

Construction Update – Fall 2020

Despite a COVID-related summer like no other, we have been moving along with construction. We adapted to different working conditions and implemented safety precautions and strict daily protocols. Sheet pile walls were installed, and the new docks backfilled. We have begun installing of the vehicle ramps and have made significant headway at both docks, which can be seen by frequent users or those who follow us on Twitter (@A_I_ferrydocks).



Recent aerial photo of the progress at Stella

With all this progress we expect that the new docks will be completed in mid-2021, though the date at which they become operational is yet to be determined. Factors influencing the switch over date include: requirements for testing the new electric ferry, training staff at the new docks, approvals from Transport Canada (see message below regarding the new ferry arrival), and ensuring reliable and uninterrupted ferry service to and from the island.

Advance notice of the transition to the new docks will be provided through emails, newsletters, on the project website (www.amherstislandferrydocks.ca) and through Twitter (@A_I_ferrydocks). We will continue to use these methods to provide updates as new information becomes available.

The project completion in 2021 will deliver a range of new facilities including: indoor passenger waiting areas, restrooms, bike racks, outdoor benches, and passenger pick up and drop off areas at both docks. Our website provides plans showing these facilities.

Contact Us

Comments or questions on the dock project can be submitted to the project team at www.amherstislandferrydocks.ca or directly to the contacts below. Follow us on twitter for updates on construction activities: [@A_I_ferrydocks](https://twitter.com/A_I_ferrydocks)

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Upcoming Work

- **Stage 2 – Winter 2018 to Spring 2021**
 - Ferry operations move to the newly built temporary docks (completed)
 - Demolition of the old docks and construction of the new permanent docks
 - Construction of sidewalks and parking and marshalling area paving
 - Complete new terminal buildings and utility buildings
 - Construction of electrification infrastructure
- **Stage 3 – Spring 2021**
 - Complete construction of the docks
 - Pave marshalling area and parking areas
 - Site commissioning
- **Stage 4 – Summer 2021**
 - Switch to new permanent docks (tentative – see earlier)
 - Switch to new marshalling and access (tentative – see earlier)
 - Temporary docks removed and area is restored
 - Final landscaping and site restoration
 - Demobilization and clean up

Tentative Schedule for the Amherst Island Ferry Docks Improvements

Phase Activity	2017		2018				2019				2020				2021			
	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall												
Stage 1 - Temporary Dock Construction		■																
Stage 2 - Demolition of Existing Dock & New Dock Construction			■															
Stage 3 - Site Commissioning & Landscaping																		■
Stage 4 - Temporary Dock Removal & Site Clean-Up																		★ ★

★ New End-Loading Dock in Service (Tentative)

★ End of Construction - Summer 2021

Ferry Update

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and Loyalist Township would like to provide an update on the expected arrival of the new Amherst Island Ferry.

The new vessel is expected to arrive in Canada in the Spring of 2021. This new timeframe is partially a result of COVID-19 related impacts to the schedule such as suppliers unable to travel to the shipyard, delay of the transport ship and impacts in the shipyard.

When the vessel arrives in Canada, additional activities to prepare the vessel for service will begin, which can take a minimum of several months and will require Transport Canada acceptance and approvals as well as crew training.

MTO will continue to work with Loyalist Township to ensure there is no interruption to regular service of the ferry operation.

Please be advised that during this time of uncertainty dates can change, and we will continue to keep you updated as information becomes available. We thank you for your interest and appreciate your patience. Questions regarding the ferry can be sent to mtoferryinfo@ontario.ca.