

THE FUTURE OF NORTH AMERICA

CAN CANADA SURVIVE

Canada, the largest land based country in the world remains, after one hundred and thirty-five years of national development, a country whose land forms are ninety percent Virgin forest covered lands, mountains, interior plains and innumerable bodies of fresh water.

Invaluable natural resources abound in the land, both exposed to the eye and hidden in the ground.

Minute seasonal recreational sanctuaries have been achieved worldwide approval



facilities and leisure nature developed. Some have and success.

Without the immediate presence of the United States as a neighbor, Canada would face a nebulous future of remaining a quasi British Colony and a member of the British Commonwealth. Canada is separated from the United States only by a loose network of rivers, lakes, and chalk lines marking out their mutual national Borders. If the day ever comes that the Homeland Security Department of the United States decides that these Canadian Borders are too numerous, too porous, and far too expensive to secure and maintain and are an impediment to the American Economy, that will be a sad day for Canada, indeed.

One can imagine what a new Super Nation the United States of America would be if it added Canada's three million, eight hundred and forty-nine thousand plus square miles (3,849,674 Square miles) of territory and thirty million (30,000,000) people to its present size. American Governments can imagine it and assuredly are

ever mindful of this potential and its advantage for the future growth and needs of the American people.

Canada lies between Alaska and the lower Forty-Eight States of America. An unbroken American Republic could one day stretch from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Circle. For now there is no pressing need or political urgency to act sooner rather than later. In the meantime an inextricable web of inclusive relationships and a complex tangle of seemingly mutually beneficial trade pacts and agreements support the ever growing establishment of American corporate presence in the national and provincial affairs of Canada . Millions of people and billions in dollars of commerce cross these borders daily. It gives daily commuters a sense of being in one country.

Step One

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway (the Parkway) is a major \$1.4 billion highway infrastructure project under construction in the municipalities of Windsor, LaSalle, and Tecumseh, in Ontario, Canada. This once-in-a-generation undertaking that will improve traffic flow at Canada's premier trade gateway is unprecedented in its community enhancement and environmental features for any highway, anywhere in Ontario.

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway spans an 11 kilometre corridor. It is composed of three essential components:

A six-lane 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 four-lane, 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

The Parkway Trail 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.

Upon completion, the Parkway will ensure the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services to and from a proposed new Canadian inspection plaza and international bridge, separate local and international traffic, and eliminate stop-and-go traffic in residential areas.

Construction started in 2011 and it is estimated that the project will create or sustain approximately 12,000 jobs through direct employment from construction activity and indirectly through numerous suppliers and service providers. The majority of these jobs are in the Windsor-Essex region. It is anticipated that the Parkway will be completed in summer 2015

STEP TWO

Gordie Howe International Bridge

Windsor, Ontario

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The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring an effective flow of commerce between Canada and the United States (U.S.) with a view to generating jobs and economic growth. To this end, on May 14, 2015, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that the future publicly-owned bridge between Windsor, Ontario, and Detroit, Michigan, will be named the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

The Windsor-Detroit trade corridor is the busiest commercial land border crossing on the Canada-U.S. border, handling 31 per cent of Canada-U.S. trade carried by

truck. In 2014, approximately 2.5 million trucks carrying over \$100 billion in trade used this corridor.

The Windsor-Detroit gateway is currently served by the Ambassador Bridge, the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, the Detroit-Windsor Truck Ferry, and the Detroit River (rail) Tunnel. Studies estimate that delays at the Canada-U.S. border cost Canada and the U.S. billions of dollars annually. The future bridge will provide additional border crossing capacity, will shorten trip times and will lessen congestion and resulting traffic delays at the border.

The future publicly-owned bridge between Windsor and Detroit will be named the Gordie Howe International Bridge, as both Canadians and Americans identify with this Canadian-born hockey legend who played a great deal of his career in the U.S. and who built extraordinary goodwill between our two countries and indeed on the international stage.

The publicly-owned Gordie Howe International Bridge is expected to be completed and in service in 2020. It will accelerate the flow of goods and services and provide a much-needed crossing alternative at the busiest Canada-U.S. commercial border crossing, creating thousands of jobs and opportunities on both sides of the border. The bridge will feature a total of six lanes, associated border inspection plazas, and direct connections to Highway 401 in Ontario and Interstate-75 in Michigan.

The new crossing will help spur economic activity in southern Ontario, and improve transportation efficiency between Ontario, Quebec and Eastern Canada with the U.S.

Canada and the U.S. have the largest bilateral trading relationship in the world, with two-way trade in goods and services of nearly \$870 billion in 2014. Almost \$2.4 billion worth of goods and services crosses the Canada-U.S. border every day – approximately \$1.7 million every single minute.