

## **Honoré Mercier Bridge: Greenspace**

### **1 - Project description**

#### **Project: HMP0015**

The Honoré Mercier Bridge (“the bridge”) was built between 1932 and 1934, under the responsibility of the Corporation du Pont du Lac Saint-Louis. Responsibility for the bridge was transferred to the Government of Québec in 1942. In 1932, the Government of Canada made a commitment to prioritize the employment of skilled Indigenous workers for the maintenance and renovation of the bridge.

Between 1958 and 1959, as part of the construction of the Seaway, the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority (SLSA) raised and extended the southern part of the bridge to allow ships to pass under it, and a section of the bridge was widened to four lanes. At the same time, an agreement was reached regarding the division of responsibilities between the provincial and federal governments. Since 1998, sections 1 to 4 have been under the jurisdiction of The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI).

The Government of Canada is working to advance reconciliation and strengthen its relationship with Indigenous people, a relationship based on recognition, respect, cooperation and partnership. Thus, the present project, which has been developed in partnership with the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK), aims to:

- Renew relations with the Kahnawà:ke community by promoting Mohawk culture and history
- Revitalize the vacant land at the southeast approach to the bridge, creating a gathering space and a gateway to the city of Kahnawà:ke

More specifically, this project includes, but is not limited to, the following key elements:

- The creation of a linear pathway on the southeast approach to the bridge, on the land between Old Malone Road and the Route 132 west ramp to Route 138 west
- The reforestation of vacant land
- The creation of gathering and meeting places
- The development of trails and pedestrian access
- The creation of both permanent and temporary parking areas
- The promotion of Mohawk culture and history through the integration of artistic elements into the design
- The installation of new lighting for safety purposes and to enhance the landscape
- The implementation of bioretention systems to manage rainwater

During construction, which will start in spring 2026 and end in 2027, traffic will be maintained on Old Malone Road, Route 132 and the ramp from Route 132 west to Route 138 west. However, partial and occasional closures will be necessary at certain critical stages of the project, such as the construction of parking lots, access roads and planted areas along Old Malone Road.

## **2 - Notice of intent**

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - JCCBI intends to determine whether the completion of the contract is likely to result in significant adverse environmental effects. To contribute to an informed decision, **the public is invited by JCCBI to comment** on this intent by writing to the following e-mail address by June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025: [edd@pjcci.ca](mailto:edd@pjcci.ca)

## **3 - End of consultation period**

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - The public consultation period for the project ends. JCCBI will review the comments it has received to help determine whether the performance of the contract is likely to result in significant adverse environmental effects.

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