

## **The Detroit River International Crossing Study November 2008 Public Information Open Houses**

Teams of experts in both Canada and the United States have been working diligently to complete the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study for a new border solution in the Windsor-Detroit gateway. In Canada, the DRIC study team has completed its studies and is now seeking public input on refinements and mitigation measures being incorporated into the Recommended Plan which includes a new international bridge, inspection plaza, and The Windsor-Essex Parkway.

The Canadian study team continues to work closely with the community to meet the purpose of the study – to provide for the safe, efficient and secure movement of people and goods across the Canadian-U.S. border in the Windsor-Detroit corridor – and to achieve the local community's goals of:

- Improving quality of life
- Taking trucks off local streets
- Improving the movement of traffic across the border.

We've listened to you. In fact, more than 300 public consultation sessions have been held since the beginning of the study with thousands of Windsor and Essex County residents, community groups, experts, local elected officials, and other government agencies.

Community input is key to understanding the community and environmental impacts of this project so that we can minimize them wherever possible. This input has helped to identify the concerns that were considered in the development of The Windsor-Essex Parkway and specific mitigation measures. Detailed reports on the technical findings of this study are available on our website [www.partnershipborderstudy.com](http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com). Information on The Windsor-Essex Parkway can be found at [www.weparkway.ca](http://www.weparkway.ca).

The purpose of these Public Information Open Houses (PIOHs) is to inform you, the public, about the mitigation measures being proposed as part of the Recommended Plan and to gather your feedback.

To help you to better understand the information presented at this round of open houses, we have put together this information kit. In this kit you will find information about The Windsor-Essex Parkway, the plaza and crossing, property acquisition, the Environmental Assessment process, and detailed maps on a CD.

In Canada, the DRIC study team has followed a thorough and systematic Environmental Assessment process in accordance with both provincial and federal legislation. By attending the PIOH and providing feedback, members of the community will be able to provide valuable input that will be considered during the completion of the final Environmental Assessment Report later this year.

Your feedback is important. Study team members are interested in hearing what you have to say. You may also contribute your thoughts by filling out comment sheets that are available at the Open Houses or by submitting your comments through the website. Please provide your comments by December 12, 2008.