

Deconstruction of the original Champlain Bridge: JCCBI launches Material Reuse Competition

Longueuil, February 24, 2021 – Today, The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) launched a Canada-wide competition for the reuse of materials from the original Champlain Bridge. This competition is part of a circular economy approach to reclaim materials according to the 4RE, in which materials are reduced, reused, recycled or recovered as a priority and only then eliminated. JCCBI therefore wants to give a second life to over 400 steel components from the original Champlain Bridge.

This Material Reuse Competition begins with a Call for Participation to allow JCCBI to gauge the interest of individuals, companies and organizations in reusing steel components from the bridge for architectural, artistic, commemorative or creative projects, which can be private or public in nature and relate to construction, the rehabilitation of public infrastructure, urban planning, or ecology.

"By finding creative ways to reuse, recycle and upgrade materials from the original Champlain Bridge, the JCCBI will minimize the environmental footprint of this major project. I can't wait to see the ideas brought forward by Canadians to reduce waste and give this bridge a second life while paying tribute to its history," said the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

"Beyond the technical challenges tackled every day to deconstruct the original Champlain Bridge, JCCBI is committed to minimizing the environmental footprint of this major project. The Material Reuse Competition will let citizens and corporations help us achieve our sustainable development goals. Above all, this initiative is an opportunity for people to put their creativity into making heritage pieces or artworks that memorialize this important Montreal structure," explained Sandra Martel, Chief Executive Officer, JCCBI.

The Call for Participation has two parts. The first, which begins today and ends on May 31, involves submitting an Expression of Interest Form, which can be found on JCCBI's [website](#) along with the competition's Submission Guide and the Component Catalogue, which includes the symbolic cost for each part.

For more information about JCCBI's Material Reuse Competition, visit our [website](#) or write to us at reutilisation.champlain@pjcci.ca.

About JCCBI

As a manager of important infrastructure, The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated is a Crown corporation established in 1978 that is responsible for the Jacques Cartier Bridge, the original Champlain Bridge, the Champlain Bridge Estacade, 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.
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