Join Mayors of the Mississippi River where the view is best—at the top of the River in Bemidji, MN. The 12th Annual Meeting will be MRCTI’s first at the truly amazing headwaters. National government and corporate leaders will convene this September 12-14 in a city surrounded by some of the most pristine and sensitive ecological marvels of North America including Lake Itasca, the Mississippi as a small stream (shown above), and the lake-fed forests of the border region.

**First Nations:** Vital partners to this important meeting with MRCTI and the City of Bemidji are the First Nations of the headwaters region which will play an integral role in the priorities and deliverables of the meeting. Welcome to the sacred birthplace of the Mississippi.
Mayors and guests will experience the headwaters of the Mississippi River firsthand and be able to stroll across one of the world’s largest rivers almost without getting their feet wet.

**Show and Substance**

The MRCTI 12th Annual Meeting is not just an opportunity to sample some of the best outdoor recreation in North America, but is also a critical meeting for your city or organization. Mayors and guests will be party to valuable and exclusive sessions right on the shore of Lake Bemidji only feet from the water’s edge at the impressive Sanford Center.

**Global Announcement**

MRCTI and international partners will make a groundbreaking announcement regarding a new effort for the Mississippi River Corridor that will bring together expertise and stakeholders from around the world to improve our region.

Additionally, Mayors will be given unique and vital updates and access to securing resources from the Jobs Act, IRA, and private sources. It all begins at the opening ceremonies at the Red Lake Nation on Sept 12.