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Dillon Consulting Limited honoured during Canadian Consulting Engineering (CCE) Awards Virtual Celebration

(OTTAWA) October 29, 2020 – The work of Canadian consulting engineering firms was celebrated online Thursday night, as twenty projects were recognized for excellence during the 2020 Canadian Consulting Engineering (CCE) Awards virtual celebration. **Dillon Consulting Limited** received an **Award of Excellence** for their *Rehabilitation of Historic Blackfriars Bridge* project in London, Ontario.

Recognized as the industry's highest honours, the awards are presented to projects by Canadian firms that showcase the most remarkable engineering feats. “Though we may not have been able to celebrate in-person this year, these achievements and the incredible work of our members were recognized on a virtual stage” said ACEC President and CEO John Gamble. “Through their ingenuity and innovation, the work of consulting engineering companies connects communities, grows the economy, protects the public and improves sustainability. The impacts and benefits of their work are long-lasting, often immeasurable, and deserve to be celebrated.”

Renewed iconic structure enhances transportation network, becomes integral part of community identity and gateway to the past.



Rehabilitation of Historic Blackfriars Bridge - Constructed in 1875, Blackfriars Bridge is one of the oldest surviving wrought-iron bowstring arch-truss bridges in North America.

Dillon Consulting Limited was retained by the City of London to help address the challenge of rehabilitating this heritage bridge to provide added strength while preserving its aesthetic character. Merging original bridge details with modern code requirements created unique design and construction challenges for the Dillon team which they overcame by combining classic hot-riveting techniques with modern technologies. Roadway engineering, landscape architecture, park enhancements and climate change challenges were addressed across the environmental assessment, detailed design and construction phases.

The service life of the bridge was greatly extended, while avoiding costly replacements and loss of service due to bridge closure, achieving good value for money to the City and taxpayers. The rehabilitation of this bridge has renewed this iconic structure for new generations to enjoy, while enhancing the City’s transportation network within its downtown core. The bridge has not only met the future needs of the City, but has become an integral part of the community identity and gateway to the past. The jury recognized this project for the significant efforts made by all parties to replicate the construction methods used for this heritage structure during its restoration.



“Dillon Consulting is honoured to be recognized with this Award of Excellence. This project represents almost a decade of effort by Dillon’s planners, engineers, and scientists to rehabilitate and extend the life of this historic bridge that was previously rehabilitated by our founder 75 years ago. We appreciate the City of London for trusting Dillon with such an iconic and cherished asset,” said Chris Haines, Project Manager, Dillon Consulting Limited.

About the firm

Dillon Consulting Limited - Dillon is an established, employee-owned professional consulting firm at the intersection of planning, management, engineering, and environmental science. With 20 offices and more than 900 employees across Canada, Dillon offers a wide range of services related to building and improving facilities and infrastructure, protecting the environment, and developing communities. www.dillon.ca

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