



# A Canada Water Agency in Sault Ste. Marie: Our Vision for a water secure future

## Background

The Government of Canada is establishing a Canada Water Agency to improve freshwater management across the country. On June 28, 2021, Sault Ste. Marie City Council approved the formation of a Task Force to explore this potential opportunity. The Task Force is developing a pitch to bring the Canada Water Agency to our community, which will incorporate community feedback that will be published in a local [‘What We Heard’](#) report.

## Why Sault Ste. Marie?

Centrally located within the largest group of freshwater lakes in the world, the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s plentiful natural assets, cultural diversity, and local expertise that reaches beyond borders, make it an ideal location for such an Agency.

## Community Discussions

The City of Sault Ste. Marie has partnered with the Lake Huron Collaborative’s Dr. Elaine Ho-Tassone to lead a series of community discussions. We have scheduled eight events, four of which will be held in-person (maximum 20 participants at each) and four of which are online (maximum 100 participants at each), as follows:

Discussion Group	In-person event	Online event
Organizations	August 24 from 3-5pm	August 26 from 11am-1pm
Indigenous persons	August 25 from 10am-1pm	September 1 from 1-3pm
Youth (ages 15-24)	<i>To be confirmed (September)</i>	<i>To be confirmed (September)</i>
All community members	<i>To be confirmed (September)</i>	September 11 from 11am-1pm

We want to understand your perspectives regarding having a Canada Water Agency in Sault Ste. Marie, as well as your priorities and values for ensuring a water secure Algoma District. Your input will help guide the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s proposal to the Federal Government.

The City’s Canada Water Agency Task Force invites all District of Algoma residents, Indigenous communities, and organizations – regardless of your familiarity with freshwater science or management – to share your perspectives for a water secure future for everyone. Contribute to this vision using our [online form](#), or submit your comments via email at [cwaproject@cityssm.on.ca](mailto:cwaproject@cityssm.on.ca).

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