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GardaWorld Awarded Contract For Halifax Harbour Bridges

After 70 Years Of Commissionaires

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USPA NEWS - For those who live in the Halifax Regional Municipality, using one of the two suspension bridges to cross the Halifax Harbour has become a routine part of their daily commute.
Many visiting the region find excitement in connecting between Halifax and Dartmouth by the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge or the A. Murray MacKay Bridge, both with the amazing views of each side of the harbour.

Since the opening of the Angus L MacDonald Bridge on April 2nd, 1955, and the A Murray MacKay Bridge on July 10, 1970, the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires have been in charge of collecting tolls and all other security operations. However, that all recently changed as the Quebec based GardaWorld was awarded the contract for these duties as the Commissionaires did not put in a bid on the latest contract.

HHB CEO, Tony Wright, had this to say, “We are pleased to be working with such an experienced company that shares our commitment to exceptional security systems, while attaining the highest levels of customer service. We are confident GardaWorld will be an excellent partner as HHB continues to fulfill its mandate to provide the means for safe, efficient and reliable cross-harbour transportation for the 32 million vehicles using the bridges annually, as well as for the pedestrians and cyclists who also use the Macdonald Bridge.”

Chris Murray, GardaWorld Regional Manager, said in a Media release, " GardaWorld is honoured to join HHB in this new partnership. Together, we are positioned to achieve great things and drive innovation in safety and customer service,” Murray concluded by saying, “Our shared vision and values promise a cohesive collaboration that will benefit both our organizations, staff and most importantly, our valued community.”

GardaWorld took over toll collecting and all other security operations on April 1st, 2024, which ended a long standing tradition that included many generations of Canadian Corps of Commissionaires members working hard to keep the traffic moving safely and provided assistance to many motorists as required.

CEO Tony Wright concluded by saying, "Commissionaires began providing security to us when the Macdonald Bridge first opened, almost 70 years ago. We thank them for their service and the important role Commissionaires’ staff played in the history of the bridges."

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