

Speaking Notes
for
Tim Murphy
Chair, Board of Directors
Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority
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Bonjour à tous et merci d'être parmi nous aujourd'hui.

(Hello everyone and thank you for joining us today)

It is my pleasure to present on behalf of the Board of Directors for Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority. As a Crown corporation, WDBA reports to Parliament through the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project - a once-in-a-generation infrastructure undertaking.

The Board of Directors is accountable for the stewardship and oversight of Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority.

Over the course of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Board members dedicated themselves to provide the necessary guidance during the busiest construction period to date. Their broad range of public- and private-sector expertise has proven invaluable to the business activities and other affairs of the corporation.

WDBA is committed to working in alignment with government priorities and this extends to several initiatives throughout the organization with the two I will highlight being our work with Indigenous Peoples and on environmental and social benefits programs.

Recognizing the long-standing history and ongoing contributions of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, WDBA places a high value on engagement opportunities with regional First Nations

communities. This includes participation and insight into the Community Benefits Plan, our visual art program and environmental management activities.

Additionally, the organization began work on its Environmental, Social and Governance Plan which aligns with several initiatives identified within the Government of Canada's 2022-2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategic Goals and, as part of this, WDBA established a working group to compile and prepare its first annual Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures Report.

Successfully delivering on our mandate is the result of the hard work of our staff, the Board of Directors and partners.

Je remercie notre partenaire du secteur privé, Bridging North America, l'État du Michigan, le ministère des Transports du Michigan, le Service des douanes et de la protection des frontières des États-Unis, l'Administration des services généraux des États-Unis, l'Administration fédérale des autoroutes des États-Unis, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, l'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments, Infrastructure Canada et l'Autorité internationale pour leur vision commune, leur détermination et leur collaboration.

Your unwavering commitment and support allows us to meet our corporate objectives.

Nous réalisons des progrès considérables dans le cadre de ce projet et nous continuons à dialoguer avec le public. Vos voix comptent et nous restons

déterminés à faire preuve de transparence et d'ouverture dans le cadre de la construction du Pont international Gordie-Howe - a bridge that will be a symbol of the strong and enduring relationship between Canada and the US, helping our national economies grow now and into the future.

Merci