



## Third Crossing Naming Campaign Meeting #2 – Summary Notes

The second meeting for the Third Crossing Naming Campaign was held on Monday, April 26, 2021. Like the first, this meeting – the second of a series of five – was attended by Indigenous Community members who have historical ties to this area as well as interested members of the local Indigenous community. The purpose of the meeting was to begin brainstorming various themes, stories or ways in which the bridge could be named.

One of the key themes that arose throughout this meeting focused on relationships.

A rich discussion around the history of the Third Crossing was had with a specific interest in and focus on Indigenous inclusion and consultation throughout the process. Since the inception of the Third Crossing project and throughout the past 17 years, Indigenous Nations surrounding Kingston have been involved in consultations. These consultations resulted in direction and advice from the rights-bearing Indigenous Nations on how the bridge should be built. A large focus from the consultations provided direction with regard to sustainability and respecting the natural landscape. In the meeting, participants expanded on this expressing their deep connection to, and respect for, the land and waters on which the bridge is situated. From this conversation, meeting participants suggested that, perhaps the name of the bridge should speak to the relationship Indigenous peoples have to the area's land, waters, and beings.

Further discussion involved mention around the bridge being symbolic of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and all residents of Kingston as well as the surrounding areas. Participants expressed that the bridge, including the naming campaign process, is an opportunity to build a pathway forward, a step forward together on the journey of reconciliation.

Those in attendance then had a conversation about setting criteria they will eventually use to support the process of coming to consensus on a name for the bridge. For example, with regard to naming the bridge, the meeting participants highlighted that...

**The bridge name should:**

✓ Stay true to Indigenous place naming processes

**The bridge name should not:**

✗ Be named after a specific person or family

Restoring balance, bridging communities and populations, and strengthening relationships continue to arise as key themes throughout the conversations for the Third Crossing Naming Campaign. As with the first meeting, the Indigenous community members who participated in the second meeting highlighted the importance of this process as being one that should aim to create connections with the broader community of Kingston. Though the process is guided by

the Indigenous Community, Kingston residents have the opportunity to have provide input through the City's website [getinvolved.cityofkingston.ca](http://getinvolved.cityofkingston.ca), where updates on the process are continually added.