



Third Crossing launches engagement on environmental considerations

The Third Crossing project team is starting public consultation for the federal environmental assessment of the Third Crossing, known as a Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA), by posting the document online for public review starting today, September 13 until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 at [GetInvolved.CityofKingston.ca](https://www.getinvolved.cityofkingston.ca).

As part of the 30-day engagement the project team will also be hosting two open houses – one on the east and one on the west shore of the Cataraqui River. The open houses details are:

- Sept. 25 at LaSalle Secondary School at 773 Highway 15
- Sept. 26 at L.C.V.I at 153 Van Order Dr.

Required for complex projects, the DIA is the most intensive form of review required by Parks Canada's regulatory process. This comprehensive analysis shows the environmental considerations, impacts and proposed mitigation strategies for the project.

After consultation on the DIA, the City will compile the questions and comments received into a report, which will be submitted along with the DIA for Parks Canada's review.

Residents will be able to see the public consultation review on the [project website](#) as well as the City's Get Involved site.

The Detailed Impact Assessment report is available in alternate formats upon email request to thirdcrossing@cityofkingston.ca.

Additional links

- More detail on environmental work associated with the Third Crossing, including the 2013 Environmental Assessment, is available at [ThirdCrossing.CityofKingston.ca/Engagement/Environmental-Work](https://www.thirdcrossing.cityofkingston.ca/Engagement/Environmental-Work).
- Join the Third Crossing email list on the Third Crossing microsite at [ThirdCrossing.CityofKingston.ca/Engagement](https://www.thirdcrossing.cityofkingston.ca/Engagement).

Background

The DIA process was selected by Parks Canada to meet regulatory requirements for all levels of government and fulfill its mandate to protect the environment and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment. In 2013, an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Third Crossing was approved by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. Construction of the Third Crossing, joining Gore Road to John Counter Boulevard over the Cataraqui River is expected to be complete by early 2023.

About The Third Crossing Bridge

Once completed, the new 1.2 km bridge will connect the east and west sides of Kingston over the Cataraqui River. The two-lane bridge will improve emergency services, increase active transportation through a multi-use pedestrian and bike pathway, create greater business connectivity and enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Kingston. The bridge is jointly funded by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Kingston.

Keeping You Connected

Learn more about Third Crossing at our website:

ThirdCrossing.CityofKingston.ca

Send us an email:

thirdcrossing@cityofkingston.ca

Your comments and participation continue to be important to the project team and to the success of the overall project. Please contact us or join our newsletter.

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