

**Fire Services Training:
Building a Better
Response**

In March 2013, we discussed the fire hydrant innovations used on the Parkway. Project designers and Windsor-Essex County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) teams worked together to design a hydrant connection to link fire hoses and underground hydrants on the Parkway—the TFT 90 Deg Quick Connect elbow or Quick Connect.

This fall, fire crews will receive training on the Parkway to learn how to use the Quick Connect so that they can operate it during an emergency.

326 personnel from Windsor, LaSalle and Tecumseh will be trained using tools and hardware provided by the Parkway team. All of these pieces work specifically for the underground hydrants and will allow EMS crews to be efficient in the event of an emergency.

Video of this training will be available on our YouTube channel in October. Check out all our project related videos on youtube.com/hgparkway.

We Were There

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway (the Parkway) team has been busy this summer participating in the amazing community programs and events seen below.



All summer, little drivers checked out the roundabout at the Safety Village during Walk-in Wednesdays, which the Parkway team partnered to deliver.



Visitors to Meet-a-Machine, held in June, explored Parkway construction equipment.



Kids visiting our booth at Meet-a-Machine tried on some of the safety gear workers wear on the construction site.



Sunday Funday, held in August, gave kids the opportunity to see the inside of a backhoe.

The Parkway team looks forward to seeing more of you this fall as we are out and about at various community events.



Sunday Funday saw lots of visitors stop by the Parkway booth.



In August, visitors to our free Science City weekend had lots of fun in the exhibit's Imagination Station.



The Parkway's Corporate Challenge team was the 2014 Overall Top Fundraising Team raising \$10,000 through a number of events like this one at Silver Tee Golf Centre.



Volunteers assisted with the BioBlitz in June at the Ojibway Nature Centre. The Parkway team was a partner in the event.



Herpetologist, Steve Marks spoke to a large crowd gathered at Ojibway Nature Centre on World Snake Day in July.



Parkway volunteers helped sell tickets and raise almost \$12,000 for the United Way at Bluesfest in July.



McDonald's was happy to have the Parkway team volunteer during McHappy Day in May.

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Construction Update

To celebrate our third anniversary of the start of construction we are sharing ground-level photos capturing what you can't see from outside of the construction site. When these areas open to traffic, travellers will see a different Parkway. To view more photos, visit www.flickr.com/hgparkway. You can also view photos taken last year of people who are building the Parkway.



Underneath a bridge structure



Active construction site



Fire hydrant located on Hwy 401



Pump station under construction

Construction Update: Heading into the Home Stretch

August 19 marks the third anniversary of the start of construction. Remarkable progress has been made over the last three years. Major aspects of construction are complete, like the driving of approximately 5,600 steel piles into the ground to support tunnels and bridges, or nearly complete, like the excavation of 3.9 million cubic metres of earth.

Over the last year, the project team has heard from residents and drivers that it is now easy to see where the completed Highway 401 and Highway 3 will be located, how far the green space will stretch and how existing municipal roads will connect into the project.

As committed early in the project, wherever possible, parts of the project opened to traffic as they have been completed. Several bridges, tunnel tops and one tunnel have opened to traffic along with sections of permanent Highway 3. All four legs of the Parkway roundabout are in operation and a permanent section of E.C. Row Expressway has traffic on it. For this year, the construction team has prioritized the connection of neighbourhood streets across the Parkway. Find out more about that work below.

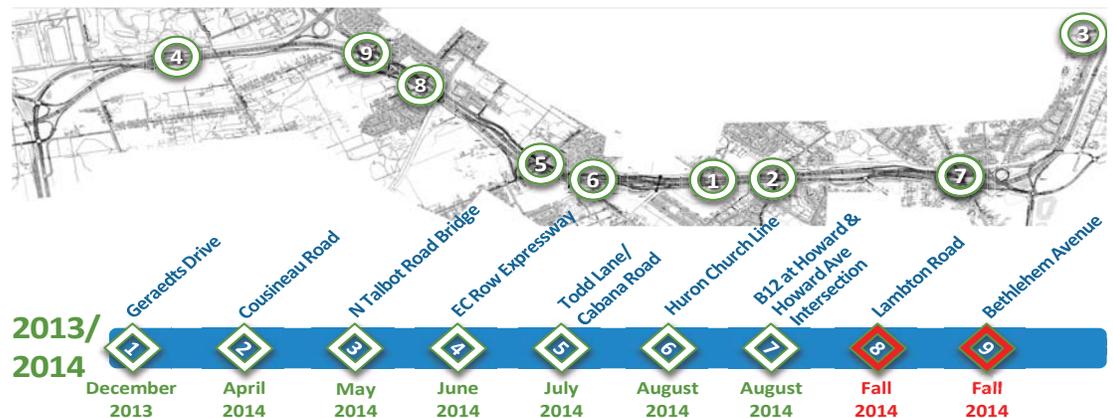
So, what is next for Parkway construction? Two municipal cross-roads remain to be re-opened and the team is focussing on completing Highway 401 and Highway 3. Highway construction, finalizing construction of structures, finalizing drainage systems including seven stormwater management ponds and five pump stations, and installing highway features like lighting and signage are activities that are coming up. Travellers will also see more landscape plantings occur in the fall and this will continue into spring of next year as will construction and implementation of the Parkway's multi-use trail system.

By the time the fourth anniversary of construction start comes around, drivers, pedestrians and cyclists will be enjoying the completed Parkway - including Highway 401, Highway 3 and the multi-use trail system.

Structures Open to Traffic:

- o Todd/Cabana Tunnel Top
- o Villa Borghese Tunnel Top
- o Geraedts Tunnel Top
- o Cousineau Tunnel Top
- o Hearthwood Tunnel
- o Oliver Estates Tunnel Top
- o Bridge 10, west of St. Clair College
- o Bridge 11, west of Howard Avenue
- o Bridge 12, Howard Avenue
- o Bridge 13, future off-ramp from Hwy 401 westbound to Hwy 3
- o Bridge 14, realigned Howard Avenue
- o Bridge 15, North Talbot Road Bridge

Municipal Cross-road Re-openings



The project team has been working hard since December 2013 to re-open municipal cross-roads closed during Parkway construction. With only two of nine cross-roads remaining to be re-opened, the team is on track to have all municipal connections restored by the end of this year. The chart above identifies the locations of the roads and dates they re-opened, along with the anticipated dates for the reopening of Lambton Road and Bethlehem Road.

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. Eric Brisebois, Traffic Engineer-in-Training (EIT)

Q. Where are you from?

A. Windsor, Ontario.

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

A. Traffic Management.

Q. How long have you been working on the project?

A. Over two and a half years.

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

A. They typically ask me how the project is coming along and comment on how impressed they are with the progress and scale of the project.

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

A. Opening new sections of roadway to the public and being able to fully appreciate the benefits the new changes will provide for future residents.

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

A. Great things are possible when you put your mind to it.



Protecting Species at Risk is Everyone's Responsibility

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) have been observed entering the Parkway's protected restoration areas in the vicinity of Chappus Street and causing harm to species at risk.

Any activity that can harm species at risk or damage or destroy their habitat is in violation of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and may be subject to fines under the act.

Signs identifying the presence of species at risk are posted around the restoration areas and entrance into these areas is not permitted.

The Windsor Police were notified of these trespassing activities and have increased surveillance.

If you see illegal activity in any of the posted areas please contact the Windsor and Essex County Crime Stoppers at 519-258-TIPS and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 1-877-TIPS-MNR.

Herbicide Use - Controlling Invasive Species and Managing Tallgrass Prairie

Invasive species like phragmites (common reed) pose a threat to native species being established in the Parkway green space and to the sensitive ecological areas being restored according to Permits issued under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) has approved herbicide use on the Parkway. Herbicides are an essential tool in Tallgrass Prairie restoration and management and are the most effective measure currently available for the early establishment phase of the prairie landscape.



A licensed applicator applying herbicides on a Parkway site.

The *Pesticides Act* allows the use of specific herbicides to manage invasive species harming the environment. On the Parkway, you will see signs posted when herbicides are being used. All pesticide application is conducted in the safest manner possible by a licensed applicator and in accordance with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles. IPM emphasizes prevention, and all options are considered before deciding on the most effective, environmentally friendly, and cost effective means of managing invasive species. Other measures you'll see on the Parkway to control invasive species include prescribed burns, hand removal, mowing and brush cutting.

For more information, please visit www.hgparkway.ca/sustainability.



Children's Fest

The Parkway team is participating in the 20th annual Children's Fest and we would love to see you and your family stop by our booth.

Come join us and check out one of the many construction vehicles that are working to construct the Parkway, try on a hard hat in our construction worker dress-up centre and move some gravel with our kid-sized diggers.

Children's Fest takes place on September 20-21, 2014, at Derwent Park behind the Safety Village at 7911 Forest Glade Drive, Windsor. The gates are open between 10am-5pm. The cost is \$5 per person and children under two are free.

For more information, including the full festival line-up, please check out www.childrensfest.ca.

Ojibway Nature Centre Family Fun Night

5200 Matchette Road, Windsor
September 25
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Parkway team and Ojibway Nature Centre are teaming up to host September's Thrilling Thursdays event "Snakes and other Endangered Species."

Come out to learn about species at risk in Windsor and Essex County and while you are at the Nature Centre visit Mickey, the resident Eastern Foxsnake. Please sign up early for this special program by calling 519-966-5852. Fee is \$6/adult, \$5/child. Family discount is available.

Make-a-Snake

Eastern Foxsnakes are found in Tallgrass Prairie areas being restored as part of the Parkway. They have yellow and dark brown patches on their bellies and are the largest snake found in Windsor and Essex County. Follow the directions below and make your own Eastern Foxsnake.



What you need:

- small or large paper plate
- scissors
- glue
- paint, crayons or markers

Steps:

1. Cut plate into coil shape.
2. Shape the head.
3. Cut a forked tongue from the plate scraps. Glue it to the mouth.
4. Paint or colour the snake.



United For a Great Cause

The Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) and Parkway Infrastructure Constructors (PIC) are kicking-off the 2014 United Way Windsor-Essex campaign this September. This will mark the third consecutive annual launch event at the Huron Church Road offices, followed by a Parkway team participating in United Way's second annual Truck Pull event along Riverside Drive. The Parkway team is excited to continue to give back to the community through United Way. Stay tuned for upcoming events held by WEMG, PIC, LIUNA! – Local 625 and the Operating Engineers – Local 793.



Scan the barcode with your smart phone to see a video about WEMG/PIC's involvement with United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex. If you don't have a smart phone please visit www.youtube.com/hgparkway.

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