

SUMMER  
2014



## Year 4 of Construction

The Parkway team has been busy over these past four years since full construction of the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway (the Parkway) began. Take a look at the work that recently has taken place.

### Construction Update

If you have driven through the construction corridor lately you would notice many completed permanent features of the Parkway. The Parkway team looks forward to a busy summer with lots of work going on through the corridor. If you have any comments, questions or concerns about Parkway construction, please contact the Public Liaison Office at 1-877-937-5929.

Here is some of the work that will be taking place over the summer months:

- Surface work on Highway 3 between Bridge 9 (between Cabana Road west and Geraedts Drive) and the Oliver Estates Tunnel (Tunnel 11)
- Roadway works for Highway 401 between Bridge 3 (Eastbound E.C. Row Expressway Overpass) and the Labelle Tunnel (Tunnel 2); for Highway 401 from the Geraedts Tunnel (Tunnel 8) to Bridge 13 (future off-ramp from Highway 401 westbound to Highway 3); for Highway 401 westbound from the North Talbot Road Bridge (Bridge 15) to Bridge 14 (realigned Howard Avenue); for Todd Lane and Huron Church Line
- Reconstruction of Howard Avenue (north and south intersection); construction of Bridge 12 (Howard Avenue Bridge); ongoing works on the pedestrian tunnel at Howard Avenue
- Placing the deck on the Villa Borghese Tunnel (Tunnel 7) and placing girders at the Labelle Tunnel (Tunnel 2).



You can stay up-to-date on construction activities by visiting the interactive map at [www.hgparkway.ca](http://www.hgparkway.ca), following us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/hgparkway](https://twitter.com/hgparkway), or by viewing construction or aerial photos at [www.flickr.com/hgparkway](https://www.flickr.com/hgparkway).

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## We Were There

We've been busy leading up to our summer activities. Thanks to the community for allowing us to participate in some amazing programs and events so far this year.

### Canada Wide Science Fair

The Parkway team was excited to welcome participants of the Canada Wide Science Fair to Windsor between May 12 to 15. Three Parkway team members had the opportunity to participate as judges at this great event and were blown away by the talent of the youth in our community, province and nation. We extend our congratulations to all participants (photo 1 below to the right).

### Police Week

To mark Police Week, the Parkway team partnered with local enforcement agencies at Devonshire Mall from May 15 to May 17. Parkway team members were on hand with an interactive roundabout display, providing information on the Parkway roundabout, what signs to look for and how to safely navigate it. Over the course of the weekend we were able to meet with over 300 people that stopped by our booth to have their questions answered (photo 2 below to the right).

### Meet-A-Machine

On Saturday, June 7, 2014, the Parkway team celebrated children's literacy with the Windsor-Essex County Ontario Early Years Centres at the annual Meet-A-Machine event at the WFCU Centre. The team had a great time visiting with the over 2000 people that came out to this event. Many enjoyed the construction worker dress-up area, diggers, and an opportunity to check out one of the front-end loaders working to construct the Parkway (photos 3 and 4 to the right).

## Where to find us this summer

Come out this summer to these fun community events that the Parkway team and our partners will be participating in. We hope to see you and your family. To stay up-to-date on our community events don't forget to follow us on Twitter @hgparkway.

## July

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Have you checked out the model Parkway roundabout that can be found at The Safety Village? If not, drop in for Walk-In Wednesday today and each Wednesday in July and August. The Parkway team has partnered with The Safety Village to offer this summer program free of charge. See page 3 for more information.

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Visit the Parkway team and LiUNA! Local 625 at this year's Blues Fest being held at the Riverfront Plaza. Come out to hear some great live music. For additional information please contact [bluesfestwindsor@gmail.com](mailto:bluesfestwindsor@gmail.com).

## August

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Join us at Sunday Fun Day presented by The Safety Village and Formula One Collision. This family event provides activities for all ages. All proceeds from the day go toward development of The Safety Village's community programs.

8-9

Bring the family to visit the Parkway exhibit located at Canada South Science City (930 Marion Avenue) during our Family Fun weekend. Admission is free. For more information please call 519-973-7367 or visit [www.hgparkway.ca](http://www.hgparkway.ca).

Stay tuned as we add more activities to our calendar. We look forward to seeing families and visitors to our community out as these events this summer.





# 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. In each issue of this newsletter, we'll introduce you to at least one person involved with the Parkway.



**Q. What is your name and position?**

**A.** Sarah Imeson – Product Document and Data Management

**Q. Where are you from?**

**A.** Amherstburg, Ontario

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

**A.** I work to facilitate the flow of documents/drawings between the individual departments (Quality, Construction, Tech Services etc.) and all our subcontractors, as well as between Parkway Infrastructure Constructors and our clients (Windsor Essex Mobility Group, Ministry of Transportation, Infrastructure Ontario).

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

**A.** In June, I will celebrate my third anniversary of working on the Parkway.

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

**A.** Most people are interested in knowing/seeing what the final project will look like. I think that sometimes it is hard for people to conceptualize exactly what/where the finished roadways and trails will be and look like. A lot of people are excited for the recreational trails which will provide a safer alternative to connect to different communities rather than having to take the busier roadways.

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

**A.** The most rewarding part of the job has been seeing the drawings and plans for the project come into reality - being able to drive the project footprint and actually seeing what was on paper come to life. After working in the automotive industry, it has been an interesting change of pace with new challenges and lots to learn.

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

**A.** It has been a great experience and I have had the opportunity to meet and work with some awesome folks. I think the most exciting part is that in years to come I will be able to say that I was part of something that played a large part in shaping the community.

## #What's a #hashtag?

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway is on social media and uses the hashtag to help track comments and respond as needed to the public. Hashtags are vital to the way we communicate online, and it's important to know how to use them. When you enhance conversations, content, and updates with hashtags, they become more detectable to others on social media. Hashtags are a way to group conversations together; they can also be valuable when it comes to introducing information into other conversations.

On Twitter, the pound sign (#) turns any word or group of words that directly follow it into a searchable link. This allows you to organize content and track discussion topics based on that specific keyword. They also make it easier to track the comments by solely clicking on the hashtag. An easy click or search for a hashtag will display those using that hashtag in conversation while immediately identifying an audience with shared interests. The potential for using the hashtag is infinite and can be leveraged across platforms, or uniquely on each social platform. While hashtags were originally used by Twitter, it is great to see hashtag usage expanding to other social media outlets like Facebook, Pinterest and LinkedIn.

The hashtag used when talking about the Parkway on social media is #hgparkway. Start using it in your discussions today. We would love to see and learn more about the conversations being held about the Parkway.

## FREE Summer Safety Programs



**Summer safety visits available to groups and camps.**

By appointment only, morning and afternoon sessions available  
July 8 through August 18, 2014 - Phone for availability.

**Walk-in Wednesdays open to the public**

Starting July 2, 2014

**Walk-in Wednesdays**

**Open House Visits**

1:00 - 3:00 pm  
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
August 6, 13, 20, 27  
Cost: **FREE**

Tours of all emergency vehicles, bike and jeep rides, puppet shows, scavenger hunts and many other interactive fun activities!

Please Bring Your Helmet!



**Summer Safety Community Sponsors:**



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## Have your say DCR #8 available for review

On Saturday, June 14, 2014, the Parkway team released the eighth and final Design and Construction Report (DCR) for a 30-day public review period.

DCR #8 for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway documents the design process and mitigation measures associated with Landscape Plan elements in the corridor, how public input received to date has influenced the design and how commitments outlined in the Detroit River International Crossing Provincial Environmental Assessment Report (December 2008) and the associated Conditions of Approval (August 2009) have been addressed.

DCR #8 covers a number of Parkway construction works including:

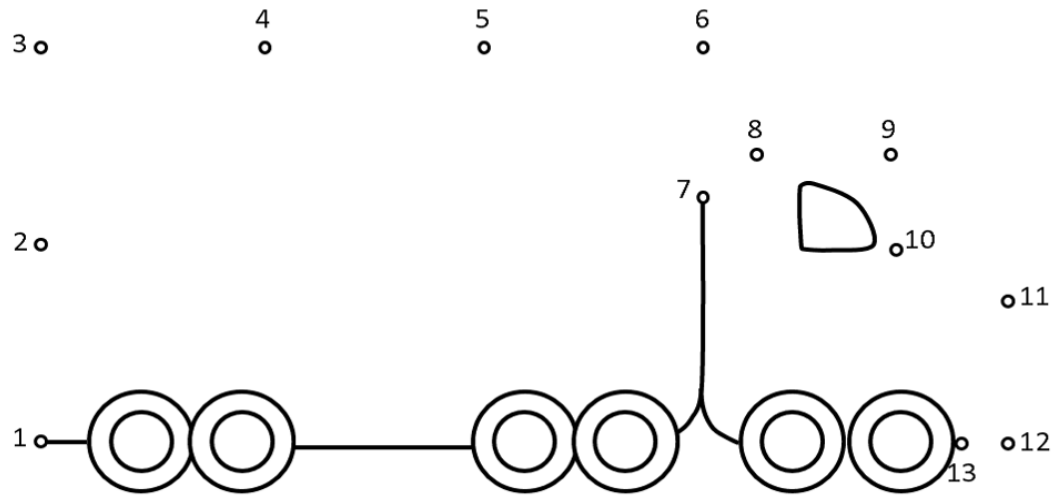
- the final Landscape Plan
- urban design and aesthetic elements
- the series of tunnels and tunnel tops connecting communities as well as a tunnel specifically designed for an eco-passage
- trail locations, community connections, and trail heads including plans for linkage to the Chrysler Greenway Trail (part of the Trans Canada Trail network) at the Howard Avenue commuter parking lot
- approaches to minor and major public art
- implementation of landscape types
- the final Wetland Compensation Plan and Fisheries Compensation Plan
- berms including the Ojibway Berm
- traffic management plans for short-term closures in the areas of Spring Garden Road/ Bethlehem Avenue and Howard Avenue.

The DCR is available online at [www.hgparkway.ca](http://www.hgparkway.ca) and at various public offices in the community. Comments can be submitted until July 14 at 3:00 p.m. ■

# KIDS ZONE

## Connect the dots

Many different types of vehicles use the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway. Draw lines to connect the dots from numbers 1 through 13 to find out which one this is.



## Traffic Notes

Here are some upcoming traffic items that are anticipated to take place this summer:  
**Bethlehem Avenue** – To excavate the Highway 401 portion in this area, the Parkway team will need to close Bethlehem Avenue where it currently meets Highway 3.

**Matchette Road** – To place girders for the Matchette Road overpass (Bridge 2), the Parkway team will need to close Matchette Road over the course of a weekend.

For exact timing of these anticipated closures please continue to watch [www.hgparkway.ca](http://www.hgparkway.ca) and your local newspapers or join our email distribution list by sending us a note at [detroit.river@ontario.ca](mailto:detroit.river@ontario.ca).

The following traffic shifts and closures are currently in place within the Parkway corridor:

**Howard Avenue north of Highway 3** – Howard Avenue north of Highway 3 closed for approximately one month starting June 6. This closure is required to complete reconstruction of the intersection of Howard Avenue and Highway 3 as part of the Parkway. The closure is limited to the area directly north of the Highway 3 intersection and does not impact local residents accessing homes on Howard Avenue north of Highway 3. Local traffic accessing the Southwood Lakes subdivision is also able to travel via Howard Avenue to Havens Drive. The closure of Howard Avenue south of Highway 3 continues as well.

**Highway 401 traffic shifted into the Roundabout** – Highway 401 traffic (eastbound and westbound) approaching the intersection of Highway 3 and Howard Avenue has been temporarily shifted into the Parkway multi-lane roundabout. This traffic shift is required to construct the final configuration for Highway 401 and Highway 3 at the east end of the Parkway corridor and will be in place until the end of the year.

There are many ways to stay up-to-date

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