

Gordie Howe International Bridge

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The Gordie Howe International Bridge project between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan will help move goods and people more efficiently at this important trade gateway. Managed by Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) and working in collaboration with the State of Michigan, the project is being delivered through a public-private partnership (P3) which will see a private-sector partner design, build, finance, operate and maintain the bridge.

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NEW LEADERSHIP

At the end of June, WDBA welcomed the Government of Canada's appointment of Bryce Phillips, a Windsor native, as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Phillips was selected following an open, transparent, and merit-based process. Mr. Phillips joins WDBA at an exciting time in the project and brings extensive experience in leadership and complex infrastructure projects to WDBA.



Connect with him on Twitter

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BRIDGING NORTH AMERICA SELECTED TO DELIVER PROJECT

July 5, 2018, was an exciting day for the project. Surrounded by Canadian and US partners, businesses and community stakeholders, WDBA announced the selection of Bridging North America as the Preferred Proponent to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

Bridging North America was selected following a rigorous evaluation of the proposals. Bridging North America has significant experience carrying out major infrastructure projects such as the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway in Windsor, Ontario; New Champlain Bridge Corridor in Montreal, Quebec; Autoroute 30 in Montreal, Quebec; Eglinton Crosstown LRT in Toronto, Ontario; Réseau Express Métropolitain (REM) in Montreal, Quebec; Automated People Mover at LAX Airport, California; Harbour Bridge and Tappan Zee Bridge in New York and San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge.



During the event, officials had the following to say....

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The momentum continues with the selection of Bridging North America as our Preferred Proponent. Over 60 subject-matter experts undertook a rigorous evaluation process, putting in countless hours, to reach today's decision. WDBA looks forward to the completion of the procurement process and to the start of construction later this year.

- André Juneau, Interim CEO, WDBA

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This is an exciting time for WDBA and for communities on both sides of the border. The selection of Bridging North America as the Preferred Proponent is another step forward towards the start of construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge – the largest infrastructure project along the Canada-US border and one which will stimulate the economies.

- Dwight Duncan, Chair, WDBA Board

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PREPPING THE SITE

\$350 million has been invested preparing the project footprints on both sides of the border for Bridging North America to begin major construction. Take a look at the progress:



Canadian site: Construction of a Perimeter Access Road, stormwater management systems and placement of advanced fill has occurred. Extensive utility relocation is ongoing.



US site: Over 90% of property is under MDOT's control, 255 buildings have been demolished, tree removal has occurred and utility relocation is ongoing.

WHAT'S NEXT

Advance Construction Work

To take advantage of the summer 2018 construction season, an advance construction agreement for work will be signed between Bridging North America and WDBA. It is anticipated that Bridging North America will begin advance construction work in Detroit in July. Additional details will be released shortly.

Financial Close

Between now and September, partnership details will be negotiated as part of the contract with Bridging North America. The Project Agreement between WDBA and Bridging North America will be executed by the end of September 2018. Major construction will begin shortly after.

Over the coming months, Bridging North America also aims to:

- establish project offices in Windsor and Detroit
- invite companies to submit proposals to provide supplies and equipment
- begin recruitment efforts to fill a variety of project-related roles.

SHOW US YOUR BRIDGE

To celebrate the upcoming construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge, WDBA hosted a youth "Show Us Your Bridge" Art Challenge over the month of May.

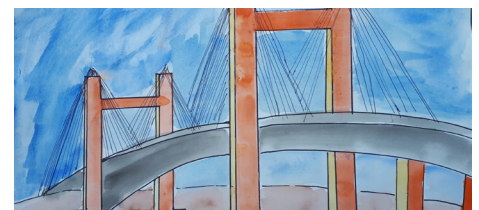
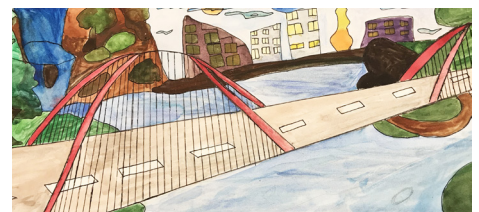
Youth aged 6 to 18 in the Windsor-Detroit region were asked to share their vision of what the Gordie Howe International Bridge could look like.

WDBA received over 110 entries depicting a number of imaginative designs. From cable-stayed, suspension, arch bridges and distinct hybrid designs, the creativity was endless.

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners: Stevan H. of Windsor, Joanne Z. of Windsor, Dario D. of Detroit and Phoebe F. of Grosse Pointe. All participants received commemorative pins and certificates of participation in the mail.

"Show Us Your Bridge" artwork was the perfect display at the Preferred Proponent announcement on July 5, 2018.

View the full gallery at [Facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge](https://www.facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge).



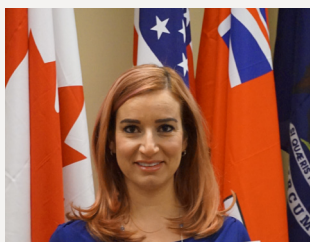
BRIDGE DESIGN

The Gordie Howe International Bridge will span the Detroit River as a cable-stayed bridge design. The six-lane, 2.5 kilometres/1.5 miles bridge will be characterized by having an “A” shape. With the longest main span of any cable-stayed bridge in North America at 853 metres and towers rivalling the height of the GM Renaissance Centre, this bridge will be a landmark structure for this region and across North America.



This conceptual image was part of Bridging North America's proposal.

PEOPLE PROFILE



It takes a large and diverse team to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. WDBA employees are responsible for activities on both sides of the border. Lori Chadwick, WDBA's US Properties Manager brings a wealth of experience through her work with the City of Detroit Planning & Development Department, the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway and Continental Rail Gateway.

Q. What type of work are you doing on the project?

I manage international tasks related to the acquisition of US properties for WDBA. Working in partnership with MDOT, Infrastructure Canada and WDBA's Executive Team, I help ensure property acquisition efforts are well-coordinated and reported.

Q. What is the most rewarding part of working on the project?

I am building and maintaining relationships with our American partners and Canadian stakeholders while delivering an international infrastructure project and community improvements. The most rewarding part is that I am helping build stronger, resilient communities on both sides of our border.

Q. What do you wish other people knew about the project?

The project has been under construction for over three years with preparatory activities occurring on both sides of the border, including property acquisition, demolition, environmental investigations, utility relocations and underground infrastructure improvements.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

You are invited to attend Public Information Meetings on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, in Windsor, Ontario and Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Detroit, Michigan to learn more about the project and current activities underway.

Public Information Meeting - Windsor
Wednesday, July 25, 2018
Mackenzie Hall
3277 Sandwich Street, Windsor, ON
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Public Information Meeting - Detroit
Thursday, July 26, 2018
Historic Fort Wayne
6325 W. Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings are open-house format with presentations at 3:30 and 5:45 p.m.

Questions? Contact WDBA at 1-844-322-1773 or email info@wdbridge.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Canadian Port of Entry Walkabout



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Construction Science Expo, Detroit



Detroit River Canadian Cleanup Tour



Birmingham Senior Men's Club Presentation



University of Windsor, Master of Management Tour

JULY 16 IS WORLD SNAKE DAY

WDBA is taking steps to ensure that wildlife and several species at risk (SAR), plants or animals in danger of extinction, are protected while construction is taking place.

Visit WDBA's Kid Construction Zone, Sssssnakes page, at www.wdbridge.com to learn more.

Connect the dots:

Finish drawing Marcus the Butler's Gartnersnake.



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Gordie Howe International Bridge

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