

New information from Gordie Howe International Bridge project team

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Good afternoon,

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

### **Community Benefits Plan Progress**

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

The Winter/Spring 2022 Quarterly Community Benefits Report is now publicly available and you can [read the report here](#). This report includes:

- an overview of the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy engagements and Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy activities that took place over the winter and spring of 2022
- workforce and business development progress achieved between September 2018 and March 2022
- a summary of the organizations and projects that received 2022 Community Organization Investment funding
- upcoming initiatives.

We're proud to deliver a plan that provides positive outcomes for our neighbours in Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit 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](http://GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com) until 2025.

# COMMUNITY BENEFITS

QUARTERLY REPORT  
WINTER/SPRING 2022



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).

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION STRATEGY

### PROMOTING SKILLED TRADES

The Workforce Development and Participation Strategy supports training and pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship opportunities for local youth, which includes promoting skilled trades and educating students about pathways into careers in construction. To support this goal, the project team has participated in multiple presentations and events over the past months.



*Students operate construction equipment at the Michigan Construction Career Days event in May 2022.*

## 2022 Community Organization Investment Recipients Announced

Last week, the Gordie Howe International Bridge project team announced nine recipients of the \$100,000 (CDN) 2022 Community Organization Investment initiative that is part of the project Community Benefits Plan. Five Windsor and four Detroit initiatives received funding:

- Look Again! Outside:
  - Organization: Art Windsor-Essex
- Caring Hearts Food Bank
  - Organization: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Windsor Essex Central Council
- Green Space Reclamation/Jesuit Pear Grove Conservation
  - Organization: Les Amis Duff-Bâby
- Outdoor Basketball Hoops
  - Organization: Sandwich Teen Action Group
- BBBS Big Sandwich Afterschool Program
  - Organization: Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex
- Creative Placemaking in Southwest Detroit
  - Organization: Urban Neighborhood Initiatives
- Fort Street Bridge Park Multi-Purpose Trailhead Phase II
  - Organization: Friends of the Rouge
- Fiesta Detroit Cinco De Mayo Festival:
  - Organization: We are Culture Creators
- Livernois 2 Clark Neighborhood Association:
  - Livernois 2 Clark Neighbor Connections

Through the Community Organization Investment initiative, \$100,000 (CDN) in funding will be available each year from 2020-2024. The call for applications is expected to open in late fall of each year and funding will be released to successful applicants the following

July.

This initiative is one of over 25 that is being delivered as part of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy of the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan. This strategy, along with the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy, work to provide lasting and meaningful opportunities and outcomes for the communities of Sandwich and Delray. For additional information, please click [here](#).



### **Quarterly Community Newsletter**

Our latest Community Newsletter is now available on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project website. Read about the back and side spans at the POEs, US traffic and I-75 connecting ramps, and learn why corbels are important. Read the newsletter [here](#).



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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**SPANNING CONNECTIONS: BACK AND SIDE SPANS UNDERWAY**

It's an exciting year for Gordie Howe International Bridge project construction. Work is visibly advancing on all four components of the project. While much of the focus until now has been on the bridge tower legs, preparatory work has started for the bridge/road deck construction, including the installation of the first steel girder that will support the road deck. The back and side spans of the bridge deck foundations on both sides of the border are also being constructed. These spans will connect the bridge to each Port of Entry.

In Canada, surcharge has been placed at the gateway that will connect to the traffic ramp leading to the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway. In the US, work has begun on the connecting ramps leading into the Port of Entry from I-75. Piers are being placed to support the connecting ramps, constructed of rebar and concrete as well as prestressed tendons to tie down the road deck. There are 12 pier columns in total – six each in Canada and the US. Each pier column

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