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Speaker announced: Lt. Governor Barnes of Wisconsin.

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June 7 | Sheboygan, WI

Just because the conference is over doesn’t mean the fun ends! Stay in Sheboygan after the conference and enjoy some exciting, free activities for you or the whole family.

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Sustainable Development Forum in Victoriaville PQ

Registration is officially open for the 5th edition of the Sustainable Development Forum, organized by the City of Victoriaville, which will take place on September 26 and 27, 2019. The Cities Alliance invites elected officials and municipal managers to join me in bringing together entrepreneurs, investors, and other stakeholders to explore ways to make cities more sustainable.

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Water Levels in the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Will Continue to Rise

A major flood event is underway in the lower St. Lawrence River system. Water levels on Lake Ontario are rising more than is typical this time of year. In response, we are still increasing Ottawa River outflows, ordering water levels on Lake Ontario outflows are being adjusted as Ottawa River system levels continue to rise. The Ottawa River with levels in some areas above 2017 peaks, and the St. Lawrence will continue to rise.

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