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Good afternoon,

Here are a few things we wanted you to know about:

2024 Year-In-Review

2024 was marked by monumental construction progress, stronger community connections, breathtaking displays of public art and a celebration of awards and staff on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. Read about the year's highlights in our [spotlight story](#) and enjoy our Top 9 and time-lapse video below.

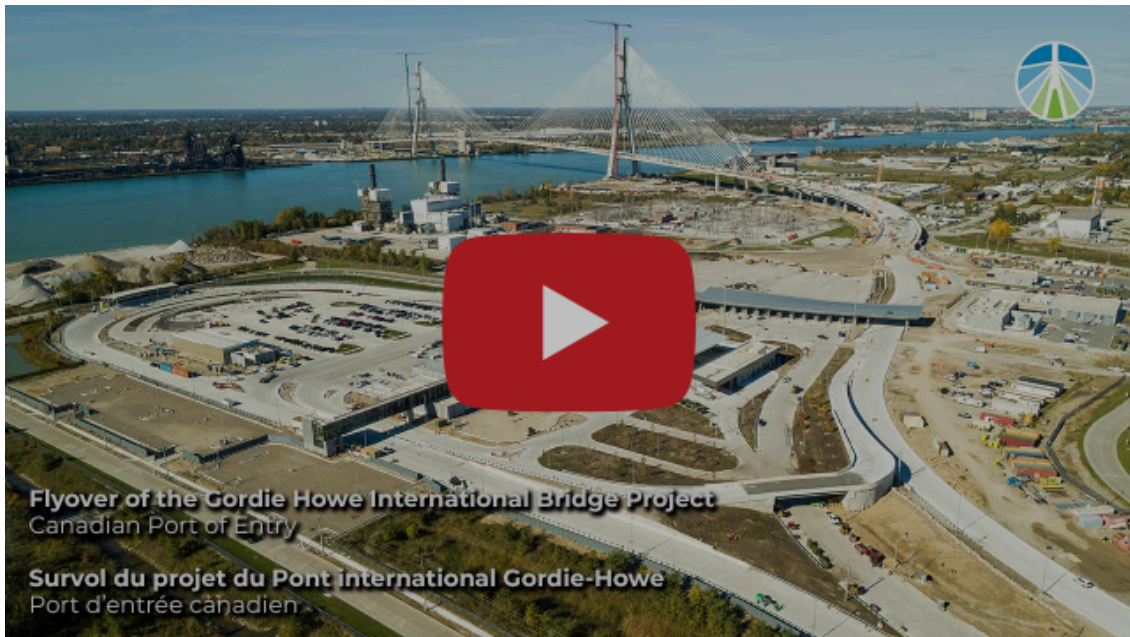




New Photo Gallery and Drone Footage

We shared a new photo gallery featuring the Canadian Port of Entry in our last e-blast. Now check out this exclusive drone flyover footage that gives you a bird's-eye view of what it will be like to drive through one of the largest ports on the Canada-US border.

Michigan Interchange work connecting I-75 to the US Port of Entry is a large project component. We released a new [photo gallery](#) featuring Michigan Interchange progress. Check out the connecting ramps and new pedestrian bridges over I-75 in the flyover footage below.





2025 Community Organization Investment – Applications Open

Applications are open for the 2025 Community Organization Investment initiative as part of the [Community Benefits Plan](#).

In the initiative's sixth and final year of delivery, the 2025 Community Organization Investment initiative will provide funding of \$300,000 (CDN) in Canada and the US to community organizations serving Sandwich/west Windsor or Delray/Southwest Detroit residents. Eligible organizations can submit funding applications for proposed initiatives ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 (CDN) for events, programming and infrastructure improvements that will benefit the Sandwich/west Windsor or Delray/Southwest Detroit neighbourhoods.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Applications will undergo a thorough review process and will only be considered for funding if eligibility requirements are met. [Learn more and apply now.](#)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION INVESTMENT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Applications are open for the **2025 Community Organization Investment** as part of the Community Benefits Plan to support eligible organizations located in or servicing west Windsor/Sandwich or southwest Detroit/Delray.

Applications will be accepted until January 29, 2025

Apply for up to \$50,000 (CDN) at GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com

Community Benefits Summer 2024 Report

The Gordie Howe International Bridge team and our community partners are actively implementing many of the workforce development and neighbourhood infrastructure initiatives identified in the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan.

The Summer 2024 Quarterly Community Benefits Report is now available, you can [read the report here](#). This report includes:

- an overview of Workforce Development and Participation Strategy engagements and Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy activities that took place over the spring and summer of 2024
- workforce and business development progress achieved between September 2018 and June 2024
- community events, programming and infrastructure improvements that have been delivered in Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit.

We're proud to deliver a plan that provides positive outcomes for our neighbours in the communities closest to the project and are committed to keeping stakeholders and members of the public informed along the way. Quarterly reports on progress and results will continue to be posted on GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com into 2026.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

QUARTERLY REPORT
SUMMER 2024



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The Community Benefits Plan is a key component of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. With a commitment to transparent and accountable implementation, the project team is proud to report on Community Benefit Plan activities and accomplishments each quarter. For more information on Community Benefits Plan initiatives visit [GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com](https://www.GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com).

NEIGHBOURHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

With the support of Community Benefits Plan funding, non-profit and charitable organizations in west Windsor and Southwest Detroit are delivering important programming and community infrastructure improvements, resulting in positive benefits for local community members. A summary of some of the outcomes from funded projects are listed in the following pages.

AmeriCorps Urban Safety Programming Wayne State University

AmeriCorps youth members completed five Safe Routes to Schools assessments in Southwest Detroit. After observing students walking to school, members established safe routes which they marked by installing signs and painting footprints on the sidewalks. Ongoing safety intervention programming, several property board-ups and a community event also took place over the summer months.



Students from the AmeriCorps Urban Safety Program install a Safe Route to School sign in Southwest Detroit.

Indigenous Youth Programming Turtle Island Aboriginal Education Centre University of Windsor

Over 2,500 students and community members attended the second annual Alumni and Student Pow Wow in May 2024, held in partnership with St. Clair College. Funding also supported Indigenous secondary and post-secondary students through camp programming during the summer.

ProsperUS Program United Way/Centralde Windsor-Essex County

Ignite Academy staff continued to deliver wrap-around supports and afterschool programming for 30 young people and their families at General Brock Public School in Sandwich. In addition to programming, the team provided over 500 community referrals and language interpretations to address unique needs and enhance communication for students and their families.



Ignite Academy students and staff during after school programming.

We acknowledge that the Sandwich community and land in Canada where the Gordie Howe International Bridge is being constructed sits on Anishinaabe Territory. The Anishinaabeg in the Windsor area are known as the Three Fires Confederacy which consists of the Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi Nations. This land has also served as a place of refuge for the Huron/Wendat people.

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Environmental Manager Honours Family Through Work on the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project

Although the Gordie Howe International Bridge isn't open yet, it's already made an impact on lives in the Windsor-Detroit region. As Environmental Manager for WDBA, Lindsay Bennett ensures the construction of the bridge, the Ports of Entry and the Michigan Interchange don't have a harmful impact on the environment. She says this project holds a deep personal significance -- a tribute to the memory of her husband's late uncle, Dave Cakebread, whose passion for the bridge project continues to inspire her. Read more [here](#).



History On The Michigan Interchange

Weaving history and culture into aesthetic designs is a theme across the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. The new ramps connecting I-75 to the US Port of Entry pay tribute to Detroit's history with aesthetic features representing Fort Wayne, a nod to the nearby landmark. Read more [here](#).



Post-secondary Co-op Students Complete Fall 2024 Term

Excitement is building as the Gordie Howe International Bridge project draws closer to construction completion and opening day. This fall, a new cohort of co-op students had the opportunity to be part of history in the making on this once-in-generation project. Read about their experience in this [spotlight story](#).



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