

New information from Gordie Howe International Bridge project team

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Good afternoon,

Here are a few things we wanted you to know about:

Public Art Commission Unveiled at the Gordie Howe International Bridge

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project team is excited to unveil a public art commission that will provide a welcoming and unique experience for future bridge users.

The commission features the work of artist, Sara Graham and is integrated into the façade of the maintenance building at the Canadian Port of Entry. Titled “On the Other Side of Tomorrow,” 22 stamped concrete panels reflect the national and regional landscape through the incorporation of illustrative mapping techniques and a combination of different optical perspectives. Elements included in the artwork represent suburban, industrial and farmland in Canada as well as mountains, road systems, lighthouses, and water. Learn more about the artwork [here](#).

The inclusion of public art at the Canadian Port of Entry is the outcome of input received during the Detroit River International Crossing study. Through this integrated artwork, the murals installed on the Canadian and US bridge tower forms and the art funded through the Community Benefits Plan, the project team aims to create memorable, high-quality, works of art consistent with the international importance of the bridge and to celebrate and promote creativity and friendship between Canada and the US.

To celebrate Ms. Graham’s commission, and allow the community an opportunity to interact with the design, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) is partnering with Art Windsor-Essex (AWE), to support an exhibit of Ms. Graham’s work. The new exhibit will open to the public on March 24, 2023 and will include life-size reproductions of the “On the Other Side of Tomorrow” panels and other original works. In addition to the physical exhibit, educational and community-based programming will be available to Windsor-Essex

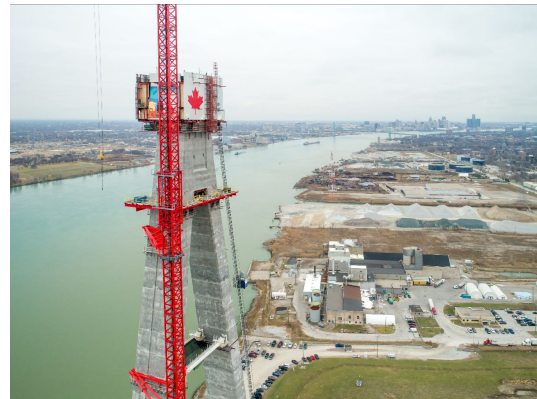
schools and special interest groups. Information on the exhibition and programming is available [here](#).





Canadian Photo Galleries

New photos from the Canadian Port of Entry and bridge site have been posted on the project [website](#). Tell us what you think.



Community Benefits Report

The Gordie Howe International Bridge team is actively implementing many of the workforce development and neighbourhood infrastructure initiatives identified in the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan.

The Fall 2022 Quarterly Community Benefits Report is now available and you can read the report [here](#). This report includes:

- an overview of the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy engagements and Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy activities that took place over the fall of 2022
- workforce and business development progress achieved between September 2018 and September 2022
- a summary of new Community Benefits Plan initiatives

- an update on the expansion of the Delray Home Improvement Program
- upcoming activities.

We're proud to deliver a plan that provides positive outcomes for our neighbours in Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit and are committed to keeping stakeholders and members of the public informed along the way. Quarterly reports on progress and results will continue to be posted on GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com until 2025.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

QUARTERLY REPORT
FALL 2022

The Community Benefits Plan is a key component of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. With a commitment to transparent and accountable implementation, the project team is proud to report on Community Benefit Plan activities and accomplishments each quarter. For more information on Community Benefits Plan initiatives visit GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com.

NEIGHBOURHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

DELRAY HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

In December 2022, the project team expanded the catchment area for the Delray Home Improvement Program, a \$4 million (CAD) Community Benefits Plan investment in homes surrounding the Gordie Howe International Bridge US Port of Entry.

In addition to the existing catchment areas, residents in the Carbon Works neighbourhood and south of West Jefferson Avenue can now apply for free home repairs from a pre-approved repair/replacement list, with a per-house cap of \$20,000 (USD). As of January 2023, 65 homes have been repaired or are in the process of receiving repairs.



Expanded catchment area of the Delray Home Improvement Program near the US Port of Entry in Detroit.

Applications for the Delray Home Improvement Program will be accepted until 2024 or until funding is exhausted. Applications are accepted and processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAN UPDATES 2023

The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy is a \$20 million (CAD) direct community investment on both sides of the border. In 2019, approximately \$14.6 million (CAD) was allocated to 29 projects in Windsor and Detroit. With implementation of the Plan at the midway point of its five-year term, the project team accepted several new proposals and undertook community consultation to review the current priorities of the neighbourhoods closest to the project.

As a result, new investment opportunities worth \$2.3 million (CAD) have been identified to bring further benefits to the local communities of Sandwich/West Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit. Eleven new projects are being added to the Plan, along with additional funding to six existing initiatives. Projects will be delivered by identified partners between 2023 and 2024. Remaining Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy funds will be allocated in 2024.

See page 2 for more details on the selected projects.



Project representatives announced an increase in funding for the Community Organization Investment initiative on November 30, 2022.

We wish to acknowledge that the land in Canada where the Gordie Howe International Bridge project is being constructed sits on Anishinaabe Territory. The Anishinaabeg in the Windsor area are known as the Three Fires Confederacy which consists of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations. This land has also served as a place of refuge for the Huron/Wendat people.

SEE THE FULL COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAN AT GORDIEHOWEINTERNATIONALBRIDGE.COM
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Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) Annual Public Meeting

WDBA will hold its Annual Public Meeting (APM) on February 24, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Windsor-Detroit-Bridge-Authority) Live. Send questions in advance to info@wdbridge.com. Materials from the APM including responses to questions asked at the meeting, will be posted on the website following the APM.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING



Friday, February 24, 2023

8:30 a.m.

www.Facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge

Questions will be accepted in advance, during, and following the live Facebook event. To submit your questions in advance, email us no later than February 23, 2023, at info@wdbridge.com.

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