

Election Proposal Costing

Ending all tolls on the Confederation Bridge

April 22, 2025

Removing all tolls on the Confederation Bridge, as of June 1st, 2025.

Cost of Proposed Measure

Fiscal year	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	Total
Total cost \$ millions	46	57	65	68	70	306

Notes

- Estimates are presented on an accrual basis as would appear in the budget and public accounts.
- A positive number implies a deterioration in the budgetary balance (lower revenues or higher spending).
A negative number implies an improvement in the budgetary balance (higher revenues or lower spending).
- Totals may not add due to rounding.

Estimation and Projection Method

Total crossing data was obtained from the PEI Statistical Review reports published annually and projected using the implied linear growth in crossings in recent years, excluding the COVID period. Toll amounts were obtained from the Confederation Bridge website and extrapolated using 75% of the PBO's annual inflation forecast (as per the toll increase cap). The total cost was calculated by multiplying crossings by tolls, adjusting upwards for larger vehicles that are charged a higher toll.

Sources of Uncertainty

The main source of uncertainty relates to the projection of future bridge traffic assuming tolls were maintained under the current contract.

Data Sources

Confederation Bridge Two-Way Crossing Estimates, 2010-2023

PEI Annual Statistical Reviews, 2013-2024

Bridge tolls

Confederation Bridge website, operated by the Strait Crossing Bridge Limited.

Economic Variables

PBO EPC Baseline