

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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EXCITING TIMES

A lot has happened since our last publication.

July 17, 2018, marked the start of advance construction at the US project sites, including at the bridge piers, on the lands that will become the US Port of Entry and at the Michigan Interchange.

On September 28, 2018, WDBA announced that it had signed a \$5.7 billion, fixed-priced contract with Bridging North America to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Gordie Howe International Bridge project and that the new bridge will be in service by the end of 2024.

Just one week later, on the morning of October 5, 2018, WDBA and Bridging North America celebrated the official start of construction on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, François-Philippe Champagne; Michigan Governor Rick Snyder; Canadian Ambassador to the United States, David MacNaughton; Eric Isaac, an Elder from Walpole Island First Nation, joined WDBA and Bridging North America staff and many other supporters at the site of the Canadian Port of Entry for the official ceremony.

Later in the day, hundreds of people gathered for a community celebration at Senator David A. Croll Park, in downtown Windsor. Photos of the events are on page four.



HAVE QUESTIONS? GIVE US A CALL.

Do you have a question or want more information about the Gordie Howe International Bridge project?

Call us toll-free from Canada or the US at 1-844-322-1773.

Our team is here to listen and help provide you the information you are looking for.

This number serves as your one window access to everyone involved in delivering the project.



Dignitaries break ground for Michigan Advance Construction



Media briefing on details of Financial Close



Elected officials attend the official start of construction event



Community members participate in a construction start celebration

UPCOMING EVENTS



ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Please join Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) at our upcoming Annual Public Meeting (APM). The purpose of the APM is to share information on our operations and activities for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and to solicit feedback from the public.

Friday, November 23, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

Capitol Theatre

121 University Avenue West

Windsor, Ontario

If you are planning to attend in person, please confirm by calling 1-844-322-1773 or by emailing us at info@wdbridge.com. The meeting will be streamed live on our Facebook page for those unable to attend in person.

WDBA will accept questions both in advance and at the APM. To submit your questions in advance, email us no later than November 20, 2018, at info@wdbridge.com. For those participating via Facebook Live questions will be accepted during the meeting via direct message. Every effort will be made to answer submitted questions at the APM within the allotted time.

9 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT...

THE GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

- 1 Road and infrastructure** improvements will be made to approximately three km of Sandwich Street from Ojibway Parkway to the Rosedale Avenue roundabout.
- 2 A six-foot protected cycle track** will be installed along both sides of Fort Street between Green and Junction Streets.
- 3 The Gordie Howe International Bridge** will be white in colour.
- 4 The multi-use path** will be located on the east side of the bridge.
- 5 "Green" roofs** will be installed on some buildings located within the ports of entry.
- 6 The Canadian Port of Entry** will include native plantings, in particular, the Black Oak savannah and tallgrass prairie landscapes which are unique to the area.
- 7 High-powered LED lighting** will illuminate the bridge to achieve a striking and visually pleasing effect at night.
- 8 The bridge towers will have a striking visual appearance** with two legs which will rise from the ground and extend upwards, inclining towards each other, until they meet far above the bridge deck.
- 9 The Gordie Howe International Bridge** is being designed with a 125-year lifespan.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

WDBA and Bridging North America are pleased to have a Community Benefits Plan as one of the key features of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. The Community Benefits Plan will have a positive impact on communities in Windsor and Detroit and reflects what our stakeholders have told us is important to them. Highlights of the plan are included in the insert to this newsletter. To learn more about community benefits and to read the full report, please visit wdbridge.com.

PEOPLE PROFILE

Having reached Financial Close, our private-sector partner has begun setting up its operations in Windsor-Detroit.

Meet Aaron Epstein – Bridging North America’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who will lead the Bridging North America team as they design and build the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.



Bridging North America’s CEO, Aaron Epstein

Q. What other infrastructure projects have you been involved with?

I have over 24 years of experience in project execution, operations, finance and accounting for some of the industry’s largest megaprojects both in north America and elsewhere. Most recently, I served as the Chief Financial Officer of the USD \$5.6 billion Maryland P3 Purple Line Transit project which is located just outside of Washington D.C. Prior to that I was the CEO and Executive Director of the Eagle P3 Transit Project in Denver, Colorado.

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

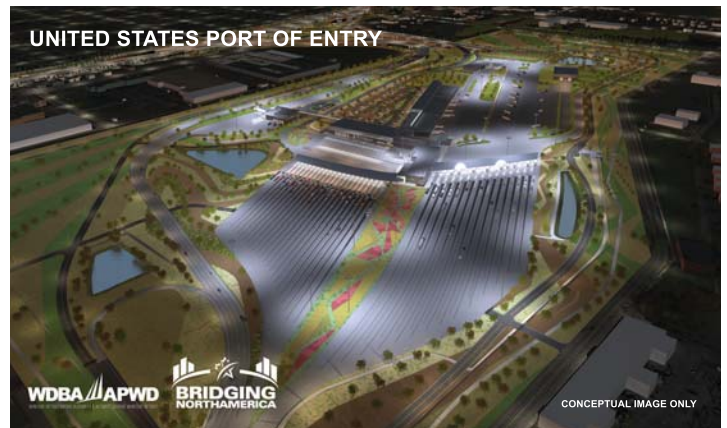
I believe my day-to-day job will be focused on building lasting relationships with all stakeholders involved in the project. This project is a once-in-a generation undertaking and one that will leave a lasting legacy, not only on the region, but for our industry as a whole. I’m excited to be part a project that will forever change the landscape of Detroit and Windsor and empower progress for decades to come.

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

I wish people knew how incredibly complex this state-of-art project is going to be. There are four main components, the two ports of entry, the bridge and the Interstate 75 interchange improvements, are each very complex designs and builds. But that only scratches the surface. For example, we have to design and build to meet the infrastructure standards in both Canada and the United States and to deliver an iconic project for the entire region. This will be no small task but I’m confident in the partnership and our ability to deliver this world-class project.



NEW RENDERINGS



View the full gallery at wdbridge.com/en/financial-close.

CONSTRUCTION START CELEBRATION



View the full gallery at [Facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge](https://www.facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge).

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- Call our **NEW** dedicated toll-free line: **1-844-322-1773**
- View weekly construction notices at wdbridge.com
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- Email info@wdbridge.com
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