Signing Day, October 7, 1993

Twenty-five years ago, pen was put to paper, and the idea of creating a “fixed link” between Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick was born. Four years later and the Confederation Bridge was a reality.

After official signing of hundreds of documents in Toronto on October 7, 1993, the next day, Paul Giannelia of Strait Crossing (left), Bernard Valcourt, Federal Human Resources Minister (centre), and Peter McCrea, Federal Veterans Affairs Minister (right) gathered in Charlottetown to sign the final papers to build a bridge that would cross the Northumberland Strait.

On November 1st, 1993 the first shovel broke ground on what would be the fabrication yard for bridge components on the PEI side. An event of such magnitude was a great milestone, not only for the driving forces behind this venture, but for the people of Prince Edward Island alike. Completion of the Confederation Bridge would forever change the way travelling to and from the mainland would occur.

Before and After: Photos of the PEI Staging Facility in Borden - Carleton showing dramatic changes between June and November of 1994.
On land, construction happened tirelessly around the clock, 7 days a week, throughout all 4 seasons.

One by one, main girders were placed, all pieces of the puzzle which would soon be the completed Confederation Bridge.

A view from inside a drop in span! These pieces spanned the gaps between main girders. A crucial piece that “linked” everything together.
November 19, 1996
11:30pm on a Tuesday night, the Svanen placed the last main bridge component; a drop in girder; between pier 34 and 35. This was a memorable event as the Confederation Bridge now spanned the Northumberland Strait entirely.

May 31, 1997
At approximately 5pm and after 4 years of round the clock construction, the Confederation Bridge opened to the public. The official Grand Opening was a nationally televised event and the beginning of something new!
Everyone knows by now that the Confederation Bridge is 12.9 kms, or for our American neighbors, about 9 miles. Everyone also knows that maximum travelling speed across the Bridge is 80km/hr, but there’s still some things you may not already know!

DID YOU KNOW...
It took a team of over 6,000 people to build the Confederation Bridge? That’s like hiring 4 people a day, for 4 years straight!

DID YOU KNOW...
There is approximately 12,690km of post tensioning cable inside the Confederation Bridge? That’s like driving from one end of the Island to the other 45 times! That’s a LOT of cable!

DID YOU KNOW...
The Confederation Bridge is the longest bridge over ice covered water in the world? Unfortunately, you likely won’t see any penguins.

DID YOU KNOW...
The Confederation Bridge was designed to last 100 years and perhaps even longer!
A few things to keep in mind when thinking about the Confederation Bridge!

For those travelers only needing to cross the bridge to pick-up or drop off passengers, we offer the **Self Serve Shuttle Service!**
Save yourself the wait and travel at your own convenience.

Customers wishing to use this service should apply at straitpass.com

**For more details visit confederationbridge.com**

To speed things up, all toll lanes are now equipped with **TAP & GO and APPLE PAY!**

No more fumbling around for cash!

In addition to our regular outlets and on-line at confederationbridge.com, it is now possible for motorists to purchase **CONFEDERATION BRIDGE GIFTCARDS** in any manned lane at the toll plaza.
Give the gift of travel!

Also available at:

- Shoppers Drug Mart, Confederation Court Mall (172 Queen Street, Charlottetown)
- Winsloe Irving (637 Malpeque Road, Winsloe)
- West Royalty Irving (644 University Avenue, Charlottetown)
- Summerside Circle K (96 Water Street, Summerside)
- Bridge Operations Building (104 Abegweit Blvd, Borden-Carleton)
- Allen’s Petro-Canada (Timber River, New Brunswick)
More things to remember

All your travel information on the Home Page!

View our webcam LIVE!

Bridge Status!
This is where you’ll find both the current status of the bridge as well as any impending travel advisories!

Wind Speed!
This is one of several wind readings on the bridge. These are updated every 6 minutes. Wind readings from all locations on the bridge, wind direction and visibility are all taken into consideration when making decisions on restrictions to high sided vehicles.

Bridge Forecast!
Bridge specific weather forecast which is received twice daily. Look for updates in the morning and afternoon.

You will now find real time traffic and weather information posted on the Confederation Bridge website at confederationbridge.com and on the Confederation Bridge APP. As well, look for us on Twitter. This is in addition to free email travel advisory subscription and 511 phone service.

Remove the travel uncertainty by consulting the many weather advisory tools available!
Confederation Bridge Announces Changes to Overnight Tolling

The Confederation Bridge is announcing changes in the toll plaza operations in order to meet changing consumer habits and redeploy its resources more effectively.

**Effective starting Sunday, October 7, 2018 between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each day and for the period from October to May each year, toll payment will be accepted as follows:**

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Test your knowledge of the Confederation Bridge by giving us your best answers to the 10 questions below. Once completed, email or mail in by October 31, 2018 for a chance to win a Confederation Bridge Prize Pack!

1. What was the name of the floating crane used during bridge construction? 

2. How high is the highest point of the Confederation Bridge? 

3. How far can you walk inside the Confederation Bridge? 

4. Approximately how many drain boxes are there along the Confederation Bridge? 

5. Which type of bridge is the Confederation Bridge? (Circle one) SUSPENSION BOX GIRDER CANTILEVER or PONTOON

6. What was the Confederation Bridge known as before it was officially named? 

7. What Canadian comedian most recently visited the Confederation Bridge for television? 

8. How many times has the Confederation Bridge hosted the Terry Fox Run? 

9. What event did the Confederation Bridge most recently win an award for? 

10. What is the name of the Confederation Bridge boat? 

Your name: 

Email: 

Phone: ( ) 

Mail your answers & contact information to:

Confederation Bridge Trivia Contest
104 Abegweit Blvd
PO Box 70
Borden - Carleton, PE
C0B1X0

or Email to trivia@scbl.net

Winner will be contacted on November 16, 2018.
BRIDGING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1993.

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Confederation Bridge Awards

Being hailed as one of the greatest infrastructure projects of the 20th century, the construction of the Confederation Bridge is a marvel of engineering. To this day, people flock from all corners of the globe to take in her glory first-hand.

Over the past 25 years, the Confederation Bridge has been the recipient of multiple prestigious awards.

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Coming Soon to a Bridge Near You!

Bientôt à L’Affiche au Pont Le Plus Près!

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