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INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Good morning,

We have a few things we wanted to let you know about.

**Community Organization Investment Recipients Announced**

Today, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority and Bridging North America announced nine recipients of the \$100,000 (CDN) Community Organization Investment initiative that is part of the project Community Benefits Plan. Six Windsor and three Detroit initiatives received funding totalling \$50,000 (CDN) on each side of the border. They include:

- o **Sandwich Underground Railroad Freedom Museum**
  - o Organization: Sandwich First Baptist Church
- o **Helping Hands Friendship Centre**
  - o Organization: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Windsor Essex Central Council
- o **Spreading Our Roots**
  - o Organization: Friends of the Court
- o **Big Neighbourhood – Sandwich**
  - o Organization: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windsor Essex
- o **Binational Detroit River Cleanup**
  - o Organization: Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA)
- o **Grand Opening Event: Duff-Bâby Mansion**
  - o Organization: Les Amis Duff-Bâby
- o **The Bid Is Open for Business!**
  - o Organization: West Vernor & Springwells Business Improvement District (BID)
- o **Southwest Expanded Seniors Services**
  - o Organization: Bridging Communities, Inc.
- o **Food Pantry Equipment & Replacement Expansion Program**
  - o Organization: Ste. Anne de Detroit Catholic Church (Food Pantry)

Through the Community Organization Investment initiative, \$100,000 in funding will be available each year from 2020-2024. The call for applications is expected to open in late fall of each year and funding will be released to successful applicants the following July.

This initiative is one of over 25 that is being delivered as part of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy of the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan. This strategy, along with the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy, work to provide lasting and meaningful opportunities and outcomes for the communities of Sandwich and Delray.

For additional information, including all materials from today's announcement, please [click here](#).

**Save The Date: Quarterly Community Meeting - June 25, 2020**

**ONLINE COMMUNITY MEETING**  
Join us online to hear the latest updates on design and construction, upcoming road closures and the implementation of the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan.

**Thursday, June 25, 2020**  
**1:30pm - 2:30pm**  
[www.facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge](http://www.facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge)

Live Q&A Session following the presentation

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