

# Township of Frontenac Islands

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**Dear Leesa,**

Please find the following in response to your letter dated January 16, 2025:

## **1. Communication with MTO**

- Regarding communication from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO): If you subscribe to the news section on our website for Wolfe Island, Howe Island, or both, you will receive updates via email when we post new items. This ensures you remain up to date without needing to check the website daily.
- I have spoken with MTO about the Wolfe Islander III returning to Marysville. While no specific date has been provided, their intent is to return to Marysville as soon as possible.
- Township staff are collaborating with MTO, the County, and the Ministry of Health to address emergency call responses. As you can appreciate, coordinating efforts across three levels of government takes time.
- Concerning the Wolfe Islander IV, we have not received an update from MTO regarding the duration of repairs.
- For dock infrastructure, construction is progressing; however, the anticipated timeline for completion remains at approximately two years. Please note this is not yet confirmed in writing.
- Regarding contingency plans for the Wolfe Islander III, MTO has issued a notice about this Wednesday's service. The Wolfe Islander III will be out of service from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for maintenance on one of its engines.

## **2. Community Consultation on Ferry 2-Hour Layover**

- I will be preparing a survey/questionnaire to gather input on the optimal time for the 2-hour layover. This will be included in the interim tax bills, which will be mailed out at the end of February or the beginning of March. Additionally, an online version of the survey will be available.

- I am also planning to schedule a community meeting where residents can share their feedback on this matter. While it may not be possible to meet everyone's preferences, the goal is to determine the least disruptive timing for the layover. This feedback will be compiled into a report and presented to the council for their approval by resolution, after which it will be shared with MTO.

I would appreciate being copied on your group's correspondence with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). I look forward to collaborating with your group to ensure residents receive the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Thank you for your engagement and patience as we work through these matters.

Kind regards,

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CAO/Clerk