



Fun Facts

2014 was another busy year for the Parkway team both in the community and on the construction site. Here's a few interesting 2014 project facts.



In the community:

- 1,900 people came to see the Parkway booth at Meet-a-Machine.
- Over 300 people stopped by the Parkway booth during Police Week at Devonshire Mall.
- 1,100 visitors came out to the Ojibway Nature Centre for World Snake Day.
- Walk-in-Wednesdays at The Safety Village were held over the summer. July 30 was the busiest day with 275 visitors learning about navigating a roundabout.
- Over 1,000 people visited the Parkway booth during Children's Fest weekend.
- The Parkway team raised \$10,000 for Corporate Challenge.

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Road Openings and Traffic Shifts

December capped off a banner year of road openings for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway (the Parkway) as several portions of Highway 3 were opened to traffic including the section of Highway 3 that travels through the Oakwood Tunnel (T-5) making this the second tunnel opened to traffic on the Parkway.

Drivers were kept on their toes as lane closures and road shifts occurred overnight on December 12, 15, 17, 19, and 22, 2014. The openings include the intersection of Ojibway Parkway and Broadway Boulevard (west of Ojibway Parkway) along with the following new road features:

- new right turn lane from Highway 3 eastbound to Huron Church Line
- new eastbound Highway 3 lanes between E.C. Row Expressway and Grand Marais Road West
- new Highway 3 lanes between Pulford Street and Huron Church Line
- new Highway 401 ramps to Highway 3 in the east end of the project.



new E.C. Row Expressway lanes

The OPP were on-site to help the project team with the majority of these traffic shifts. Twitter followers would have seen tweets outlining a "rolling stop." This allows us to keep the road open but the OPP cruisers lead traffic through the new alignment in a slower speed while crews ahead of them remove barricades and paint lines on the roadway.

Other sections of the Parkway opened to traffic in 2014 include portions of E.C. Row Expressway, the eastbound on-ramp at Matchette Road, tunnel tops at Cousineau Road, Huron Church Line and Todd Lane/Cabana Road, several new intersections, and the fourth leg of the roundabout.

We thank everyone for their patience and are excited that as a result of the progress made in 2014, 90 per cent of the Highway 3 portion of the Parkway is now open to traffic.

Did you know?

- The completed Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway is composed of three main components:
- an extension of Highway 401 that runs below-grade from the area west of the North Talbot Road Bridge to E.C. Row Expressway and then parallel to E.C. Row Expressway to Ojibway Parkway
 - an at-grade extension of Highway 3 including the multi-lane roundabout to the area of E.C. Row Expressway where it links into Huron Church Road
 - multi-use trails running approximately 20 kilometres set within 120 hectares (300 acres) of green space situated alongside the two highway extensions and across the 11 tunnel tops.

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Construction Update

January 2015 began with low temperatures limiting work in many areas to keep workers safe. Lane closures remain in effect at the start of 2015 at locations on Highway 3. This includes the left turn lane from Highway 3 eastbound to Labelle Street, from Labelle Street to Highway 3 eastbound, and from Highway 3 eastbound to Grand Marais Road West. These closures are expected to be in place for the winter.

The cold temperatures prevented some of the work on paving and placing granulars for road beds but crews were out working on removing temporary sections of Highway 3 between Grand Marais Road West and Labelle Street, as well as installing noise walls, barrier walls, shoulders, and electrical works.

Carpool Lot Open



The Parkway carpool lot located off County Road 9 and Howard Avenue opened on January 14, 2015. The carpool lot is accessed by a signalized intersection and the entrance will be marked with the familiar parking lot sign.

The lot accommodates 42 parked vehicles including four accessible parking spaces and is in an ideal place to meet up with carpool partners before entering the highway system. No registration or permit is required, and there is no charge for use of this unsupervised lot. Commercial vehicles are not allowed. In the future, the lot will connect to the Parkway trails and to the Chrysler Greenway with a shade structure provided for trail users.

Want to find out more about the Parkway carpool lot? Check out the Q&A video from June 2014 on www.youtube.com/hgparkway.

Upcoming works

With the opening of several sections of Highway 3 late in 2014, we are in a position to complete many other areas of work on the Parkway. Shifting traffic allows us to remove temporary sections of roadway and establish the connections between previously built sections of the Parkway and new sections currently under construction. This includes all the ramps that connect the at-grade Highway 3 and below-grade Highway 401.

Beginning earlier this month crews were removing the temporary section of Highway 3 between Grand Marais Road West and Labelle Street. This removal is required to complete the new Highway 401 westbound off-ramp at Labelle Street. Once the ramp is complete, the permanent section of Highway 3 in this area will be finished as well. This work also includes the new intersection between Labelle Street and Bethlehem Avenue.

A number of off/on-ramps are also under construction through the corridor that will connect the below-grade Highway 401 portion of the Parkway with the at-grade Highway 3. These ramps are constructed in the same manner as asphalt roads with curbs, shoulders and pavement. Line painting is the last step in the process. Our October 2014 Q and A video featured ramp construction. You can view it at www.youtube.com/hgparkway.

Work to complete Ojibway Parkway will resume in the spring, weather permitting, with asphalt paving. Ojibway Parkway will remain in the one lane in each direction configuration until spring 2015 as paving works have ceased for the winter. We will provide more up-to-date information on scheduling for this work once it is known. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

Pedestrian bridge foundations are popping up along the Parkway route in advance of the bridge structure placement later this spring. The foundations look like towers on either side of the roadway and were constructed similar to how the road bridges were built. Landscaping will follow when temperatures rise.



aerial photo of Highway 3 East

Did you know?

On the site daily, excavators, tractor backhoes, loaders, dozers, vibratory rollers, 30-ton off-road 6-wheel drive articulating dump trucks, graders, asphalt spreaders, shuttle buggies, water trucks, fuel trucks, dump trucks, 8- to 10-axle float tractors and trailers, live bottom trailers, flat deck trailers, crash trucks, trenchers, road wideners, concrete pavers, skid steers are used.

People Profile

Meet Some of the Team

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway is creating and supporting jobs across the region and helping to stimulate our local economy. Design and construction of the Parkway is also providing training for people in our community and creating unique partnerships.

Q. What is your name and position?

A. I am Rabih Khairallah, Traffic Manager for Parkway Infrastructures Constructors.



Q. Where are you from?

A. I am originally from Lebanon and I immigrated to Canada in 2007. I started my journey in Canada at McMaster University in Hamilton, ON, then at the A30 project in Montreal before moving to Windsor in 2011 to be a part of the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway project. I became a proud Canadian citizen in May 2012. Among the three cities I've been in Canada, Windsor is my preferred place with a friendly community, convenient place (no traffic jam headache as in big cities), mild winters and nice people.

Q. What type of work are you doing on the Parkway project?

A. I am responsible for the traffic management by ensuring a safe and good flow of traffic, coordinating and planning for traffic switches as well as managing regular maintenance like potholes, traffic, street lighting and winter maintenance.

Q. How long will you be working on the project?

A. I started on Feb 1, 2011, and will continue until we have the ultimate traffic configuration on Highway 401.

Q. When people find out that you are working on the Parkway project what do they typically say?

A. People get excited when they know I am part of the Parkway construction team. They usually ask when the project will be done and other questions related to new traffic configurations, road closures and the new bridge crossing.

Q. What has been the most rewarding part of your work on the project so far?

A. The most rewarding part so far is being able to make many traffic switches and traffic controls with no injuries or incidents. Ensuring traffic flow and safety are my ultimate goals and functions.

Q. Do you have anything else you would like our readers to know about your experience working on this project?

A. I encourage people to look back and see how traffic configurations and switches have changed without affecting the flow or the mobility of traffic.



new ATMS signs



landscaping

Fun Facts (continued from page 1)

On the site to date:

- Over 4 million hours of work have gone into the Parkway with over 1.1 million hours worked in 2014.
- 6,500 people have received Health and Safety/Species at Risk training.
- 52,000 m of bridge decks have been produced.
- 18,000 tonnes of structural steel have been installed.
- 25 km of concrete barriers have been fabricated.
- 215,000 m³ of concrete have been placed.
- 100,000 m³ of asphalt have been placed.
- 1,200,000 m² of geotextile fabric has been used for drains, wick drains and road protection.
- Over 25,000 hours of species at risk work has been completed.
- 45,000 trees and shrubs have been planted, representing approximately 60 per cent of the total planting.
- An estimated 200,000 species at risk plants have been moved to 25 hectares of protected restoration areas outside the corridor along with many rare associate plants.
- Over 20,000 fish have been safely captured and relocated.
- Approximately 35,000 m³ of new fish habitat has been created.
- 326 fire personnel trained on new Quick Connect Elbow for underground fire hydrants.
- Amico excavators have worked approximately 165,000 hours.

Roundabout Information Centre

Have you had a chance to check out our Roundabout Information Centre on the project website? We have tips for navigating the Parkway roundabout, video tutorials, public service announcements, brochures and all the materials including presentations, panels and fact sheets from our Roundabout Education Centres. This is a great link to bookmark for all your roundabout educational resources. Check it out at www.hgparkway.ca/roundabout-info.

United Way Update

In September 2014, the Windsor Essex Mobility Group and Parkway Infrastructure Constructors launched their third annual United Way Windsor-Essex campaign. The project partners are proud to have raised over \$26,000 this year and still have one more fund raising event on the way. A team will be taking on the iClimb challenge this February at the WFCU Centre, climbing over 1,000 steps in support of United Way Mental Health and Counselling Services. Learn more about this fun-filled event at www.weareunited.com and join us in taking this challenge.



Use your smartphone, scan the QR code to see the updated roll plan showing completed areas of the Parkway in green and areas to be completed in pink.

KID ZONE

Make your own digger

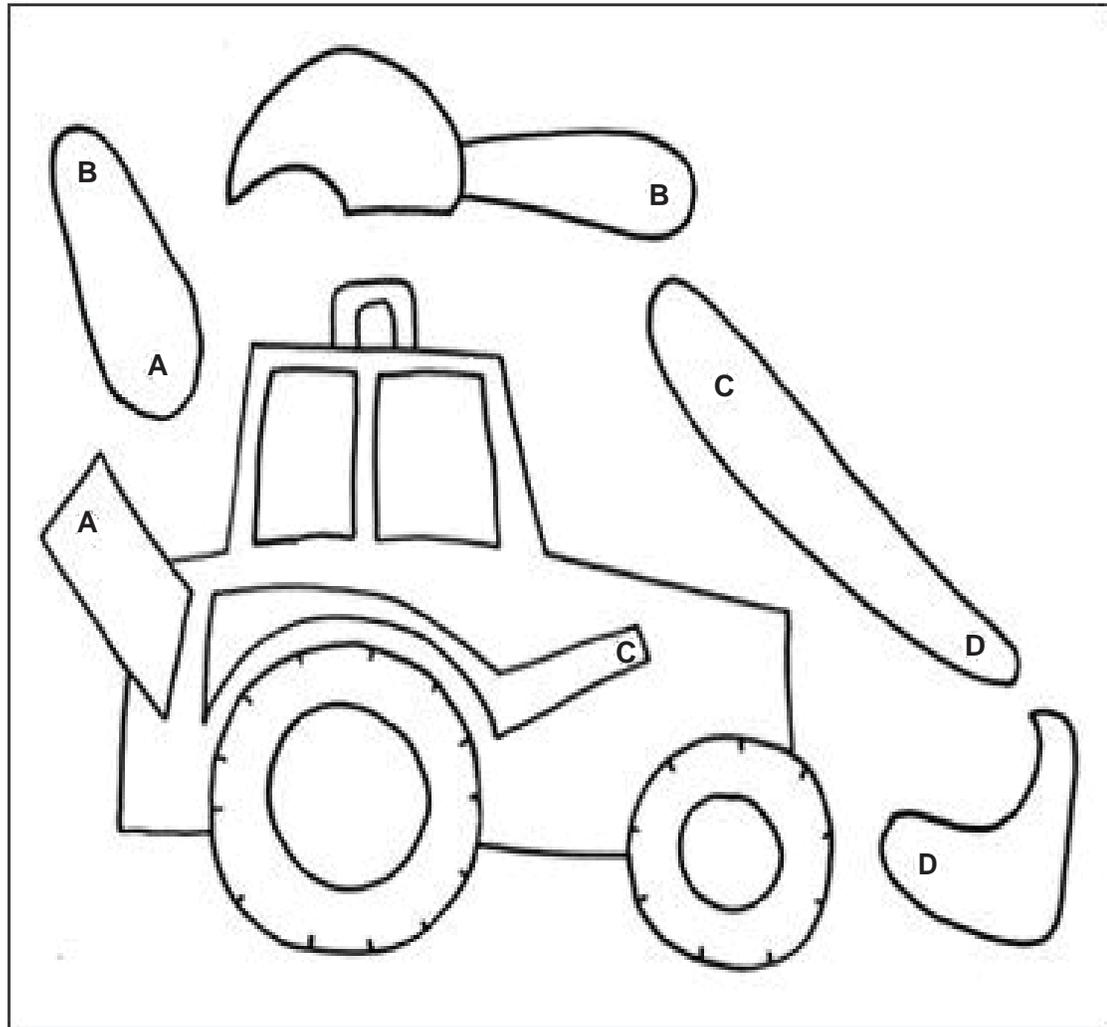
Every day there are lots of different machines on the Parkway construction site. You can make your own machine, a digger, by following these instructions.

What you need:

Construction paper
Glue
Crayons/markers/coloured pencils
Hole punch
Fasteners (brads or eyelets)
Scissors

Steps:

1. Paste the image below to a piece of construction paper.
2. Colour the digger and digger parts.
3. Cut the pieces out and punch holes where letters are marked.
4. Attach the parts using fasteners.



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