

Halton Region a leader in wastewater management

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Halton Region has some of the world's most cutting-edge wastewater management services and regional chair Gary Carr says that they can act as a trailblazer for other waterfront municipalities.

At a recent conference for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, regional Coun. Sean O'Meara represented Halton and took part in three days' worth of talks with politicians from across the shores of the great lakes, both in Canada and the US.

"I am pleased to have participated in some important discussions and decisions on moving forward on issues that are important to the Halton community, such as addressing nutrient pollution reduction, long-term water infrastructure funding and implementation support, and flood mitigation initiatives," said O'Meara.

The conference focuses on developing initiatives aimed at protecting and restoring the



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Watercrafts of all sizes crammed the shoreline of Spencer Smith Park to take in opening night of the 2018 Sound of Music Festival .

freshwater of the great lakes, as well as water quality along the St. Lawrence seaway.

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie and Township of Huron-Kinloss Mayor Mitch Twolan are heading up a new Mayor's Council on Nature and Cit-

ies, which aims to create and identify green spaces in urban areas and better connect them in order to protect migration pathways.

Carr says that Halton's message at the conference was to reiterate the importance of work-

ing together around each of the lakes to protect them.

He says that with Halton's state-of-the-art wastewater treatment centres the region can be a role model for other municipalities on the waterfront.

"We would like them to come up to our standards as well," said Carr. "We're very proud of the fact that we've put in place the most advanced wastewater treatment plant in the world."

Carr says the region has played a key role in supporting the restoration of the Randal Reef in Hamilton Harbor, as well as the Halton Skyway Wastewater plant.

"This is the most environmentally-friendly wastewater treatment plant anywhere in the world today," said Carr. "The upgrades were \$150 million."

They are also upgrading the outflow pipes in Oakville at Coronation Park.

"We're sort of leaders," said Carr. "It's one lake that we all share, so we work together ... to ensure we have all these beautiful natural resources for generations to come."



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