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Vanessa Latimer  
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Dear Vanessa Latimer:

I am writing to provide an update about the Wolfe Islander IV (WI4).

At approximately 11:50 a.m. on Dec. 4, 2024, the WI4 sustained minor damage to a section of the hull when it encountered an obstruction enroute to Kingston from Marysville. The ferry captain assessed that there was no safety concern and safely transported passengers to Kingston.

The ministry coordinated with emergency services to ensure emergency response remained available to Wolfe Island while the ferry was out of service.

We also worked with Transport Canada and Bureau Veritas to expedite their inspection and approval, which is a requirement, prior to moving the WI4 from the Kingston dock. Approval was received just before 12:45 a.m. on Dec. 5, 2024, and the Wolfe Islander III (WI3) began service immediately, operating overnight, on-demand, until all vehicles and passengers were accommodated.

The ministry is working with its partners to investigate the incident. We will share more information about the WI4 once that work is complete.

In the meantime, the WI3 will provide service on a 60-minute round-trip schedule with departures on the hour from Kingston and on the half-hour from Dawson Point.

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Franca Sacchetti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Franca Sacchetti

Regional Director, East Region

- c. Judy Greenwood-Speers, Mayor, Township of Frontenac Islands  
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