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## GORDIE HOWE BRIDGE OPENS TO TRAFFIC

For the first time ever, vehicles travelled across the Gordie Howe International Bridge on Monday July 27, as the \$6.4-billion crossing between Windsor and Detroit officially opened to traffic.

Members of the Howe family became the first official passenger travellers to cross the bridge before it fully opened to traffic just before noon. Tecumseh-based Onfreight Logistics led the inaugural commercial crossing.

The opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge will put a North American record right on Windsor's riverfront. At 853 metres, it's the longest stay-cabled bridge on the continent.

Its imposing span though, is one of the many eye-popping statistics that contextualize the significance of the new border crossing's opening.

Highlighted by two towers, built with a curvature resembling a hockey stick, the bridge's price tag came in at \$6.4 billion. Canada fronted the cost of the bridge in a deal which changed only weeks before the crossing's official opening. Building a structure of this magnitude required approximately 42,700 tons of steel.

Across the bridge, 216 stay cables stretch to help secure the weight of the decks.

The new bridge is expected to take 44.5 per cent of the commercial traffic that passes through the Windsor-Detroit corridor, according to a January filing from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security establishing the route as an official port of entry.

The Gordie Howe route also directly connects two major American and Canadian highways – the Interstate 75 in the U.S. and the 400-series highways in Ontario.



## WHAT IS LIFE LIKE AS A LONG-HAUL TRUCK DRIVER IN CANADA?

For people outside the industry, the life of a long haul truck Driver can seem simple. Put in the miles, make the delivery, and head to the next stop. In reality, the day in the life of a long haul truck Driver involves far more planning, discipline, and focus than most people realize, especially when the work includes transporting hazardous materials.

In Canada, long-haul driving means working through changing weather, long stretches of highway, strict safety procedures, and the responsibility that comes with moving essential products from one region to another. For Drivers who haul bulk fluids, compressed gases, or other regulated materials, the job is not just about staying on schedule. It is about protecting people, communities, infrastructure, and the product itself every step of the way.

That is what makes this work different. A professional long-haul Driver does not simply drive. They manage risk, inspect equipment, stay alert to changing road conditions, and make sound decisions hour after hour.

### What Professional Drivers Need for Consistent Long-Haul Performance

A day in the life of a long haul truck Driver becomes more manageable when the basics are strong. That includes equipment, communication, route planning, and support from the operation around them.

In practical terms, experienced Drivers rely on a few essentials every day:

- Well-maintained equipment that performs consistently
- Clear communication with dispatch and operations
- Strong pre-trip and post-trip inspection habits
- Realistic route planning based on weather and road conditions
- Respect for procedures during loading, transit, and unloading

These parts of the job may not draw much attention, but they are what support consistent, professional work every day.

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