

The *Windsor-Detroit Cross-River Tour* initiative celebrates the unique culture, history and diversity of the Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit communities through 16 interpretive signs placed along pedestrian and cycling paths on the lands surrounding the Canadian and US Ports of Entry.

Visitors are encouraged to immerse themselves in the cultural experience curated in the following themed signs:

Canada:

- The River Keepers – A History of Indigenous Stewardship of the Detroit River
- Coureurs des Bois/Runners of the Woods – Legendary Figures of the North American Fur Trade
- Seeking Sanctuary – A History of Slavery and Freedom in Sandwich
- The War of 1812 – The Defence of Sandwich
- Prohibition Paradise – Rum-Running Over the Windsor-Detroit Border
- A Haven for Migratory Birds – Overwintering on the Detroit River
- From Polluted Past to Protected Future – Preserving the Detroit River's Diverse Ecosystems
- Gordie Howe #9 – A Tribute to Mr. Hockey



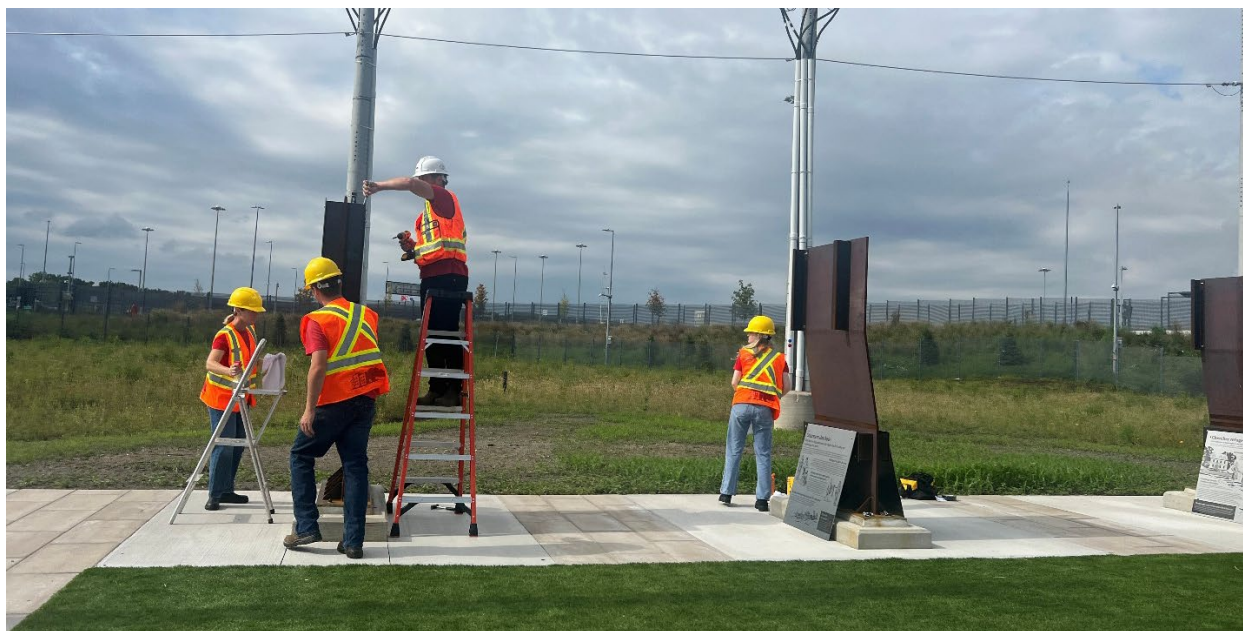
US:

- Adapting Through Time – The Indigenous Peoples of the Detroit River Region
- The Earliest European Settlers – The Francophone Community of the Detroit River Area
- The Battle of Detroit – Indigenous Alliances and Securing Access to the North
- Risking Everything for the Freedom of All – The Legacy of George DeBaptiste
- The True Meaning of Liberty – Senator Jacob M. Howard's Legacy
- The Power of Peaceful Disruption – Ternstedt Auto Workers and a Unique Form of Protest
- Standing Up Against Discrimination – The Story of Sarah Elizabeth Ray
- Motor City Music – Get with the Rhythm...

This initiative is part of the \$23 million (CDN) investment in the Windsor-Detroit region realized through the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan.

Sign content was developed through extensive consultation including the formation of a dedicated Community Stories Committee comprised of local community members, subject-matter experts, historical and cultural associations and key stakeholders in the region. The project team also partnered with the University of Windsor and the University of Michigan to engage students to develop stories for possible inclusion in the signage and consulted with Caldwell First Nation, Walpole Island First Nation and the Repatriation, Archives and Records Department for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Canadian companies, Fenwood Creative from Edmonton, Alberta, and Landscape Effects, from Lakeshore, Ontario, designed, fabricated and installed the signs. The 7-foot tall Corten steel signs each feature bilingual floating stainless steel engraved panels, eight French/English signs in Canada and eight Spanish/English in the US.



For more information about the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan and the *Windsor-Detroit Cross-River Tour* visit GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com.