



# BACKGROUND

## Supportive Statements

For the Gordie Howe International Bridge project, community benefits are identified opportunities that can advance economic, social or environmental conditions for the local communities. In developing the Community Benefits Plan, it was key that the initiatives selected for implementation would provide positive outcomes for the Windsor-Detroit regions.

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project team is excited to announce the first release of funding to four Community Benefits Plan initiatives totaling more than \$475,000 CDN. The funding will support two initiatives in Canada and two in the United States in the areas of aesthetics and landscaping, economic benefits and community partnerships.

### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"The Gordie Howe International Bridge is already creating good jobs in Windsor and strengthening the local economy. These four community benefits initiatives are important to creating a strong, sustainable community and responding to the real needs of the residents, businesses and – in this case – wildlife. It's exciting to know that these are just the first of many initiatives to come between now and 2025."

- *The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

"This unprecedented Community Benefits Plan continues to pay dividends in Delray and will for a long time to come as the Gordie Howe International Bridge takes shape. I offer my sincere thanks to the Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition for tireless advocacy on behalf of the residents and environmental justice."

- *Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer*