



## **City receives approval on the Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA) for the Third Crossing**

After working with federal departments and agencies over the past year and the conclusion of a 30-day public engagement process, the city has received approval on the Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA) for the Third Crossing project.

“Today’s announcement is a major milestone for our community and puts us one step closer to a better connected Kingston! With investment secured from all levels of government, the provincial Environmental Assessment completed, and now the federal DIA in place, the significant preparation pieces are done. We’re now ready to move forward with construction, full-steam ahead! I couldn’t be happier with this news and the start of in-water work,” says Mayor Bryan Paterson.

A DIA is the most intensive form of environmental review conducted through Parks Canada’s regulatory process and was the process selected to analyze

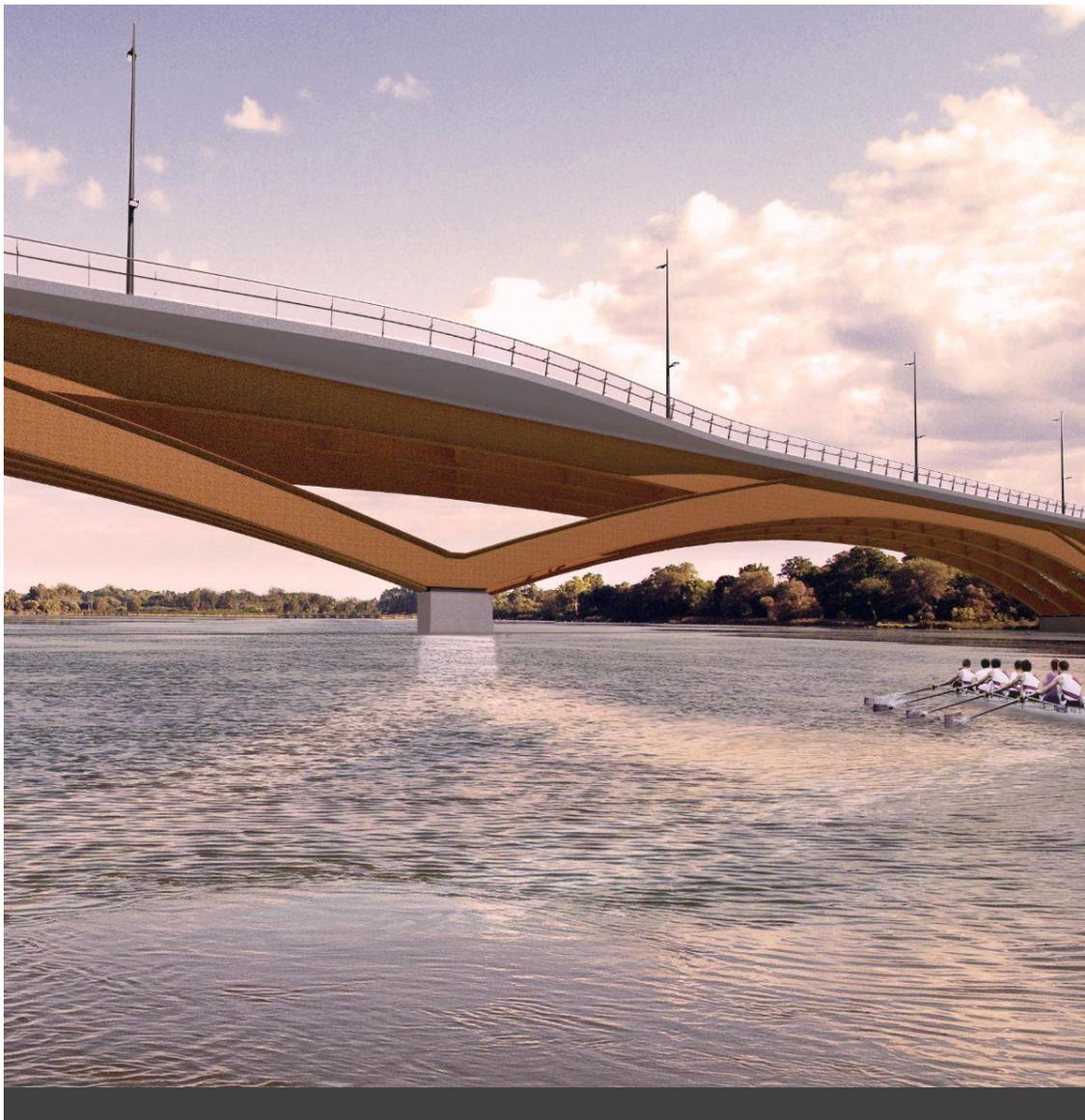
the environmental considerations, impacts and mitigation strategies for the project. The final approved DIA is anticipated to be posted on Friday, Dec. 6 on the City's engagement platform, [GetInvolved.cityofkingston.ca](https://getinvolved.cityofkingston.ca). A public engagement summary will also be posted which will include what the team heard during the public engagement on this phase of work through emails, comment cards, and in-person at the two public open houses.

"We are on our way to building the Third Crossing," says Jim Keech, President and CEO of Utilities Kingston. "This project has been many years in the making and today we are excited to be announcing federal DIA approval for this big investment in connecting our city and improving and expanding on transit and active transportation in Kingston."

As the team prepares for in-water construction, continued public and stakeholder outreach remains vital to the success of the project. The project team will continue to keep the wider community as well as near neighbours informed of upcoming construction activities. With the in-water permit, residents and near neighbours can expect an increase in construction activities in the next few weeks. More information on this work will be available in the coming weeks.

To keep informed about the project and to sign up for the project e-newsletter visit the Third Crossing website: <https://thirdcrossing.cityofkingston.ca>

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### **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.

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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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