

Check out the Canadian Port of Entry this weekend

Looking for something to do this weekend? Take advantage of a unique opportunity to tour the Canadian Port of Entry of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

Join representatives from WDBA to walk the construction site and learn about the activities to date and next steps. This family friendly event is free and includes a kid zone tent filled with fun project-related activities and construction equipment to explore.

Canadian Port of Entry Walkabout

Saturday, June 17, 2017
9:30 a.m – 12:30 p.m.
Walking tours to run every 30 minutes
Corner of Sandwich Street and Chappus Street
(please use Sandwich Street to enter site)

For more information, visit our event page.

Bringing the region together for feedback

On June 8, 2017, WDBA hosted a meeting for its focus groups from both sides of the border. Approximately 60 representatives from Windsor and Detroit businesses, environmental groups, community organizations and citizens gathered at Mackenzie Hall in Windsor to discuss their visions for the region five years after the opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge. The meeting concluded with a tour of the Canadian Port of Entry to view the work to date.

Share your thoughts: send your vision for the region five years after the Gordie Howe International Bridge opens to info@wdbridge.com.

Protecting species-at-risk

WDBA is committed to managing the Gordie Howe International Bridge project in an environmentally-responsible manner. On the Canadian side, this means special attention for species at risk (SAR) that are known to the area of the Port of Entry. As a requirement of the *Bridge to Strengthen Trade Act*, WDBA submits an annual report on its SAR management plan to the Government of Canada. In 2016-2017, no SAR species were found on the project footprint although more than 40 other snakes were found onsite and relocated to a safe habitat, including several Dekay's Brownsnakes, Eastern Gartersnakes and a Northern Watersnake.

Numerous SAR plants were found and removed, including more than 2,000 Willowleaf Aster rhizomes, nearly 500 Dense Blazing Star corm clusters, 10 Kentucky Coffee Trees and more than 2,000 seeds from native prairie plants such as Tall Boneset, Grey-headed Coneflower and Winged Loosestrife. These plants and seeds will be relocated in similar habitat in Windsor-Essex County.

WDBA continues to provide SAR training to all workers onsite, with more than 500 people being trained to date.

Thank you,

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