

Ottawa River Summit
Friday, May 29, 2015
Hilton Lac Leamy Conference Centre, Gatineau

8:00 am	Registration and breakfast
8:30 am	Opening & Prayer Peter Decontie, Algonguin Elder & Fire Keeper, Kitigan Zibi
8:50 am	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudette Commanda, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg • Mayor Maxime Pedneaud-Jobin, City of Gatineau • Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa
9:10 am	Expectations for the Day Introducing the Youth Delegation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guy Laflamme
9:20 am	Opening discussion: Integrated water management across diverse jurisdictions <i>The Ottawa River Watershed encompasses two provinces, is home to 200 municipalities, diverse indigenous communities and many industries that need water to succeed. How can we integrate our existing systems to better understand changing river conditions, set a fair and level playing field for all, create efficiencies and find innovative ways to address water protection challenges?</i> Setting the scene: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Brown, Ottawa Riverkeeper Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Brodeur, Regroupement des organismes de bassins versants du Québec • Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority • Nicolas Milot, Table de concertation régionale du Haut-Saint-Laurent et du Grand Montréal • Bernadette Conant, Canadian Water Network • Roch Bérubé, Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	What We Value Most About the Ottawa River Watershed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Shepherd and Guy Laflamme
11:20 am	Presentation of the Ottawa River Declaration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Karau and David Pharand, members of the Advisory Committee
11:45 am	City of Gatineau's commitments for the preservation of the Ottawa River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denise Laferrière, Gatineau City Councillor (Hull-Wright district) and Chair, Gatineau's Environment and Sustainable Development Commission

12:00 pm	Lunch
1:10 pm	<p>Panel and workshop: What does success look like in the Ottawa River Watershed? <i>Currently there is no binding agreement between our governments that sets goals and identifies priority actions to restore and protect water quality and biodiversity within the Ottawa River. The Ottawa River Summit Advisory Committee has identified areas where watershed players could focus their efforts to improve the health future of our river. Knowing that collective impact efforts are most effective when they build from what already exists, how can we work together toward set goals and have a measurable, collective impact?</i></p> <p><i>Setting the scene: Roy Macgregor, The Globe & Mail</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Kirby Whiteduck, Algonquin of Pikwakanagan • Dan Brunton, Naturalist • Chief Harry St-Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation • Claude Tremblay, St. Lawrence Global Observatory • Dr. Jeff Ridal, St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences
2:00 pm	Envisioning the future we desire for our watershed: table discussions
3:00 pm	<p>Ministers' Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honourable Stéphanie Vallée, Minister of Justice and Minister responsible for the Outaouais region, introducing Minister David Heurtel • The Honourable David Heurtel, Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change • Marie-France Lalonde, MPP for Ottawa-Orléans, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (and the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs), introducing Minister Glen Murray • The Honourable Glen Murray, Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
3:25 pm	<p>Sharing Breakthrough Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to room from table discussions • Commitments for action
4:15 pm	<p>Next Steps / Concluding Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff Green, President, and Meredith Brown, ED, Ottawa Riverkeeper • Nan-b de Gaspé Beaubien, Co-chair and Philippe III de Gaspé Beaubien, CEO, de Gaspé Beaubien Foundation
4:45 pm	<p>Closing Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Decontie, Algonquin Elder & Fire Keeper, Kitigan Zibi
5:00 pm	Networking Cocktail Reception