

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:

Community Benefits Local Community Group Seeking Six New Members

A key feature of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project is the inclusion of a Community Benefits Plan. The robust plan includes \$20 million in neighbourhood improvements plus more than 80 workforce development initiatives to ensure the Windsor-Detroit region benefits from and engages with the project.

The project is seeking volunteers to serve on its Local Community Group, a 16-member collective that represents the communities of Delray/Southwest Detroit, Sandwich/west Windsor, Windsor-Essex County and the Greater Detroit Area, providing valuable input and linkages into the region to help the project team better understand community and stakeholder perspectives in the delivery of the Community Benefits Plan.

Local Community Group members:

- Participate in quarterly meetings.
- Provide input into the implementation of Community Benefits Plan initiatives.
- Review community funding opportunities for Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy funding.

Applications are being accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, for six open volunteer positions through this group.

Representatives for each of the following areas are being sought:

- The Sandwich/west Windsor community (two positions)
- The Delray/Southwest Detroit community (two positions)

- Windsor-Essex County
- The Greater Detroit Area

Learn more and [apply here](#).



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Accessibility Survey

Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority is responsible for the delivery of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project between Windsor and Detroit. To minimize barriers for people with disabilities, and as required under the *Accessible Canada Act*, we are seeking community feedback on the progress of its Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Feedback will help inform the current implementation of the 2022-2024 Accessibility Plan. Take the [survey](#) until Oct 2, 2023.



WINDSOR-DETROIT BRIDGE AUTHORITY ACCESSIBILITY

Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority is seeking community feedback on service offerings and facilities through an accessibility lens via an online survey. Feedback from the survey will be used to support further development and improvements to WDBA's Accessibility Plan.

The survey will close on October 2, 2023



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Lightweight And Strong: The Role Of EPS Blocks On The Gordie Howe International Bridge Project

Approximately 34,500 Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) blocks are being used across the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. While they will not be visible once work is complete, these geofoam blocks act as a soil replacement to avoid ground settlements that can cause issues for the structures above. Learn more in this [spotlight story](#).



WDBA's Inaugural ESG Plan

WDBA is proud to share its inaugural Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Plan, a testament to the team's commitment to sustainability and corporate responsibility. Since the start of operations, the organization has driven efforts that align with WDBA's four anchors of ESG, including commitments to steward a healthy environment, enhance the local community, create a thriving corporate culture and ensure responsible corporate conduct. WDBA's ESG Plan consolidates these activities into a clear roadmap for the organization to actively support the creation of a thriving and sustainable future for employees, bridge users and the communities where we operate throughout the project's life cycle.

[Read the 2023-2024 ESG Plan](#) and learn more about the sustainable design features incorporated into the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

The team recognizes the importance of accountability and transparency on ESG commitments and will issue quarterly progress reports on these activities.

Two new reports that relate to ESG activities were recently published, including WDBA's 2022 Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Report and the [2022-2023 Community Benefits Year-in-Review Report](#).

Inaugural TCFD Report

The project team is committed to building sustainable infrastructure that will benefit generations to come and taking steps towards mitigating climate change. WDBA's inaugural TCFD Report provides an overview of operational practices and performance on

climate-related risks and opportunities for the 2022 calendar year. WDBA will continue to issue TCFD disclosures on an annual basis. [Read the report](#) to learn more.



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