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**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE GOVERNORS AND PREMIERS TO GATHER
TO ADVANCE THE REGIONAL ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT**

Who: Governor Rick Snyder of Michigan
Premier Kathleen Wynne of Ontario
Premier Philippe Couillard of Québec
Governor Scott Walker of Wisconsin
Lt. Governor Mary Taylor of Ohio
Lt. Governor Mike Stack of Pennsylvania
Other State and Provincial Leaders

What: Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers
2017 Leadership Summit

When: Friday, October 20 – Sunday, October 22

Where: Art Gallery of Windsor, Ontario, and
Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan

A PRESS CONFERENCE FEATURING GOVERNOR SNYDER, PREMIER WYNNE, PREMIER COUILLARD, GOVERNOR WALKER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TAYLOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR STACK AND OTHER STATE AND PROVINCIAL LEADERS WILL BE HELD AT THE ART GALLERY OF WINDSOR, 401 RIVERSIDE DRIVE W, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.

Friday, October 20

2:30 p.m. EDT

Call in: 1-888-349-9618

Confirmation Code: 1226189

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE ALSO OPEN TO THE PRESS AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MARRIOTT DETROIT AT THE RENAISSANCE CENTER, LOCATED AT 400 RENAISSANCE DRIVE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN (ALL TIMES EDT).

IF YOU ARE BRINGING A LARGE CAMERA TO THE OCTOBER 21 EVENTS, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL FOR TRANSPORT INTO THE BUILDING. PLEASE CONTACT PETER JOHNSON AT 312/305-4133 OR PJOHNSON@CGLSLGP.ORG IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.

Saturday, October 21

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| 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Ambassador Ballroom | Opening plenary session
Invocation by Ogema Larry Romanelli of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Welcoming remarks by Governor Snyder and Premier Wynne.
Introduction to “Blue Accounting” kiosks by Ridgway White, President, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Ambassador Ballroom | Growing the Regional Economy
Speaker: Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, Chair, Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers Economic Task Force
The Lieutenant Governor will make major announcements on the Conference’s policy and infrastructure “action agenda” to ease cross-border trade, measures to improve regional labor productivity, and actions to support key economic clusters. |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Ambassador Ballroom | Creating A Competitive Regional Transportation System
Moderator: Charlie Zelle, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation
Speakers:
John Kwant, Vice President, City Solutions, Ford Motor Company;
Serge Le Guellec, President and General Manager, Transport Desgagnés;
John Orr, Senior Vice-President, Southern Region, CN
This session will focus on how to strategically support and strengthen the transportation system and enhance regional competitiveness through investment and policy innovation. |
| 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Ambassador Ballroom | Critical Infrastructure for the Regional Maritime System
Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Sugrue, Detroit District Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers
Discussion will focus on the importance of maritime infrastructure including the Soo locks to the regional and national economies. |

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Ambassador Ballroom

Governor Walker Presentation

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
42 Degrees North

Lunch

Speaker: Bruce Nierenberg, President and Chief Executive Officer, Victory Cruise Lines

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Ambassador Ballroom

Building on Success to Protect the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence

Moderator: Jon Allan, Director, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes

Speakers: Charles Wooley, Deputy Regional Director, Midwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;

Jim Johnson, Director, Environmental Stewardship Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development;

Bruno Pigott, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management;

Jim Whitestone, Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Change and Environmental Policy Division, Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change;

James Zehringer, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Working through the Conference, major strides have been made in recent years to fight aquatic invasive species and reduce nutrient inputs to vulnerable waters. This session will focus on these successes and how to build on them going forward.

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ambassador Ballroom

The Circular Economy and Its Potential to Help Protect and Restore the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence

Speakers:

The Honourable Chris Ballard, Ontario Minister of the Environment & Climate Change;

Sachin Dalal, Senior Manager, Digital Analytics, Accenture;

Jessica Long, Managing Director, Strategy & Sustainability, Accenture

This session will talk about the idea of the circular economy, and its potential to support the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence both in the case of business and through creative public-private partnerships.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Ambassador Ballroom
Foyer

Break

Informational kiosks on “Blue Accounting” provided by the Great Lakes Commission and The Nature Conservancy

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Ambassador Ballroom

Premier Couillard Presentation

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Ambassador Ballroom

The Power of New Technologies for Future Generations

Introductory Remarks by Premier Wynne and Governor Snyder
New technologies and a skilled workforce prepared to use them are critical to the future success of our people and our region.

This session will discuss how robotics has been used as a fun and educational way to engage young people as they build their skills and prepare to “create the future.” The session will include a demonstration by U.S. and Canadian teams.

Additional information is available at www.cglsigp.org

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