

## **MOTION TO ADVOCATE FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEFENCE OF THE GREAT LAKES**

**Mover:** Matthew Shoemaker and Jay Gage

**Seconder:** Susan Myers and Kathy Twardy

**WHEREAS** in 1909 the Boundary Waters Treaty was signed by the governments of the United States and Canada which started the formal process of creating the International Joint Commission to deal with issues facing our shared water boundary; and

**WHEREAS** the two governments then signed the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement in 1972 which extended this approach to include issues facing the Great Lakes; and

**WHEREAS** several treaties, laws, and initiatives have been developed and implemented by the governments of the United States and Canada to protect, maintain, and restore the Great Lakes;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Sault Ste Marie, Ontario City Council and the Sault Ste Marie, Michigan City Commission call upon our local, provincial/state, and federal stake-holders to advocate for continued financial support for programs that protect, maintain, and restore our Great Lakes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this joint resolution be sent to the Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, Terry Sheehan, Member of Parliament for Sault Ste Marie, Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Ross Romano, Member of Provincial Parliament for Sault Ste Marie, United States President Donald J. Trump, United State Senator Debbie Stabenow, United States Senator Gary Peters, United States Congressman Jack Bergman, Governor of Michigan Rick Snyder, State Senator Wayne Schmidt, State Representative Lee Chatfield