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:

Artist Selected to Create Commemorative Artwork

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project team is pleased to announce the completion of its artist selection process for the Commemorative Art Commission recognizing the Underground Railroad. Jordan Sook, a contemporary mixed media artist, will develop the commission to be installed at the Canadian Port of Entry.

Mr. Sook will create a free-standing sculpture that recognizes the region's role and history with regards to the Underground Railroad that saw thousands of freedom-seekers as they made their way to Canada to escape bondage in the United States. The artwork will symbolize hope and freedom for past, current and future generations. Centrally located, the artwork will be visible to travellers as they enter and exit Canada using the multi-use path. The concept, still under development, will be shared in early 2024 with installation coinciding with the opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. Read more about the artist in this <u>news release</u> and <u>spotlight story</u>.



To allow the community to meet Mr. Sook and share their thoughts on possible themes and symbolism, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) will host two meetings. A special meeting will occur for descendants of freedom-seekers with a broader community meeting to follow. **Registration is required by November 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Meet-the-Artist Community Meeting for Descendants of Freedom-Seekers Mackenzie Hall Windsor, Ontario Monday, November 20, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Meet-the-Artist Community Meeting Mackenzie Hall Windsor, Ontario Tuesday, November 21, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In addition to continued collaboration with the Detroit River Project and the Essex County Black Historical Society, WDBA appreciates the donation of materials and the installation of concrete provided by Amico, a Windsor-based company, to support the commission and the donation of time and services by Karen Mills, Public Art Management.



Canadian Port of Entry Flyover Footage

Check out this new flyover drone footage of the Canadian Port of Entry. Current work includes: construction of all 11 buildings and structures, 24 primary inspection lanes and 16 toll booths. Flyover drone footage of the US Port of Entry coming soon.



Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority Annual Public Meeting

Tune in. Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority will host its Annual Public Meeting (APM) on Friday, November 17, at 8:30 a.m. on <u>Facebook Live</u>. Send questions in advance to

info@wdbridge.com by November 10, 2023. Materials including responses to questions asked at the meeting, will be posted on the website following the APM.

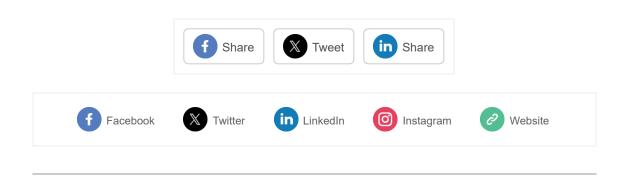


Friday, November 17, 2023 8:30 a.m. Facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge

Questions will be accepted in advance, during, and following the live Facebook event. To submit your questions in advance, email us no later than November 10, 2023, at info@wdbridge.com.

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