



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-02116**

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DATE: **MARCH 1, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE AMARJEET SOHI**

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Response by the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

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Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**BRIDGE**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

Translation

The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated is currently conducting a major feasibility study on the potential opening of the multifunctional path in the winter time. This study includes snow removal tests with motorized equipment as well as de-icing tests with different solid and liquid products. We are also testing more innovative solutions that involve heating surfaces.

Concerned about the safety of all bridge users, the Corporation, with the help of this study, will be able to make an informed decision on the possible use of the path and sidewalk in the winter time. The Jacques Cartier Bridge has, among others, a special geometry that includes slopes, curves and a very busy intersection (at the île Sainte-Hélène pavilion) that raise important safety issues which we will not compromise.

In addition to the ongoing study, periodic meetings are held with pedestrian and cycling associations. During these advisory committees, JCCBI's representatives as well as those of the various associations discuss, among other things, the study in progress and the challenges related to the safety of a bike path in winter conditions.

The final report, which is due in July 2018, will allow the Corporation to properly assess the risks to users as well as the works required for a potential opening of the multifunctional path in the winter time.