

New Social Media Addresses

With the naming of the Parkway, our social media addresses have changed but you can still find great project news, details and notifications. Here's how to reach us online:

Twitter:
www.twitter.com/hgparkway

Don't forget to use #hgparkway when talking about us.

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YouTube:
www.youtube.com/hgparkway

Remember to visit the sites and follow us on Twitter to find out the latest information about the project.

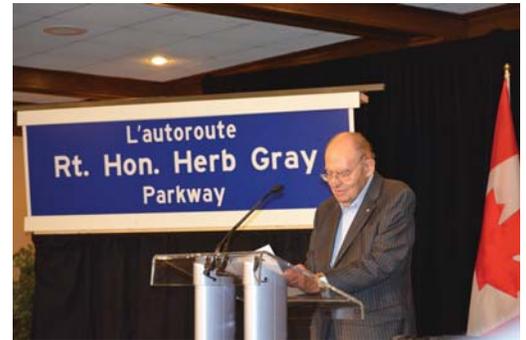
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A name for the Parkway

On November 28, 2012, the Ontario Government officially named the Parkway after one of Windsor's own, the Right Honourable Herb Gray. Mr. Gray represented Windsor as a member of parliament for an unprecedented 13 consecutive terms. During his career, he served as minister for numerous federal departments and was Deputy Prime Minister. The Parkway is now officially known as the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway.

Watch a video of the announcement at www.youtube.com/hgparkway.



From left to right:

1. Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, MPP Dwight Duncan, MPP Teresa Piruzza and Elizabeth Gray-Smith
2. Rt. Hon. Herb Gray
3. MPP Piruzza, MPP Duncan, Herb Gray and Premier McGuinty unveil the new sign
4. Right Honourable Herb Gray addresses those in attendance
5. MPP Teresa Piruzza speaks to the audience
6. MPP Dwight Duncan, Premier McGuinty and MPP Teresa Piruzza answer media questions.

The Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) and Parkway Infrastructure Constructors (PIC) soon will release Part B of the seventh Design and Construction Report (DCR) for a 30-day public review period.

DCR #7B covers a number of Parkway construction works including:

- Traffic staging for existing Highway 401
- Traffic staging on Ojibway Parkway
- Temporary closure of E.C. Row Expressway eastbound off-ramp
- Long-term temporary closure of Huron Church Line
- Long-term temporary closure of Howard Avenue Diversion and existing Howard Avenue.

DCR #7B for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway documents the proposed works and associated mitigation measures for these items and how public input received to date and 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.

Once published the DCR can be read at www.hgparkway.ca and at various public offices in the community.

Traffic Notes

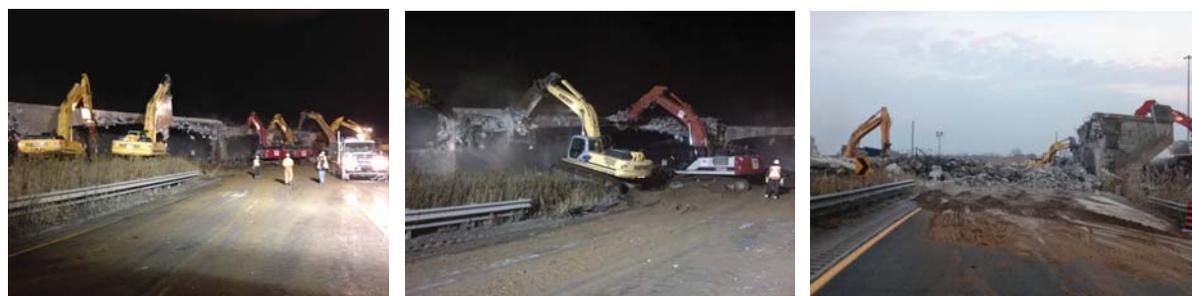
Here is the latest info about upcoming traffic pattern shifts.

Opening of Diversion 11 (Spring 2013)

Diversion 11 between Geraedts Drive and future Highway 3 will open this spring to allow for the construction of the Geraedts Tunnel (T-8). The T-8 footprint lays partially over the existing Highway 3 at Geraedts Drive (St Clair College's entrance). Diversion 11 will maintain access between St. Clair College and Highway 3.

Long-Term Temporary Closure of Huron Church Line (March 2013 for six to eight months)

The future Lennon Drain Siphon alignment passes under diverted Highway 3 (Diversion 4) and diverted Huron Church Line (Diversion 8). The Lennon Drain Siphon is planned to convey the drained water from Lennon Drain under future Highway 3 and Highway 401 to connect with the realigned Lennon Drain. Building the Lennon Drain Siphon will involve extensive excavation and structure works and will require the closure of Huron Church Line.



Above: Crews work to demolish the Highway 3 Bridge over Highway 401.

On Friday, November 9, 2012, Highway 401 was closed in Windsor-Essex to remove the Highway 3 Bridge over Highway 401. This was the third time Parkway Infrastructure Constructors closed the four lanes of traffic for a weekend to conduct work on the Parkway.

The approximately 50 year old bridge structure was demolished in four hours with clean-up of the adjacent area and roadway happening over the weekend. Crews from Priestly Demolition began removing the structure at 1 a.m. with the final piece brought down around 5 a.m. By daylight, all that was left was a pile of rebar and concrete.

Demolition was not just an overnight endeavour though. Removal of the Highway 3 approaches began a week earlier in preparation of the weekend work. Traffic from Highway 3 was re-routed through the new roundabout which had opened the week before. With traffic out of the way, Amico Infrastructures of Oldcastle was able to remove the asphalt road approaches on both sides of the bridge structure and also the embankment slopes.

Beginning shortly after midnight on Friday night, Highway 401 was closed with OPP directing traffic to Highway 3 via Manning Road from the east and at Howard Avenue from the west. The closure lasted until Sunday afternoon once the asphalt was repaired in a couple of areas and the guide rails were re-installed.

The demolition required crews from Amico to place sand mats on the highway surface to protect the road from debris. Once they were in place, eight excavators with hammer and claw attachments moved in to tear the structure down.

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 the newsletter, we'll introduce you to at least one person involved with the Parkway.

Q. What is your name and position?

Mark Panunzio, Field Superintendent

Q. Where are you from?

Essex, Ontario

Q. What type of work are you doing on the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway project?

As Field Superintendent, I oversee the paving of detour roads and permanent roads.

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

Until completion of the Parkway.

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

Many folks ask me when the Parkway will be completed and open to traffic. They are also very interested in learning where the bridge will connect to the Parkway.

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

The most rewarding thing is knowing that I am part of the team constructing the largest infrastructure project being built in Ontario.

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

I would like to let readers know that it is amazing how people from different places, countries, etc. can come together with their expertise and make a large project like the Parkway happen.



Knowledge Transfer

Biljana Rajlic of Hatch Mott MacDonald and design team project manager of the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway was a guest lecturer at the University of Windsor on November 29, 2012. Graduate students in Amr ElRagaby's bridge engineering course received insight into specific design elements of the Parkway that included roadway design, trails, utilities, geo-technical design, structures, traffic noise assessment, drainage, landscape and environmental design. The students learned about some of the construction challenges and the approach the design team took to tunnels, overpass and underpass structures, retaining walls and culverts. Biljana Rajlic is the Hatch Mott MacDonald practice lead for highways and bridges in Canada. Hatch Mott MacDonald, Dillon Consulting, AMEC and LEA make up the design team for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway.

Fall Transplant

Drivers in the Todd Lane/Highway 3 area this fall may have spotted a few people in the field north of Todd Lane working with a bobcat. They were part of the fall transplant activities in the area as part of species at risk (SAR) work on the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway. This work was conducted in accordance with permits received under the Endangered Species Act, 2007.

This fall, more than 13,000 plants were relocated including Colicroot and Dense Blazing Star. The work involved approximately 30 employees from AMEC and Danshab Enterprises, a Walpole Island First Nations Aboriginal business.

Up until this fall, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) had used different methods of removing SAR plants. The methods for this work were the best proven methodology utilizing a bobcat to remove sod mats.

Sod mats are one metre square groups of plants that are hand cut with shovels where SAR are present. Once the mats are cut, a bobcat with six forks lifts the mat from a depth of 30 cm and places it onto a wooden pallet with a plywood top. From there, the pallet is moved to the restoration area where the mats are placed together on the ground and backfilled with soil from the transplant area. The restoration area is prepped beforehand to accommodate the mats which have a weight of up to 800 pounds.

Dense Blazing Star plants were found in and amongst the Colicroot in this area. By using the sod mat method of transplant, the team was able to remove Dense Blazing Star plants where previously they had been too close to Colicroot for other methods of transplanting. In areas where the plants were not as thick, traditional methods of removing the plants manually with a spade were used.

Removal of these plants in this manner also allowed for associated prairie plants to be moved with the SAR plants, providing a similar prairie habitat and associated soils to be contained together in the new restoration area. All restoration areas will continue to be monitored for growth to determine the success of the transplant methods. All of the work was conducted in accordance with the permits received and by trained experts.



Above: Biljana Rajlic of Hatch Mott MacDonald speaks to students at the University of Windsor.

It's Here! Our New Website

The Parkway team is pleased to announce the launch of our new Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway website, designed with a fresh new look, user-friendly navigation and updated with the latest information about the Parkway and construction activities. On the site you can read tweets, review construction information, link to project-related videos and read updated Parkway news.

The new design allows you to quickly find what you're after with the site's easy to use tabs and drop down menus.



We hope that you will enjoy browsing the new site, finding more options and information each time and that it will be yet another tool for finding the most up-to-date Parkway information. Check us out and be sure to bookmark us: www.hgparkway.ca

Take a few moments and exercise those brain muscles with this Parkway construction word search.



Bridge
Herb Gray
RSS wall
Tunnel

Construction
Maintenance
Species
Water truck

Demolition
Parkway
Trail
Winter

Dump truck
Pile driver
Transplant



Scan the barcode with your smart phone to view a video of the Highway 3 Bridge demolition. If you don't have a smart phone, visit www.youtube.com/hgparkway.

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