister of the Environment

Theresa reviewed the shared nature of jurisdiction over freshwater between indigenous, federal, provincial and municipal levels of government. The multiple layers and overlap can be a benefit, but can also be a source of gaps. She referred to twenty acts and policies specifically related to water as well as describing how land-use planning, pesticide and other laws and policies have an impact on water.

There are a number of approaches for bringing freshwater into Ontario public policy. They include:

1. Responding to Government proposals
2. Seeking to insert freshwater into government priorities
3. Shaping the legislative or policy agenda
4. Identifying and seeking to fill policy implementation gaps

For each approach, Theresa provided examples, some history and possibilities.

Finally, Theresa provided an overview of the *Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015*. This enabling legislation has a two-fold purpose:

- To protect and restore ecological health of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence/Ottawa River Basin
- Engage individuals and communities in that protection/restoration goal

Theresa highlighted the mandatory review of Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy (2012) as well as outlining some targets and initiatives worthy of public advocacy. She concluded with a question for Summit 2.0 participants: What could be some priority initiative to take advantage of legislative tools? How could these be pushed from the grassroots?

After a period for questions and answers, participants worked at their table to respond to Theresa's challenge. The ideas that emerged are presented in Appendix D.

**For Theresa McClenaghan's full powerpoint presentation:**

<http://www.cela.ca/PolicyWaterscape>

### 3. Action since the May 2017 Summit

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After a delicious buffet supper, seven May action areas reported on their progress and shared their call to action to participants.

#### 1. “Cash it, Don’t Trash It”

Ashley Wallace, Program Manager, Water, Environmental Defence Canada (EDC)  
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Ashley described the EDC "Cash it, Don't trash it" deposit return campaign. EDC has been working since 2016 with government and industry to put a price on plastic bottles so as to encourage much greater recycling and keep the bottles out of the landfills and the environment. Ashley quoted the alarming statistic that 92% of the plastic ever created is still with us, and the rest of it has been incinerated (which is even worse). This program would generate revenues that could go towards protecting the Great Lakes. At the May Summit, an action group discussed legislative next steps and a potential *Environmental Protection Act* approach based on the toxicity of plastic and its proven impact on freshwater.

**Call to Action:** Ashley asked Summit 2.0 participants to reach out to her directly if they or their organization are interested in amplifying or supporting this work. Also, EDC is considering its work on plastic pollution to include a focus on other materials: if participants have recommendations for other troublesome items (beside plastic bottles), they are invited to let Ashley know.

#### 2. Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs)

John Jackson, Toxics Free Great Lakes Network [jjackson@web.ca](mailto:jjackson@web.ca)

EDCs block, mimic or disrupt normal hormone function in people and animals. They are ubiquitous in modern life – found in plastics, pesticides, flame retardants and fragrance among other sources. Their impact includes reduced reproductive ability, changes in sex characteristics, some cancers and delayed cognitive development. At the May Summit, we explored how communities (e.g. Aamjiwnaang First Nation) are clearly affected, but governments are not taking this seriously. There is a lack of consideration of EDCs in chemical evaluations and environmental assessments. While we may get a company to stop a discharge, their products come into our homes in toys, furniture and building materials. We decided to focus on policy changes and decision-making on how to avoid the use of chemicals.

**Call to Action:** You can join us to help determine our next steps. There is an upcoming planning webinar and strategy discussion focused on how to address the issue of toxics: what are the changes needed in how we produce and approve products?

### 3. Stormwater Runoff

Clara Blakelock, Manager, Water Programs, Green Communities Canada  
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At the May Summit, urban stormwater runoff was identified as a key issue. We identified the opportunity to provide comments on the consultant reports associated with the proposed runoff volume control standards to be included within the Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Guidance Manual.

In July of 2017, CELA and the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition prepared comments supporting the standards and hosted a webinar to solicit sign-ons – operating within very tight timeline.

Sixteen individuals and 16 organizations signed on and we submitted the comments to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) on July 14, 2017. Since then there has been no further word from MOECC on movement on the guidelines; as of November 13<sup>th</sup>, evidence points to the Guidance Manual being delayed, possibly until 2021.

**Call to Action:** We are looking for ideas from Summit 2.0 participants about other avenues for addressing the impacts of urban runoff – if the Guidance Manual is not coming out soon, what else can we push for in the short term? Join us for a discussion tomorrow!

### 4. Lake Erie and Lake Ontario Nutrient Targets

Nancy Goucher, Manager, Partnerships, Freshwater Future [nancy@freshwaterfuture.org](mailto:nancy@freshwaterfuture.org)

This project advocates for implementation of Lake Erie targets/action plans for addressing algal blooms and using Lake Erie as a catalyst for action on other issues and on water policy in Ontario. Toxic algal blooms are a problem across the Great Lakes, but it's especially problematic in Lake Erie because of the size – they cover major segments of western basin. The size of the algal bloom presents an opportunity: often the threats to our water are more disguised, hidden or hard to capture in a photograph (think toxic chemicals or climate change); with this, anyone can tell we are in trouble when you can see microscopic creatures from space! We are looking at the issue using a holistic approach in terms of recognizing that nutrients is a symptom of poor land and watershed management (urban and rural). By addressing Lake Erie, we also have an opportunity to improve the sustainability of agricultural production and undertake integrated watershed management/planning.

This is a critical time for this work. Targets were set for western and central basin in 2016. Action plans must be set by February 2018: a draft was released in March and a second draft will be released soon. Lake Ontario is next on the block. Scientists don't know the best target for chladophora yet so that's the focus right now. They have

already developed a Lake Ontario working group to look at what data and information is needed. We need to advocate for as many policies as possible to apply to the province as a whole and not just Lake Erie.

**Call to Action:** We need more groups to be involved because this work has the potential to be broadened to make a difference to the way that the whole province thinks about the connection between land and water. This requires sustained attention and groups to become involved through various windows of opportunity:

1. Support in implementing the Lake Erie Action Plan
2. Broad involvement of the Great Lakes community on policy change initiated through the Lake Erie plan but with province-wide implications
3. Help apply the lessons learned and policies more broadly to other lakes.

## 5. Sewage Bypass Alerts

Pippa Feinstein, Swim Drink Fish Canada [feinstei@ualberta.ca](mailto:feinstei@ualberta.ca)

This action area developed at the May 2017 Summit, is to advocate for provincially required alerts by municipalities and industry to inform residents about sewage system bypasses (location, type, risk, cascading impacts, etc.) Swim Drink Fish Canada is launching Sewage Spills, a subnetwork of the Great Lakes Network that will work toward ensuring public reporting, improved data-sharing, and elimination of Great Lakes sewage spills. The goal for 2017-2018 is to develop a model alert that would benefit all Great Lakes communities. Relatedly, a private member's bill has been introduced in the Ontario Legislature: [Bill 141, Sewage Bypass Reporting Act, 2017](#).

Since May's Summit, Swim Drink Fish Canada (SDFC) was granted funding from the Great Lakes Network grant program 2.0 to create a model public alert for combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in Ontario. CSOs release a mix of stormwater and raw sewage into local waterways often, but not always, during heavy precipitation events or spring snow melts. It is expected to be ready in mid-December 2017. Public notification of these CSO events is important as it would facilitate the public's right to know about the health of their local waterways so that they can make informed decisions about how they want to use those spaces for recreation. So far, Sudbury and Kingston have implemented real-time public CSO reporting programs. Ottawa is currently looking into how to do the same. SDFC's model alert is meant to help more cities establish similar programs. Calgary has eliminated CSOs – it is possible! Knowing when they occur is an important step.

### **Call to Action:**

- 1) You can use the model alert to advocate for real-time CSO notifications in your communities – show municipalities how simple CSO alert programs can be.
- 2) You can also use the model alert as a tool in raising public awareness about CSOs and their environmental impacts.

## 6. Road Salt/Salinity

Anthony Merante, Associate Specialist, Freshwater, World Wildlife Fund Canada  
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This idea developed in early 2017 through a collaboration of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, WWF-Canada and the US Consulate General Toronto. The initial goal was to reduce chloride contamination to protect our rivers and lakes by addressing road salts, but *how* was unclear. At the People's Summit in May, we identified the various aspects to this: province, federal government, insurance, law, private industry and road management agencies. We mapped a strategy to reduce use of road salt that included changes in provincial regulation, insurance standards and promotion with leading municipalities.

Since the May Summit, WWF-Canada has begun a Great Lakes Chloride Reduction campaign. As a first step, in partnership with the US Consulate General, Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority, Gowling WLG, and in consultation with Smart About Salt Council and Ontario Good Road Association, we hosted The Great Lakes Chloride Forum on Oct 4, 2017. The Forum addressed the current state of aquatic health and initiatives people are taking to curb chloride use locally and in bi-national case studies of chloride contamination, snow and ice management. The forum presented environmental, governmental, industry and legal perspectives. The forum established a working group to ensure implementation of best practices and key learnings moving forward. The working group is now focused on seeing a provincial plan designed and enforced for road salt management. We are also working with property management companies and businesses to pilot salt reduction on their properties.

**Call to Action:** You can advocate for a provincial plan for road salt management. We are also looking for help in bringing local property management companies and local businesses on board with piloting salt reduction. Please be in touch with Anthony for more information.

## 7. Great Lakes Guide

Krystyn Tully, Founder and Vice President, Swim Drink Fish Canada  
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Great Lakes Guide (known as "Great Lakes Portal" at the May Summit) is a web platform being built by Swim Drink Fish Canada that will connect people in the general public to the Great Lakes. The MOECC is providing seed funding for the Guide. It will take three years to build. It is based on the concept of a "Great Lakes Virtual Space" developed by Indigenous and nonprofit members of the Great Lakes Guardians' Council in 2016. On each page, there will be information from the First Nations and Metis communities in the region. We start with a prototype in early 2018, one that shows public spaces on the lakes and describes the watershed. Then we add more places to explore and

information about the organizations and institutions safeguarding those places and look for ways to connect users to them. After that, youth, wildlife and nature, and community life features will be added.

The purpose of Great Lakes Guide is to grow the community of people who care about the lakes, to recognize and honour Indigenous perspectives in the region, to amplify existing work, science, and knowledge, and to inspire action to protect the lakes. The Great Lakes Guide will ...

- Get more people to the water more often by making it easier for people to find parks, beaches, trails, and other public spaces
- Teach people about their watersheds – what birds and fish live near them; what Indigenous languages, history, and perspectives relate; how communities are connected by water;
- Help people take action to protect the water by connecting people with organizations like those at Summit 2.0, alerting people when an Environmental Registry notice affects their water or steering more volunteers to citizen science and cleanup projects.

**Call to Action:** Contact Krystyn if you have data feeds or engagement projects that would help people to discover and protect the watershed. Also if you have ideas for engagement, training, education, network-building, restoration, or any offline activity that leverages this platform to help to connect people with the Great Lakes, we're all ears.

## 4. Developing New Potential Action Plans

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### Smudging Ceremony

The Summit's second day was devoted to action planning. The day began with a smudge ceremony led by Mike Ormsby, a Toronto area Indigenous community member. Jo Boyer of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation then spoke eloquently and from the heart about Indigenous People's connection to the water, the land and the environment.

### Ideas Emerging from Day 1 for Action

After hearing the previous day's presentations on the state of the waters and policy opportunities, Summit 2.0 participants identified potential areas for Ontario public policy action. Twenty-five ideas emerged from Day 1. Most of these ideas fell within eight theme areas:

- Ontario Government Budget
- Community Engagement
- Source Water Protection
- Urban Non-Point Pollution
- Healing and Connection Informed by Indigenous Teachings
- Implementing Great Lakes Protection Action
- Conservation
- Other ideas

The full text of the 25 ideas is presented in Appendix D.

Added to this list were the following topics from May that needed further development to move forward:

- Ontario Budget
- Community Engagement
- Watershed Management and Planning
- Fish Health

This combined set of ideas was then reviewed by Summit 2.0 participants and five were identified for small group exploration and development. They were:

1. Ontario Budget
2. Community Engagement
3. Source Water Protection
4. Urban Non-Point Pollution
5. Healing and Connection Informed by Indigenous Teachings

## Developing Plans

The participants then spent time in self-selected groups focused on these five themes. They reported back to the large group, asked and answered questions and added to their ideas. By noon, five potential action plans had emerged. These are preliminary action plans – more work will be required to properly describe each project. See Appendix E for the full text of the potential action plans that emerged from Summit 2.0. They are presented in the order they reported to the full room of Summit 2.0 participants.

Topic	Description	Small Group Report	Participants who want to be part of organizing this
<b>1. Ontario Budget</b>	Develop an understanding of how the Ontario government invests in Great Lakes – what are the main policies and the funding (or lack thereof) related to each.	Appendix F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Morten Siersbæk, CELA</li> <li>▪ Ashley Wallis (EDC)</li> <li>▪ Anthony Merante (WWF-Canada)</li> </ul>
<b>2. Community Engagement</b>	Increase community engagement in hands-on ways to protect and restore the Great Lakes.	Page 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alice Casselman, ACER</li> <li>▪ Lisa Harris, CELA</li> </ul>
<b>3. Source Water Protection</b>	Improve source water protection through increased funding, enforcement, reporting on implementation, and public education.	Page 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jamie Saunders, EcoSuperior</li> <li>▪ Terry Rees, Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA)</li> </ul>
<b>4. Urban Non-Point Pollution</b>	To launch a campaign to get the three major political parties in the June 2018 provincial election to commit to flood prevention.	Page 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clara Blakelock, Green Communities Canada</li> <li>▪ Angela Murphy, Ryerson Urban Water</li> <li>▪ Cassie Barker, WHEN Women’s Healthy Environments Network</li> <li>▪ Jamie Saunders, EcoSuperior</li> <li>▪ John Jackson, Toxic Free Great Lakes Network</li> <li>▪ Kristina Lee, St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council</li> </ul>
<b>5. Healing and Connection Informed by Indigenous Teachings</b>	Work more closely with Indigenous People and use Indigenous approaches in advocacy for the Great Lakes.	Page 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lucas Hendrick, Antler River Guardians, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation</li> <li>▪ Lisa Harris, CELA</li> </ul>

## The Opportunity of the June 2018 Provincial Election

Participants then spent the afternoon focused on the upcoming provincial election. Results of these discussions are presented in Appendix F, available from Anastasia Lintner [anastasia@cela.ca](mailto:anastasia@cela.ca).

## 5. Next Steps and Closing

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### Report

This report of Summit 2.0 will be sent to all participants and made public through CELA's website in December 2017. Participants are encouraged to make use of this report in their work and networks.

### Moving Forward on Action Plans

As with the May Summit, the project ideas generated by the Summit belong to all of the participants. All participants are encouraged to engage with any of the project ideas as they see fit. Specifically, if there's a project idea that a participant is working on or wishes to work on, they are encouraged to use portions or all of this report as part of a case for support in seeking funding. CELA would appreciate it if you let Anastasia Lintner know about any plans in order to keep the information sharing active.

CELA's Healthy Great Lakes Advisory Committee will decide which projects will move forward with current foundation funds. While CELA is not in a position to extend grants to any organizations, CELA will, however, be able to work with partners and/or lead on a small number of the project ideas. CELA will let the participants know with the issuing of this report which of the project ideas they will move forward. The criteria being used to determine which project ideas CELA will move forward upon include:

- Fit with CELA priorities,
- Fit with funding parameters,
- Priority/interest of Summit participants,
- Need for the project/opportunity to make progress, and
- Likelihood that project idea will not move ahead without additional support (e.g., if there isn't already a champion/current capacity to move it ahead).

### After May 2018

Funding for CELA's Healthy Great Lakes program ends in May 2018. CELA will be seeking a renewal of this support from the CS Mott Foundation.

### Feedback

Twenty-two participants filled out the "Quick Response" survey. On average they assessed Summit 2.0 as a 4/5 regarding the extent to which the purpose was achieved. See Appendix G for the full text of the responses.

## Closing

In closing, participants share something they appreciated from Summit 2.0. Anastasia thanked participants and organizers.



Figure 1 Anastasia Lintner delivering closing remarks in front of the five action plans

Finally Mike and Jo closed the day, sharing further thoughts from an Indigenous perspective of deep connection with the water, the land, other species and with each other. They spoke to a reciprocal relationship with the environment as well as the importance of experiencing nature first hand and the call for giving the lakes personhood. Mike and Jo emphasized the importance of respect for all parts of creation back through time and forward for seven generations.

## Appendix A: The People's Great Lakes Summit 2.0 – Participant List

Name	Affiliation	Nov. 13, 2017	Nov. 14, 2017
1. Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources (ACER)		✓
2. Anastasia Lintner	Canadian Environmental Law Association	✓	✓
3. Andrea Torok	Ryerson University	✓	
4. Andrew McCammon	Ontario Headwaters Institute	✓	
5. Angela Murphy	Ryerson Urban Water	✓	✓
6. Anne Stewart	Georgian Bay Association	✓	✓
7. Anthony Merante	World Wildlife Federation - Canada	✓	✓
8. Ashley Wallis	Environmental Defence	✓	✓
9. Bonnie McElhinny	University of Toronto	✓	✓
10. Bryce Albert	Antler River Guardians/ Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	✓	
11. Carolyn Johns	Ryerson University		✓
12. Cassie Barker	WHEN Women's Healthy Environments Network	✓	✓
13. Chris McLaughlin	Bay Area Restoration Council	✓	
14. Clara Blakelock	Green Communities Canada	✓	✓
15. David Levy		✓	
16. Eleonora Gagliardi	Ryerson University		✓
17. Emma Young	Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	✓	✓
18. Jamie Saunders	EcoSuperior	✓	✓
19. Joanne Boyer	Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	✓	✓
20. John Jackson	Toxics Free Great Lakes Network	✓	✓
21. Keishiya Balendran	Ryerson Environmental and Urban Sustainability	✓	
22. Kristina Lee	St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council	✓	✓
23. Krystyn Tully	Swim Drink Fish Canada	✓	
24. Lino Grima	Sierra Binational Great Lakes Committee	✓	✓
25. Lisa Harris	Canadian Environmental Law Association	✓	✓

Name	Affiliation	Nov. 13, 2017	Nov. 14, 2017
26. Lucas Hendrick	Antler River Guardians, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	✓	✓
27. Maddy Barnes	Ryerson University	✓	
28. Michelle Woodhouse	Ryerson University	✓	✓
29. Mike Ormsby	Toronto Indigenous Community Member	✓	✓
30. Mohammad Manshouri	Ryerson University	✓	
31. Morten Siersbæk	Canadian Environmental Law Association	✓	✓
32. Nancy Goucher	Freshwater Future	✓	
33. Natalija Fisher	Canadian Freshwater Alliance	✓	✓
34. Pippa Feinstein	Swim Drink Fish Canada	✓	
35. Rachel Singer	Ryerson University	✓	
36. Rebecca Bassick	Sierra Club Ontario	✓	✓
37. Sarah Drury	University of Toronto	✓	✓
38. Sean Rootham	Ducks Unlimited Canada		✓
39. Sheldomar Elliott	Ryerson Environmental and Urban Sustainability	✓	
40. Stephanie Woodworth	Department of Exercise Sciences, University of Toronto	✓	✓
41. Terry Rees	Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations	✓	✓
42. Theresa McClenaghan	Canadian Environmental Law Association	✓	✓
43. Tommy Kankowski	Swim Drink Fish Canada	✓	
44. Yvonne Ho	Sierra Club Canada Foundation		✓
Facilitator: Christine Peringer	Group Facilitation and Mediation Services		

## Appendix B: The People’s Great Lakes Summit 2.0 – Agenda

### Monday November 13, 2017

William Doo Auditorium, New College, University of Toronto, 45 Wilcocks Street

Noon	<i>Buffet lunch</i>	
1:00 pm	<b>1. Welcome</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory – Stephanie Woodworth</li> <li>Introductions</li> <li>Summit 2.0 Goal and Process</li> </ol> <b>2. State of the Waters</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anastasia Lintner, Special Projects Counsel, Health Great Lakes, Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ol>	
2:30 pm	<i>Break</i>	
2:50 pm	<b>3. Policy Waterscape</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theresa McClenaghan, Executive Director and Counsel, CELA Former Senior Water Policy Advisor to the Minister of the Environment</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ol>	
	<b>4. Implications for Action</b>	
4:15 pm	<b>5. Closing</b>	
4:30pm	<i>Reception</i>	<b>“Teamwork” Project Management Software Demo</b> For members of the Great Lakes Network and The Great Lakes Protection Alliance
5:30 pm	<i>Buffet Dinner</i>	
6:30 pm	<b>What has happened since the May Summit?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plastics – Ashley Wallis</li> <li>Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals – John Jackson</li> <li>Urban Storm Water Runoff – Clara Blakelock</li> <li>Lake Erie and Lake Ontario Nutrient Targets – Nancy Goucher</li> <li>Sewage Bypass Alerts – Pippa Feinstein</li> <li>Road Salt/Salinity – Anthony Merante</li> <li>Great Lakes Portal – Krystyn Tully</li> </ul>	
8 - 9 pm	<b>Informal Networking</b>	

## Tuesday November 14, 2017

Music Room, Hart House, University of Toronto, 7 Hart House Circle

8:30 am	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>
9:00 am	<b>1. Welcome to Day 2</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Opening – Jo Boyer, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and Mike Ormsby, Toronto member of the Indigenous Community</li><li>Introductions</li><li>Goal and Process of the Day</li></ol>
	<b>2. Policy Action Agenda</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review Focus of Action Sessions</li><li>Form Groups (by interest)</li></ol>
	<b>3. Concurrent Action Sessions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action sessions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ontario Budget</li><li>Community Empowerment</li><li>Action Topics Emerging from Day 1</li></ul></li></ol>
10:30 am	<i>Self-managed Break</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action Session Reports and Top Up</li></ol>
12:15 pm	<i>Lunch and Walk</i>
1:15 pm	<b>4. Opportunity of the June 2018 Election</b> How will water play a role?
3:00 pm	<i>Break</i>
	<b>5. Launching our Work</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review and Launch of Action Plans</li><li>Next Steps</li></ol>
	<b>6. Closing</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reflection</li><li>Summit 2.0 Evaluation</li><li>Thank you</li></ol>
4:30 pm	<i>Summit 2.0 Complete</i>

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## Appendix C: Land Acknowledgment People's Great Lakes Summit

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**Stephanie Woodworth, Student, Faculty of Exercise Sciences, University of Toronto**

Hello everyone, welcome. I was asked to start today's summit by acknowledging the land on which we gather, and with that it's important to also acknowledge who I am and where I am coming from. My name is Stephanie Woodworth. I am a settler and uninvited guest on this territory. I am English on my dad's side and German on my mom's side. I was born and raised in Dryden, Ontario until I moved to this city we are in gathering today – Toronto – from the Haudenosaunee word Tkaronto means where there are trees standing in the water.

We would like to acknowledge the land on which we gather is the territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabeg, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit. We also acknowledge the waters of Lake Ontario or also known as Chi niibish or Niiggaani-gichigami in Ojibway which means Lake of Shining Waters. We are grateful to gather, live, work and play in the community, on this territory, and for the life that the both land and water provide and sustain us with.

This territory is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase Treaties.

While the treaties in Canada have been broken, they still stand today and will continue to stand "as long as the grass is still green and the sky is still blue". We are all treaty people, and to be a treaty person is to understand who you are, how you fit into the treaty process, and to understand your rights and responsibilities for the treaty process. It is important for us to acknowledge this as part of healing from the ongoing and historical traumas of colonization, cultural suppression, and oppression of Indigenous peoples in North America.

While acknowledging territory shows recognition of and respect for Indigenous peoples, it is only one small step towards cultivating strong indigenous-settler relations and to reconcile colonial research practices. There is much to do and much to learn and unlearn, and we acknowledge our rights and responsibilities in this process.

We hope that today and tomorrow, we can share our gifts with one another, acknowledge our pasts, presents and futures, and find ways to work together in collaboration and integration, among multiple disciplines, backgrounds, fields and occupations, to protect and heal the Great Lakes. Thank you.

*Stephanie Woodworth is a graduate student at the University of Toronto, one of 16 youth serving on Waterlution's Youth Advisory Board for Great Waters Challenge, and one of 2 delegates selected to represent Canada at the World Youth Parliament for Water and 8th World Water Forum in 2018. In addition to being a full participant, Stephanie agreed to draft and deliver the land acknowledgement at the start of The People's Great Lakes Summit 2.0: Planning Policy Action on November 13-14, 2017 in Toronto.*

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## Appendix D: Ideas for Action Shared during Summit 2.0

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Twenty-five ideas emerged from Day 1 of Summit 2.0 and were posted with the four focus areas carried forward from the May Summit. The ideas were grouped into eight themes. The first five themes below were explored in small groups. For action plans related to each of these themes, see Appendix E. Some of the ideas were not explored in small groups at Summit 2.0; these are listed under the sixth bullet below.

- **Ontario Government Budget**
  - (carried forward from the May Summit)
- **Community Engagement**
  - (carried forward from the May Summit)
  - Public education to move towards a holistic approach ecosystem
  - Change policy language to improve public awareness
- **Source Water Protection**
  - Ask province to expand First Nations Source Water Protection toolkit and training to all Nations
  - Expand purview of Source Water Protection beyond strictly “municipal” systems e.g. support inclusion of clusters, threats analysis, recharge areas.
  - Transition/expand Source Water Protection Committee (SWPC) to address gaps in regional implementation of water policy
- **Urban Non-Point Pollution**
  - Regulating urban non-point source pollution (permits) and relation to Clean Water Act and Great Lakes Protection Act
- **Healing and Connection Informed by Indigenous Teachings**
  - Listen to/work with First Nations
  - Think of next generations
  - Restoration vs. healing (What does it mean “to restore”? When is it done?)
  - Support Josephine Mandamin’s water work ... water walks ... petition to create personhood for Great Lakes ... Sacred Water circle ... Josephine now holds wampum belt
  - “Indigenize” approaches ... Look through Indigenous eyes, not western ones ... take lead from Indigenous teachings but that apply to all of us.
- **Other themes and ideas (not developed into action plans at the November Summit):**
  - Implementing Great Lakes Protection Act
    - Ask government for next steps/timelines to implement GLPA
    - Use Guardian Council

- Clarify process and definition for establishing a Geographically focussed Initiative (GFI) (Tools for community engagement)
- Clarify grade of watershed reports into tangible factors e.g. what does “fair” mean for drinking water, smell, etc.
- Conservation
  - Water pricing – change laws
  - Incentivize conservation
  - Pollution as an investment risk/liability in IPOs (Initial Public Offerings)/investment funds – following divestment approach used re climate change.
  - “Less is More” approach
- Watershed Management and Planning
- Fish Health
- EDCs – personal product safe disposal sites (toxics management in absence of regulations)
- Road Salt – Link human health to ecosystem health (e.g. chloride and vulnerable areas)
- Incentives for low-impact development (including urban forests and woodlots)
- Develop long-term goals (change our timeframe/concept of time)
- Daylighting sewage bypass and combined overflow and stormwater infrastructure
- Gap Analysis – re implementation of existing laws and regulations e.g. Transitional Operating Conditions (TOC) start-ups/shutdowns/orphaned

## Appendix E: Action Plans

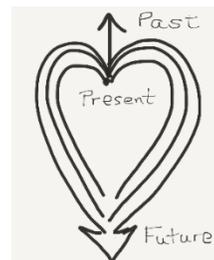
### Small Group Reports from the People's Great Lakes Summit 2.0

#### Group 1: ONTARIO BUDGET

This small group explored action towards achieving a transparent understanding of the extent of the Great Lakes investment by the provincial government. For notes on this discussion, see Appendix F available from Anastasia Lintner [anastasia@cela.ca](mailto:anastasia@cela.ca).

#### Group 2: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

<p><b>Idea:</b> Increased Community engagement through organizing activities that are seasonal, build on a sense of place, accessible to all ages and mobility, hands-on, focused especially on 16- to 29-year-olds, use transferrable skills and knowledge, and build on the connection between measurement and info technology</p>	<p><b>Discussion Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alice Casselman, Association for Canadian Educational Resources (anchor)</li> <li>▪ Lisa Harris, CELA</li> <li>▪ Lucas Hendrick, Chippewas of the Thames FN</li> <li>▪ Rebecca Bassick, Sierra Club Ontario</li> <li>▪ Yvonne Ho, Sierra Club Canada Foundation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Desired Outcome:</b> Community involvement in caring for the Great Lakes – all ages, skill sets, ability and expertise levels</p> <p>Seven-generation thinking in the general public: looking seven generations back and looking seven generations forward, thinking especially about youth</p>	
<p><b>Action Steps</b></p>	<p><b>Timing:</b></p>
<p>1. Talk to elders and seniors in the community</p>	<p>Winter 2017</p>
<p>2. Explore available programs to adapt and use locally e.g. mentorship programs and focus groups</p>	<p>Spring 2018</p>
<p><b>Resourcing Needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment and tools</li> <li>• Contacts (internal and external) to teach skills</li> <li>• Funding – In kind (donations, skill set), Grant programs, Partnership (e.g. recycling companies)</li> </ul>	<p><b>I want to be part of organizing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alice Casselman, ACER</li> <li>▪ Lisa Harris, CELA</li> </ul>
<p><b>Keep me in the loop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Becky Bassick, Sierra Club Ontario</li> <li>▪ Jo Boyer, Chippewas of the Thames FN</li> <li>▪ Jamie Saunders, EcoSuperior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stephanie Woodworth, U of T</li> <li>▪ Sarah Drury, University of Toronto</li> <li>▪ Clara Blakelock, Green Communities Canada</li> <li>▪ Lucas Hendrick, Chippewas of the Thames FN</li> <li>▪ Natalija Fisher, Canadian Freshwater Alliance</li> </ul>



### Group 3: Source Water Protection

<p><b>Idea:</b> Address the problems of source water protection: people are not being protected; there are implementation gaps</p>	<p><b>Discussion Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jamie Saunders, EcoSuperior (anchor)</li> <li>▪ Terry Rees, Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA)</li> <li>▪ Michelle Woodhouse, Ryerson</li> <li>▪ Lino Grima, Sierra Binational Great Lakes Committee</li> <li>▪ And students: Audrey, Matthew, Miranda and Sina</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Desired Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Report on Source Water Protection Act implementation</li> <li>● Protection of areas outside Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs) and Intake Protection Zones</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Action Steps</b></p>	<p><b>Timing</b></p>	
<p>1. Improve transfer of implementation data to public e.g. public meetings</p>		
<p>2. Obtain an assessment of what has come out of source water protection – e.g. a thesis* – responding to the question: are we really protecting the water?</p>		
<p>3. Improve enforcement of existing legislation.</p>		
<p>4. Advocate for inspection of septic systems as part of real estate transactions.</p>		
<p>5. Advocate for enforcement funding and increased funding for source water protection.</p>		
<p>6. More education and promotion of citizen science.</p>		
<p><b>Resourcing Needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leadership and funding from the province</li> <li>● Environmental NGO program funding to work with realtors</li> </ul>		
<p><b>I want to be part of organizing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jamie Saunders, EcoSuperior (anchor)</li> <li>▪ Terry Rees, Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Keep me in the loop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alice Casselman, ACER</li> <li>▪ Ashley Wallis, Environmental Defence</li> <li>▪ Clara Blakelock, Green Communities Canada</li> <li>▪ Lucas Hendrick, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation</li> <li>▪ Lino Grima, Sierra Binational Great Lakes Committee</li> <li>▪ Lisa Harris, CELA</li> <li>▪ Natalija Fisher, Canadian Freshwater Alliance</li> <li>▪ Stephanie Woodworth, U of T</li> <li>▪ Yvonne Ho, Sierra Club Canada Foundation</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other comments:</b> Noting that current university students were babies when Walkerton happened. Boil water advisories for First Nations are our current Walkerton. * CELA knows of several good student theses on this topic.</p>		

## Group 4: Urban Non-Point Pollution

<p><b>Idea:</b> Investing in flood prevention and calling for commitments (before the flood)</p>	<p><b>Discussion Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clara Blakelock, Green Communities Canada (anchor)</li> <li>▪ Angela Murphy, Ryerson Urban Water</li> <li>▪ Bonnie McElhinny, University of Toronto</li> <li>▪ Cassie Barker, WHEN Women’s Healthy Environments Network</li> <li>▪ John Jackson, Toxic Free Great Lakes Network</li> <li>▪ Kristina Lee, St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council</li> </ul>
<p><b>Desired Outcome:</b> Build commitment to flood prevention into party platforms</p>	
<p><b>Action Steps</b></p>	<p><b>Timing:</b></p>
<p>1. Launch pre-election campaign to get all three parties supporting need for action to reduce runoff and runoff pollution. Flood prevention with an emphasis on green infrastructure would also be a good focus for parties to include in their platforms.</p>	<p>January 2018 – June 2018</p>
<p>2. Create voluntary mechanisms for developers ... call it “Before the Flood”</p>	
<p><b>Resourcing Needs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setup website</li> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Funding</li> </ul>	
<p><b>I want to be part of organizing this:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clara Blakelock, Green Communities Canada</li> <li>▪ Angela Murphy, Ryerson Urban Water</li> <li>▪ Cassie Barker, WHEN Women’s Healthy Environments Network</li> <li>▪ Jamie Saunders, EcoSuperior</li> <li>▪ John Jackson, Toxic Free Great Lakes Network</li> <li>▪ Kristina Lee, St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council</li> </ul>	<p><b>Keep me in the loop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alice Casselman, ACER</li> <li>▪ Lino Grima, Sierra Binational Great Lakes Committee</li> <li>▪ Lucas Hendrick, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation</li> <li>▪ Natalija Fisher, Canadian Freshwater Alliance</li> <li>▪ Terry Rees,</li> <li>▪ Yvonne Ho, Sierra Club Canada Foundation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Comments from Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create neutral approaches so that they can still be pursued if there is a change of government</li> <li>• Approach insurance companies</li> <li>• June 18 – 19, 2018 “Implementing Green Infrastructure” Conference</li> </ul>	

## Group 5: Healing and Connection Informed by Indigenous Teachings

<p><b>Idea:</b> Actively enact change through an Indigenous approach, connection to land, experiential learning and healing</p>	<p><b>Discussion Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mike Ormsby, Toronto Indigenous Community Member (co-anchor)</li> <li>▪ Jo Boyer, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (co-anchor)</li> <li>▪ Stephanie Woodworth, Student, University of Toronto</li> <li>▪ Natalija Fisher, Canadian Freshwater Alliance</li> <li>▪ Anne Stewart, Georgian Bay Association</li> <li>▪ Sean Rootham, Ducks Unlimited Canada</li> <li>▪ Lisa Harris, Canadian Environmental Law Association</li> <li>▪ Sarah Drury, Student, University of Toronto</li> </ul>
<p><b>Desired Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healing and restoration</li> <li>• Holistic approach</li> <li>• Connecting head and heart</li> <li>• Respect for Indigenous people and practices</li> <li>• Personhood for the Great Lakes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Original Post-it Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Listen to/work with First Nations</li> <li>▪ Think of next generations</li> <li>▪ Restoration vs. healing (What does it mean “to restore”? When is it done?)</li> <li>▪ Support Josephine Mandamin’s water work ...water walks ...petition to create personhood for Great lakes ...Sacred Water circle...Josephine now holds wampum belt</li> <li>▪ Indigenize” approaches ...Look through Indigenous eyes, not western ones...take lead from Indigenous teachings but that apply to all of us.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action Steps</b></p>	
<p>1. Support Josephine Madamin in her walk around the Great Lakes.</p>	
<p>2. Support Edward George’s federal petition E-1030 to give legal personhood to the Great Lakes.</p>	
<p>3. Include Indigenous people in work for the Great Lakes, beyond territory acknowledgement</p>	
<p>4. Actively listen, co-create and work in the right way (respectfully) together.</p>	
<p><b>I want to be part of organizing this:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We all need to be part of organizing this! (Stephanie Woodworth, Student, University of Toronto)</li> <li>▪ Lucas Hendrick, Antler River Guardians, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation</li> <li>▪ Lisa Harris, Canadian Environmental Law Association</li> </ul>	<p><b>Please keep me in the loop:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alice Casselman, Association for Canadian Educational Resources (ACER)</li> <li>▪ Angela Murphy, RUW</li> <li>▪ Cassie Barker, Women's Healthy Environments Network (WHEN)</li> <li>▪ Jamie Saunders, EcoSuperior</li> <li>▪ Jo Boyer, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation</li> <li>▪ Mike Ormsby, Toronto Indigenous Community Member</li> <li>▪ Natalija Fisher, Canadian Freshwater Alliance</li> <li>▪ Sarah Drury, Student, University of Toronto</li> <li>▪ Stephanie Woodworth, Student, University of Toronto</li> </ul>

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## Appendix F: Ontario Budget and Election Planning

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Appendix F available from Anastasia Lintner [anastasia@cela.ca](mailto:anastasia@cela.ca).

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## Appendix G: Participant Feedback

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Twenty-two people who participated on Day 2 responded to the “Quick Feedback” exit evaluation before leaving. Here follow the questions and the responses. For questions #2 and #3 the responses have been grouped by theme.

- 1. The purpose of Summit 2.0 was to bring together people working to protect and restore the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin waters and wetlands (“Great Lakes Water”) in order to ...**
  - > connect and strengthen passionate water leaders and emerging leaders;
  - > share progress on the May Summit action plans re Ontario public policy priorities; and,
  - > set plans for collective action on emerging priorities and opportunities.

**On a scale of 1 (not at all) to 5 (completely), to what extent do you believe we achieved this purpose?**

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**Response:** The average score was 4.0/5.

- 2. What I really liked about Summit 2.0 was ...**
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### **The people**

- A broad range of people, backgrounds, activities - a pleasant surprise
- Brought people from many different areas together in one place; showcased many tangible projects that are taking plans & could be joined
- Contacts, people who attended were knowledgeable, solution focussed
- The impressive level of insight/analysis brought by the attendees
- The people there

### **The exchange of information**

- Terrific project lead presentations
- Excellent CELA presentations
- Giving the background on day one
- Engaging & fruitful sessions
- Exchange of information
- Great opportunity to meet others and exchange ideas
- Open to ideas
- Sharing

### **Networking**

- Networking (x 4)
- New contacts + existing colleagues

- Great engagement with other NGOs
- Excellent networking opportunities
- Time to connect/network

#### **The Structure**

- Open, yet highly structured conversations. Very efficient and collaborative approach.
- The working groups
- Presentations after group discussions
- Very well facilitated
- Emphasis on standardized reporting Exploring issues & potential solutions/action plans
- I like having a short list of topics, with (some) space for bright new ideas
- Interactive; it all was great feedback and great place to express ideas

#### **The smudge ceremony**

- Smudging
- The smudge ceremony

#### **Moving forward on action**

- I was able to build off my project & make connections to further develop my pilot program.
- I got a crash course in policy, budget & how we plan on bringing freshwater into the election

#### **The Students**

- Strong student representation – having been a student not-too-long ago, I believe it would have been very valuable to attend and better understand the community working on Great Lakes issues and the policy landscape
- Really appreciated students – Bonnie, thanks!

#### **The Food**

- Good food! (x 2)

### **3. To improve another Summit in the future, I would ...**

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#### **More participants/more varied participants**

- Please find ways to reach more potential participants; small group for big project
- Disappointed that there weren't more people here
- Have different variety of stakeholders, i.e., industry, government, academia, etc.
- I would invite more people that are interested
- include some mid-management government bureaucrats
- Invite more people. Where is everyone?
- Invite more youth
- Invite provincial representatives, municipal & conservation authorities
- More NGOs, more people, scientists?

### **More time**

- Add a third day!
- More time?
- Open space/free time to network is always useful

### **More information/differently presented**

- Clarify the resources available for implementing actions
- Consider dividing the legislative/policy overview into two sessions; one for folks who are fairly policy literate (go deeper); and another for general overview (similar to this presentation)
- Guest (highlight) speaker, e.g. Dianne Saxe or other high profile person; someone from MOECC - high profile
- Presentations could focus more on images, concrete actions about the lakes

### **Different use of time**

- Different group setups
- Include a physical activity or activity that requires participants to get up & move (more out waters - be rivers!).
- Perhaps approach the development/action plan in a more holistic/different way – see if it generates different action
- Increase the indigenous and other people of colour's voices and not just to join existing projects but to start and collaborate with new projects
- More time spent on breakout sessions
- Sooner to plans - actions - next steps
- Want to spend more time on grassroots activities, less on policies

### **Keep focus on grassroots projects**

- More thinking through grassroots projects

#### **4. On a scale of 1 (not at all) to 5 (a great deal), to what extent do you believe Summit 2.0 (and the May Summit if you also attended) will assist/has assisted you in working on Great Lakes Water issues?**

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**Response:** The average score was **4.2/5**.

**5. How do you think Summit 2.0 (and the May Summit if you also attended) will most assist you in working on Great Lakes Water issues?**

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**Increased my capacity**

- Good networking to gather program ideas (x2)
- Access to resources, expertise, contacts & funding
- By giving me the connections to people/groups to enable my continued work
- I have made numerous connections to resources, programs and information that I can use to inform and improve my organization's efforts on water issues
- Keeping me informed on updates
- Wonderful new connections, broader understanding of issues I'm already aware of, awareness of new issues
- Lots of great ideas. Lots of new online and offline resources and invaluable contacts
- Understand bigger picture; link with participants

**Increased collaboration**

- By being able to collaborate with other individuals, expanding ideas of what to focus on
- Connecting our organizational goals and actions with those from other organizations, consolidating efforts
- Contacts, working together
- Informed, strategic discussion channelled into smart action items that we can contribute to
- Policy; growing working groups
- Specific outcomes of work re Ontario Budget will benefit my organization's actions
- If others assist with flooding campaign, it would be great
- Focus on to do list and keeping in the loop

**Increased learning**

- Learning what's happening on the ground & in government. Hearing the diverse perspectives & backgrounds opened my eyes to new understandings of waters – understanding how "water folks" understand waters – what water means ...
- Realised that there are lots of good people & ideas interested in Great Lakes Provided a collection of different information (law, policy, community engagement) and showed how it all fits together and the tensions of projects

**Reinforced commitment**

- Reinforce commitment

**6. Any other comments?**

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- Thank you! (5)... to the organizers!...for good job well done.
- Thanks you for including me/us, very valuable
- There are some awesome folks working on water issues/advocating for the water
- Excellent 2-day workshop. Lots of benefits!
- I look forward to attending future events