

Gordie Howe International Bridge

MOMENTUM

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The Gordie Howe International Bridge project between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan will help move goods and people more efficiently at this important trade gateway. Managed by Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) and working in collaboration with the State of Michigan, the project is being delivered through a public-private partnership (P3) which will see Bridging North America design, build, finance, operate and maintain the bridge.

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TOLL-FREE NUMBER—FREE FOR CANADIAN AND US CALLERS



Have a question about the Gordie Howe International Bridge project?

Call us toll-free at
1-844-322-1773

Our team is here to listen and help provide callers the information they are looking for. The line is answered Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We are committed to responding to all public inquiries within three business days.

NEW COMMUNITY OFFICES

We are proud to be part of the local communities of Sandwich and Southwest Detroit and have heard from community members on both sides of the border that it was important for them to have a local office where they can meet with the project team, ask questions, view plans and gather project-related information.

We have listened and are pleased to announce that we have now opened our community office in Southwest Detroit and will soon open our community office in Sandwich.



Implementing these resources for the community and the project team to interact is an important step in having an active presence within the host communities of Delray and Sandwich. Our hope is that these tools will continue to strengthen and facilitate the relationships we have built and be a clear demonstration of our commitment to keeping the public informed about North America's largest infrastructure project along the Canada/US border – the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

- Bryce Phillips, CEO, WDBA

The Southwest Detroit location will be staffed by our Community Engagement Coordinator, Demetrius Anderson. Meet Demetrius and learn more about his role by visiting our project website - GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com - gallery page and click on the video tab.

The Southwest Detroit Community Office is located at 7744 West Vernor Highway. Hours of operation are as follows:

Tuesday – 10 am – 2 pm
Wednesday – 3 pm – 7 pm
Thursday – 10 am – 2 pm
Saturday – 10 am – 2 pm

The Sandwich Community Office is located in the historic former Sandwich post office at 3201 Sandwich Street. Finishing touches are being made to our office space and we are looking forward to opening our doors in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information regarding the official opening date and office hours.

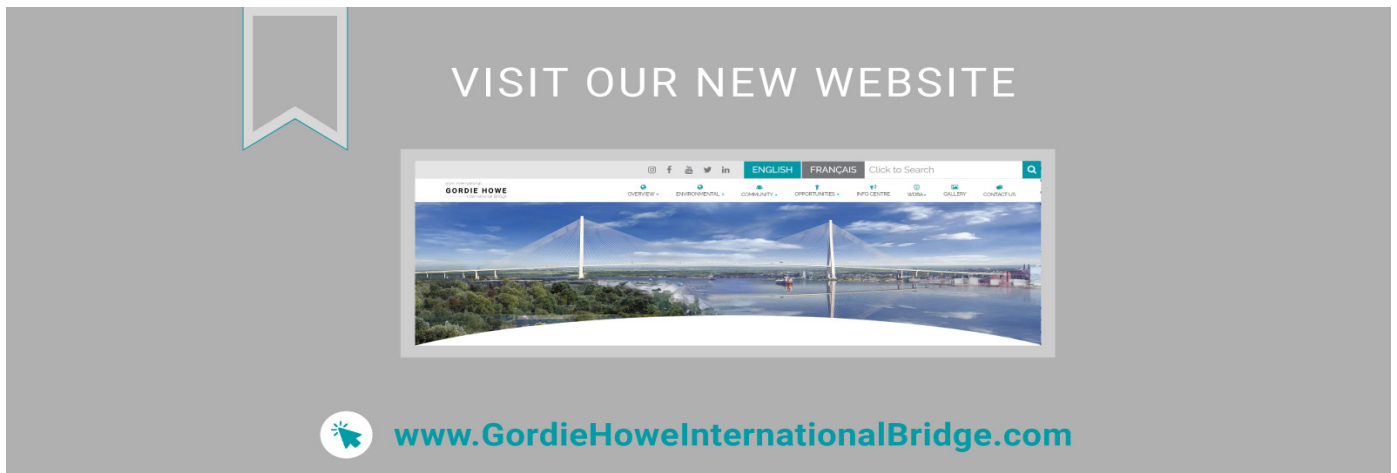
NEW WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

We are excited to launch our new project website www.GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com.

The new website features the latest news, updates on construction activity, road closure and detour notices, event information as well as a gallery with images and videos.

There is a dedicated Community section where you can find the latest information on community benefits and upcoming meetings and events. Also, where and how you can contact us with your questions is easy to find.

WDBA and Bridging North America are committed to providing the community with accessible and up-to-date project information, with select information available in English, French and Spanish.



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com

Be sure to bookmark our new website and visit often to stay up-to-date on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

SAFETY FIRST

Safety is a top priority when it comes to the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. This not only includes those on the job but the surrounding communities as well. Bridging North America kicked off the new year with its first All Hands Safety Meeting.

“Safety is not just the responsibility of our safety team. We all must take responsibility for working safely,” said Jose Maria Morejon, Project Director, Bridging North America.



Members of the public are reminded that construction is underway and Gordie Howe International Bridge project construction sites are closed to the public. This is not only for your safety but the safety of our workers.

TIPS FOR DRIVING IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES



Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed and people and vehicles may be working on or near the road.



Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, construction equipment and construction workers. Just like you, construction workers want to return home safely after each day's work.



Contractors use many different ways to inform motorists about the location and duration of major work zones. Plan ahead. Stay alert and stay safe so you get home safely.

PEOPLE PROFILE

It takes a large and diverse team to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. Meet Hunter Kersey, a member of the security team with Bridging North America. He is a Canadian military veteran with service in Canada's combat role in Afghanistan and worked with the Election Observation Mission in the Middle East. A Windsor native, he has strong local roots. He was raised in Sandwich, attended John L. Forster High School, and is a graduate of St. Clair College and the University of Windsor.

Q. What is your role?

I am currently working with a team of dedicated security professionals who are building an internationally integrated operation designed to protect the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

Q. What do you think will be the most rewarding part of your job?

By far the most rewarding part of working on this project is having the ability to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity taking place in our own backyard. Having grown up in the area close to where the bridge and its footprint will be allows me to offer a local perspective on the community, its rich history and culture. It is an honour to be able to use my military training and international experience here at home in an environment of compliance and national security.

Q. What do you wish other people knew about the project?

I wish people knew how much work goes into a project of this size. In order to do this project right, Bridging North America has people working around the clock to produce plans and designs that are safe, secure, and in compliance with the required legislation on both sides of the border. By doing so, the Bridging North America team is creating a system of safety that protects the workers on site as well as the community's interest. The team here has taken the community's concerns into account and is doing everything it can to include the neighbourhood on both sides of the border in its plans.



Bridging North America's Hunter Kersey

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & PARTICIPATION STRATEGY

Did you know that as part of Community Benefits there is a Workforce Development and Participation Strategy?

It is geared toward engaging businesses and providing employment opportunities. The strategy to be finalized and implemented will centre on workforce, training and pre-apprenticeships/apprenticeships, and includes:

- at least \$250 million of the total value of the work during the design-build phase in Canada will be performed by, contracted to, or supplied by the workers or contractors located in the City of Windsor or within 100 kilometres of the City of Windsor
- engaging and employing Canadian Indigenous Peoples in and around the City of Windsor, Essex County and Walpole Island, Ontario and contracting their businesses
- engaging, employing and contracting Detroit residents and Detroit-based and Detroit-headquartered businesses.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal established for this project is 2.15% of the cost of the construction and engineering work needed to complete the Michigan Interchange and the portion of the Bridge that is located in Michigan.

To effectively deliver the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy, Bridging North America will partner and collaborate with organizations and workforce development agencies with the experience and resources in place to support training and skills development initiatives.



IN THE COMMUNITY



4th Precinct Community Meeting, Southwest Detroit



Build a Dream, Windsor



GECD SB Geography Teachers at Canadian Port of Entry learning about the bridge



Miracle in Sandwich, Windsor

BRIDGING NORTH AMERICA CONTINUES DESIGN AND EARLY WORK CONSTRUCTION

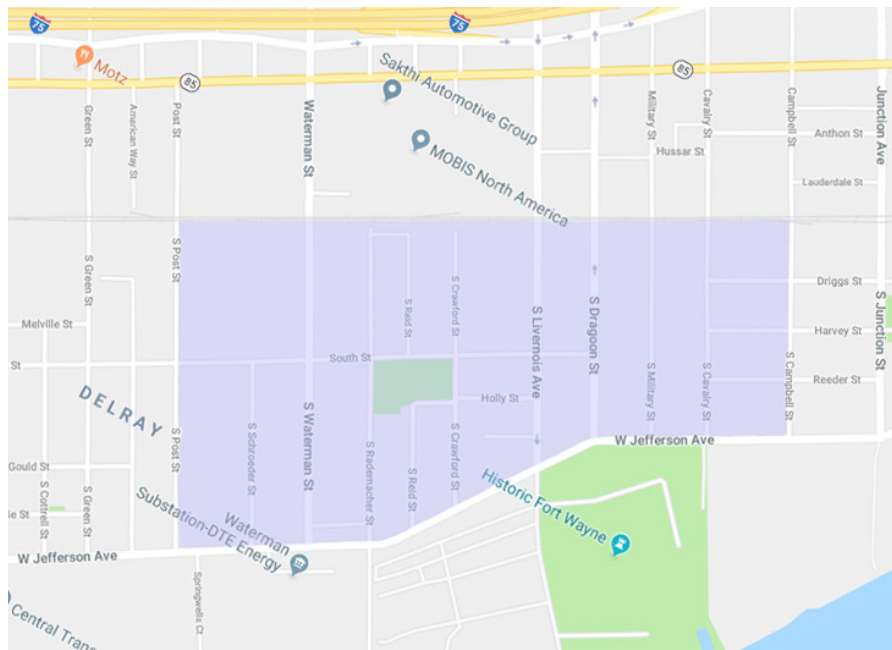
Bridging North America has been busy since this summer advancing designs of the Gordie Howe International Bridge and field crews have gathered hundreds of data points via surveys and geotechnical work to verify conditions along Interstate 75 and at the future location of the POEs. The photo to the right shows our crews along I-75 taking a soil sample as part of the geotechnical work.

Over the next few months, crews will continue to advance designs and survey work which will allow construction to ramp up this spring and summer. The public can expect to see crews starting to perform utility surveys and relocations, site cleaning and preparation of construction entrances and exits along with installing fencing and establishing field offices at the POEs. Early work is underway at the future main span areas on either side of the Detroit River to make way for the bridge foundations. Later this year, crews will install test piles for the bridge foundations so that designs can continue and materials can begin to be fabricated for the project.

In the first part of 2019, motorists travelling near the future site of the US POE should plan a few extra minutes onto their travel as road closures will occur to accommodate Phase 1 work. Closures are set to occur on the cross streets between South Street and Jefferson Avenue and include Schroeder Street, Waterman Street, Rademacher Street, Reid Street, Crawford Street and Livernois Avenue. A signed detour will be in place. The map below shows the closures in more detail.



Field crews undertake geotechnical work



STAY CONNECTED



There are many ways to stay-up-to-date on project works:

- Call our **NEW** dedicated toll-free line: **1-844-322-1773**
- View weekly construction notices at **GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com**
- Join our **electronic mailing list** through the website
- Email **info@wdbridge.com**
- Follow us on **social media**