



Happy New Year! Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) and Bridging North America look forward to another exciting year delivering the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. We are off to a busy start.

Have Your Say on Community Benefits

The Community Benefits Plan to be delivered as part of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project reflects the regional priorities heard to date, and is comprised of two components:

- **The Workforce Development and Participation Strategy** is geared toward engaging businesses and focuses on supporting workforce, training and pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship opportunities.
- **The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy** focuses on collaborating with stakeholders and community members through consultation to develop a community infrastructure strategy based on identified priorities

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Strategy is a \$20 million community infrastructure investment focused on priorities identified through community benefit consultation undertaken from 2015-2017. \$10 million will be invested on each side of the border.

Bridging North America has prepared a list of potential community benefits for consultation prior to the finalization of the Community Benefits Plan to ensure the Neighborhood Infrastructure Strategy reflects the uniqueness of the host communities and meets the request for community feedback on the final selection of initiatives.

Rank and prioritize the community benefits initiatives you support before February 8, 2019, through the following survey links.

[Canadian Community Benefits Survey](#)

[US Community Benefits Survey](#)

Further consultation with workforce development agencies, unions and educational institutions will also be undertaken to finalize the proposed Workforce Development and Participation Strategy.

Learn more about the Gordie Howe International Bridge project approach to community benefits, proposed initiatives and governance structure here, <https://tinyurl.com/y8qmkxt6>.

Transport Deal of the Year

WDBA is pleased that the Gordie Howe International Bridge project has been named the 2018 Transport Deal of the Year for the Americas as part of the Project Finance International (PFI) Awards. The PFI Yearbook looks at top international project finance events for the year in the P3 industry and recognized the project as a standout transaction.

Ojibway Parkway Closures

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is well underway with bridge overpass construction over Ojibway Parkway to connect the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway to the Gordie Howe International Bridge Canadian Port of Entry.

It is anticipated that MTO will undertake eight overnight road closures of Ojibway Parkway from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m over the months of January and February to complete girder installation on the bridge structure. The first overnight closures are scheduled to occur on January 14 and 15, 2019.

Ojibway Parkway will be closed from just north of its intersection with Broadway Blvd, to just south of its intersection with EC Row. Surrounding local roadways such as Sprucewood Ave, Matchette Rd, Broadway Blvd, Sandwich St, Prince Rd and EC Row will remain open. Hwy 401 eastbound will remain accessible from northbound Ojibway Parkway and from Broadway Blvd. All dates are weather dependent and subject to change.

Questions related to this work should be directed to MTO at 519-873-4793.

Current Opportunities

WDBA and Bridging North America are recruiting for a number of positions to assist in delivering the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. Check out [current opportunities](#).

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