

## Supportive Statements Toll Rates and Breakaway Launch

“The Gordie Howe International Bridge is a once-in-a-generation infrastructure project that will redefine trade and transportation across the Windsor-Detroit gateway, the busiest commercial land border crossing in North America. This transformative investment positions Windsor-Essex at the forefront of continental supply chains, driving long-term economic growth for our region and our national economies.

The launch of Breakaway business accounts marks an important step toward the opening of this landmark project, maximizing trade opportunities for local businesses and beyond. This state-of-the-art toll discount program will support efficient border crossings and strengthen supply chain reliability in a highly competitive global marketplace.

Together, world-class infrastructure and a customer-focused toll program enhance the region’s economic advantage. The Gordie Howe International Bridge and Breakaway will help attract investment, support local jobs and create new opportunities for businesses across Windsor-Essex to grow, compete and succeed in the North American market.”

- Gordon Orr, Chief Executive Officer, Invest WindsorEssex

"The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) and its members are excited by today’s announcement that businesses can now set up toll accounts - a key milestone in preparation for the highly anticipated opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

As the bridge’s official launch quickly approaches, commercial carriers will be ready for smooth, efficient crossings from the outset. As Canada’s busiest commercial trade corridor with the U.S., the bridge will enhance trade efficiency and reinforce the corridor’s role as a vital economic gateway for Canada-U.S. trade. Businesses signing up now can position themselves to maximize benefits and capitalize on new opportunities the bridge will present immediately.”

- Stephen Laskowski, President and CEO, Ontario Trucking Association

"As a just-in-time cross border carrier, the highway-to-highway access of the Gordie Howe International Bridge will be a game changer for the entire industry. The reduction in border delays, revised tolling policies, technological advances and increased efficiencies at this state-of-the-art crossing will strengthen and support supply chains on both sides of the border.”

- Scott Verspeeten, President and Owner, Verspeeten Cartage