

## **The Detroit River International Crossing Study June 2008 Public Information Open Houses**

Teams of experts in both Canada and the United States have been working diligently on the Detroit River International Crossing study, developing a coordinated study framework and completing technical studies on Practical Alternatives within the Area of Continued Analysis. In Canada, the DRIC study team has completed its studies and is now seeking public input on the technically and environmentally preferred option.

The Canadian study team has been focused on completing specific technical studies of the Practical Alternatives originally announced in March 2006 and the Parkway alternative presented in August 2007. We continue to work closely with the community to both meet the purpose of the study – to provide for the safe, efficient and secure movement of people and goods across the Canadian-U.S. border in the Windsor-Detroit corridor – and to achieve the local community's goals of:

- **Improving quality of life**
- **Taking trucks off local streets**
- **Improving the movement of traffic across the border.**

We're listening to you. In fact, nearly 300 public consultation sessions have been held since the beginning of the study with thousands of Windsor-Essex County residents, community groups, experts, local elected officials, and other government agencies.

Community input is key to understanding the community and environmental impacts so that we can minimize them wherever possible. This input has helped identify important concerns to be considered in the development and evaluation of alternatives. Detailed technical reports on the seven evaluation factors and the technical findings are available on our website [www.partnershipborderstudy.com](http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com). Information on The Windsor-Essex Parkway can be found at [www.weparkway.ca](http://www.weparkway.ca).

The purpose of these Public Information Open Houses (PIOHs) is to inform you, the public, about the technical analysis that has led us to the technically and environmentally preferred solution.

To better help you understand the information presented at this round of Open Houses, we have put together this information kit. In this kit you will find information about The Windsor-Essex Parkway, the plaza and crossing, property acquisition, air quality, the seven evaluation factors, and detailed maps on an additional CD.

The DRIC study team is following a thorough and systematic Environmental Assessment process that meets both provincial and federal legislation. By attending the PIOH and providing feedback, the community will be able to provide valuable input for the completion of the Environmental Study Report later this year.

Your feedback is important. Study team members at the Open Houses are interested in hearing what you have to say. You may also contribute your thoughts by filling out comment sheets that are available at the Open Houses or by submitting your comments through the website.