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**Subject:** *Letter of Support for Siting the Canada Water Agency in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.*

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Dear Councillor Gardi,


I am writing in support of siting the Canada Water Agency in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. What better place could be found in all of Canada. Traditionally known as Bawating, our area is home to the St. Marys River and its rapids have been a meeting place for thousands of years.

Our strategic location in the centre of the Great Lakes is a natural fit for the new establishment. Sault Ste. Marie is situated on the border with the United States, facilitating bi-national cooperation. With the twin cities of Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan and Ontario straddling the St. Marys River, the region is uniquely positioned to assume a leading role in “shared waters”.

The City has strong institutional foundations with Federal and Provincial research agencies, and Sault College and Algoma University. This spring, our program will be offering a water-themed course entitled “Water Stewardship in a Spatial Context” as part of our Level 1 of the Professional Lands Management Certification Program. This course will incorporate a mini-conference to explore water stewardship from a community perspective.

Siting the Canada Water Agency in Sault Ste. Marie will provide great opportunities for partnerships among countries, organizations, and communities for the advancement of water stewardship. In closing, I urge you to consider Sault Ste. Marie as the future site of the Agency.

Sincerely,



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cc: Asima Vezina, President and Vice-Chancellor, Algoma University