



The project team officially breaks ground on Third Crossing

In-water construction starts on Kingston's Third Crossing

Historic 1.2 km bridge will connect Kingston over the Cataraqui River

Today City officials and dignitaries marked the start of in-water construction for the Third Crossing. Mark Gerretsen, Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands, on behalf of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ian Arthur, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kingston and the Islands; and Bryan Paterson, Mayor of Kingston were on hand to take part.

The Third Crossing bridge project is supported by federal and provincial contributions of up to \$60 million each. Funding is provided under the New Building Canada Fund – Provincial and Territorial Infrastructure Component – National Regional Projects, a program designed to address national, regional and local infrastructure priorities. The City of Kingston is contributing the remaining \$60 million.

The Third Crossing involves building a new, two-lane bridge over the Great Cataraqui River, connecting the east and west sides of Kingston, almost halfway between Highway 401 and the LaSalle Causeway. The bridge will include options for shared and active transportation, including a multi-use pedestrian and bike pathway, sidewalks and cycle lanes on the road approaches, as well as connections to future waterfront trails. This new bridge will also help alleviate congestion and improve emergency response.

A project of this size and magnitude cannot happen without the skill and dedication of building professionals entrusted to design and construct the project. In August 2018, the city selected the team of Peter Kiewit and Sons, HATCH Ltd and SYSTRA IBT to build the bridge.

Quotes

“Getting people where they need to go safely and efficiently is vital for economic growth. The Third Crossing project will better connect the Kingston community, providing residents with more options for getting around, including active transport. We’re proud to work with our partners to build infrastructure projects that improve the lives of Canadians and help our communities prosper now and into the future.”

Mark Gerretsen, Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands, on behalf of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

“Today, we celebrate breaking ground on the beginning of construction for Kingston’s new Third Crossing Bridge,” said Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “Our partnership with the federal government and the City of Kingston in the funding of this transportation project will help improve traffic flow and create business connections on the east and west sides of the river, while reinforcing our commitment to connecting people to places.”

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs

“Today we’re truly making history; we’re embarking on a project that will connect our city in ways we can’t fully realize. After 50 years of community conversation, I am so extremely proud to be here breaking ground. This is a moment our community will remember for years to come. Thank you to our federal and provincial partners, this would not be possible without your support.”

Bryan Paterson, Mayor of Kingston



Photo (left to right): Ian Arthur, MPP Kingston and the Islands, Mark Gerretsen, MP Kingston and the Islands, Mayor Bryan Paterson, The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs and Ryan Boehme, Kingston Pittsburgh District Councillor

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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Learn more about Third Crossing at our website: ThirdCrossing.CityofKingston.ca

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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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