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Mayor, Town of Cobourg
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Dear Mayor Cleveland,

On behalf of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you and the Town of Cobourg for your leadership and participation in the first-ever Great Lakes Coastal Cleanup on World Rivers Day, September 28, 2025.

We had six cities sign up – Thunder Bay, Chatham-Kent, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Cobourg, and Kingston – who collectively rallied **over 415 volunteers** to join cleanups at 11 sites and collected **over 1.8 tons of litter!**

Your commitment to protecting and restoring the health of our shared waters exemplifies local leadership that makes a regional difference. We will continue to work on securing funding to make a 2026 Coastal Cleanup happen and build on the success of this year's hugely successful event.

If you have any questions about the Coastal Cleanup, please contact Phil Murphy-Rhéaume, Canadian Managing Director, at phillipe.murphy-rheaume@glslcities.org.

We are deeply grateful for your support and collaboration in making this inaugural event a success. Thank you again for your leadership and for inspiring others to be stewards of the Great Lakes.

With appreciation,

Mat Siscoe
Mayor of St. Catharines
Co-Chair, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative