QUARTERLY CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE



Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Bridging North America (BNA) are committed to protecting the environment both on and adjacent to the Gordie Howe International Bridge site. A diverse approach is being implemented to limit any potential adverse effects on the natural environment, cultural resources, and neighbouring residents and businesses. Through daily inspections, several integrated environmental components are regularly assessed to determine the effectiveness of current actions and guide future improvements. On the Canadian and US monitoring and mitigation throughout the life of the Project, in accordance with commitments in the approved Environmental Assessment Report and Federal Screening Report in Canada and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) in the US.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Read the latest quarterly Canadian environmental update below. This information covers activities from April 1 to June 30, 2022.

- The project's environmental management system (EMS) underwent an external audit and was re-certified in ISO14001:2015 EMS.
- LEED design review through Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI) for both the US Port of Entry and Canadian Port of Entry was continued though this reporting period.
- Temporary wildlife exclusion fencing was removed and permanent wildlife exclusion fencing has been installed.
- The falconry program commenced for mitigation against bird nesting. Construction staff were retrained on bird nesting mitigation measures and protocols on site. These measures include methods such as falconry, dog patrols, lasers, noise makers, daily nest sweeps and stockpile management.
- Dust control measures continued, as well as air quality monitoring and vegetation maintenance.
- Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment continues to work through the review process with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI). The Stage 3 report is being compiled and will be submitted following MHSTCI Stage 2 report acceptance. All work was performed in consultation with First Nations communities.
- Preparation for seawall encapsulation work along the Canadian bridge site shoreline started. Preparation included consultations with First Nations communities, as well as implementing a 46-metre/150-foot exclusion zone in the Detroit River along the Canadian bridge site shoreline.
- Work continued on Prospect Avenue drainage reconstruction.