

## **Review of major projects in 2018-2019 The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated**

**Longueuil, February 13, 2020** – This morning, The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) held its annual public meeting to review its activities and financial results for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The Corporation invested \$122 million in major work for this period.

“Every day, the Corporation tackles complex technical challenges while soundly managing risks and public funds. To do so, the Corporation applies a proactive asset management approach that accounts for the age of our structures and acts to secure the funding we need to effectively plan our maintenance work,” said Paul T. Kefalas, Chairman of the Board of Directors, JCCBI. “The Corporation is continuously improving its practices and processes based on major sustainable development principles,” he concluded.

“Our teams have performed multiple studies, inspections, construction projects and repairs on our assets in keeping with our mission to maintain user safety and extend the service life of our infrastructure. We also ensure that our work is coordinated with our Mobility Montréal partners to minimize the impact on users,” explained Sandra Martel, Chief Executive Officer, JCCBI.

### **Overview of main activities**

In terms of major projects, work continued to reinforce the steel structure of the **Jacques Cartier Bridge** and to repair two viaducts in Longueuil and the two Parc Jean-Drapeau access ramps. Deterrent fences and guard rails have been replaced or reinforced.

As for the **original Champlain Bridge**, JCCBI finished its major reinforcement and repair program and has continued its detailed inspections and monitoring 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Champlain Bridge was decommissioned on June 28, 2019, and its six traffic lanes remained open until its last day of operation.

The Corporation was also awarded the mandate to **deconstruct the Champlain Bridge**. This project includes important environmental protections and nuisance mitigation measures, an ambitious material reuse component, as well as ten research and development projects. The shoreline will be redeveloped at the end of the project. The Champlain Bridge deconstruction represents the largest project in the Corporation's history.

The year 2018-2019 was also marked by the decommissioning of the **Île des Sœurs Bypass Bridge** after the new Île des Sœurs Bridge was opened to traffic. The bypass bridge is a temporary structure that will remain in place for the time being for work on the REM and for the Champlain Bridge deconstruction.

A number of programs continued on the **Honoré Mercier Bridge**, such as repairs to piers, the replacement of a section of the inspection gangways, and the replacement of the painting system on part of the steel structure. Some prefeasibility studies have also begun, including one to create a memorial route at the bridge entrance. Note that all work on this structure is carried out by Mohawk workers.

For more information about the Corporation's 2018-2019 projects, consult its **Annual Report 2018-2019** as well as the **presentation** given at the Annual General Meeting [by clicking here](#).

### **About JCCBI**

As a manager of important infrastructure, The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (the Corporation) is a federal Crown corporation established in 1978 that is responsible for the Jacques Cartier Bridge, the Champlain Bridge, the Champlain Bridge Ice Control Structure, the Île des Sœurs Bypass Bridge, the federal sections of Bonaventure Expressway and the Honoré Mercier Bridge, as well as the Melocheville Tunnel. The Corporation manages, maintains, and repairs these important Greater Montreal structures to ensure the safe passage of thousands of users every day. It also ensures that these critical structures remain safe, fully functional and aesthetically pleasing both today and in the future. [www.JacquesCartierChamplain.ca](http://www.JacquesCartierChamplain.ca)

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