

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:

### **Bridge Site Flyover Footage**

A new drone video of both the Canadian and US bridge sites is now available! Construction of the bridge deck over the Detroit River is currently more than two-thirds complete. Forty segments have already been installed – 20 from each tower. That leaves 240 metres/787 feet to complete the connection, a feat the project team anticipates reaching this summer.



## **Commemorative Art Mentorship Opportunity**

As part of the Commemorative Art commission recognizing the Underground Railroad, a mentorship is available for an artist of the African, Black or Caribbean diaspora, between the ages of 18-35, living in Windsor-Essex, with experience in any artistic medium. The successful candidate will work closely with artist Jordan Sook to learn the creative process that goes into commissioning and installing a large public artwork. The successful candidate will receive a paid honorarium.

Read more about this opportunity [here](#). Application packages are due no later than **February 2, 2024**.



## **GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE ART MENTORSHIP FOR AFRICAN, BLACK, CARRIBEAN YOUTH**

The land where the Gordie Howe International Bridge project is located holds a rich historical past. For thousands of years, it has served as Anishinaabe Territory for the Three Fires Confederacy, consisting of the Cijibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi Nations. The Sandwich, Ontario, community in Windsor is also the oldest continuous European settlement area in Ontario, with French settlers arriving in the late 1700s. And to many escaping the US slave trade through the Underground Railroad, Windsor-Detroit was a destination representing hope and freedom for themselves and for their offspring.

### **COMMEMORATIVE ART COMMISSION**

To commemorate the area's role on the Underground Railroad and to recognize this important part of history, the project will include artwork in an accessible location at the Canadian Port of Entry. The commission is anticipated to be a free-standing work of art (sculpture) that will symbolize hope and freedom, and act as an expression of Canadian identity and history.

### **YOUTH MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

As part of the commission, a mentorship is available for an artist identifying as a member of the African, Black or Caribbean diaspora, between the ages of 18-35, with experience in any artistic medium, residing in Windsor-Essex. The successful candidate will work closely with the seasoned public artist to learn the creative process that goes into commissioning and installing a large public artwork. The successful candidate will receive a paid honorarium.

#### **This includes:**

Meeting #1 (virtual): Introductory meeting with artist.

Meeting #2 (in-person): Learning session with artist.

Meeting #3 (virtual): Session with Karen Mills, public art consultant Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority. Karen will address public art processes.

Meeting #4 (in-person): At the fabrication facility with artist in Barrie, Ontario (travel expenses will be covered): Review of fabricator's shop drawing to review how the artist's drawings are translated into drawings used to provide instructions to fabricators.

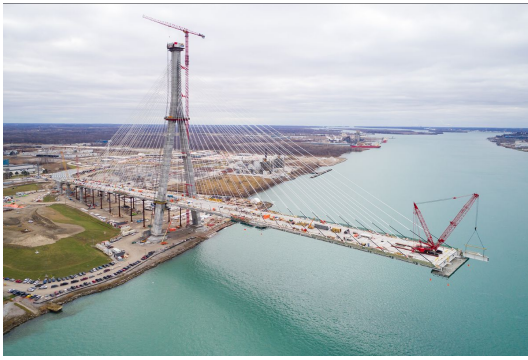
Meeting #5 (in-person): With the artist and fabricator at the Canadian Port of Entry in Windsor, Ontario during installation of artwork.

Meeting #6 (virtual): Wrap-up meeting with the artist. The mentee will prepare a report or summary of activities undertaken and lessons learned during the mentorship or submit an artwork instead of a written report.

**All activities will take place between February - September 2024.**

## **Bridge Site Photo Galleries**

Work on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project continues and new [galleries](#) featuring the Canadian and US bridge sites are on the website. Eighty-six cables have now been installed on the Canadian side and the US side to date.



## Michigan Interchange Flyover Footage

Check out this new drone footage of Michigan Interchange work. The ramps leading to and from the US Port of Entry are taking shape. Curious about what work is underway? Check out our road closures page on the project [website](#).



## Commemorative Patches

Did you collect the first Commemorative Patch celebrating Gordie Howe International Bridge tower completion? Patches are now available to the public for pick up at our Sandwich and Southwest Detroit Community Offices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Southwest Detroit Community Office

7744 W Vernor Highway  
Detroit, Michigan  
48209

### Sandwich Community Office

3201 Sandwich Street  
Windsor, Ontario  
N9C 1A8



### 2024 Community Organization Investment – Apply Now

Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Community Organization Investment initiative as part of the [Community Benefits Plan](#).

The Community Organization Investment initiative provides funding of \$200,000 (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 \$1,000 to \$25,000 (CDN) for events, programming and infrastructure improvements that will benefit the Sandwich/west Windsor or Delray/Southwest Detroit neighbourhoods.

**Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2024.**

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 **2024 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 31, 2024**

Apply for up to \$25,000 (CDN) at [GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com](https://GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com)



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