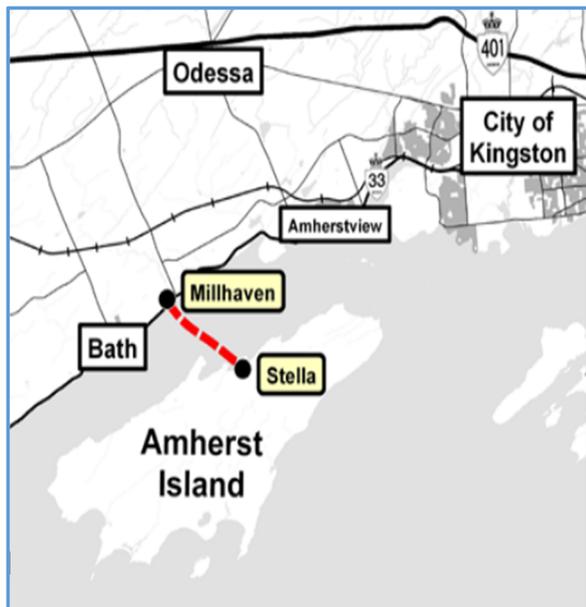


Improvements to the Amherst Island Ferry Docks

Notice of Design & Construction Report (DCR) Submission

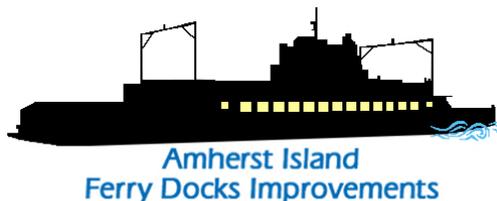


Rankin Construction Inc. (RCI) and their design consultant Morrison Hershfield (MH) were selected by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake the Detail Design Study and construct the improvements to the Amherst Island ferry docks.

About the Project

MTO is improving access to Amherst Island by reconstructing the ferry docks. The improvements and benefits include:

- Converting existing docks from side-loading to end-loading to allow vehicles to drive straight on and off the ferry without having to turn.
- Easier access to and from the island.
- Improved efficiency of ferry operations.
- Better accommodation for an increasing number of large commercial trucks and farm equipment.
- Larger paved parking areas and sidewalks.
- Upgraded bubbler system for winter ice control at the docks.
- New terminal buildings with public restrooms, bike racks and staff offices.



About the DCR

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared and is now available for review and comment. The DCR:

- Provides background information about the study.
- Presents the proposed improvements to the Amherst Island Ferry Docks.
- Describes construction staging and proposed measures to reduce environmental impacts.
- Provides an overview of the consultation that occurred throughout the study.

The DCR is available for a 30-day public review starting **June 21, 2017** and ending **July 21, 2017**.

The project will be eligible to proceed to construction in late summer 2017 following the completion of the 30-day public review period and acquiring permits and approvals.

Electronic versions of the DCR are available for review on the project website at:

www.amherstislandferrydocks.ca and in hard copy form at the locations on the reverse of this notice.

Improvements to the Amherst Island Ferry Docks Design and Construction Report Viewing Locations

Ministry of Transportation
Eastern Region
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Kingston, ON K7L 5A3

Loyalist Township
Clerk's Office
263 Main Street
Odessa, ON K0H 2H0

**Amherst Island Stella Ferry
Office**
925 Stella 40 Foot Road
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Friday Only**

Amherstview Public Library
322 Amherst Drive
Amherstview, ON K7N 1S9

Study Process & What's Next

MTO completed a Class Environmental Assessment study between 2011 and 2014 to develop and evaluate design alternatives for each ferry dock. The preferred alternative was identified as part of that planning process and documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) that was filed in 2014.

The current design process has built upon the recommendations from the 2014 TESR and follow the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000).

The Project Team will respond to all comments generated during the 30-day public review; however there is no opportunity to request a Part II Order ('bump-up') from the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

Project Schedule

Construction should begin in late summer 2017 and is expected to be complete by summer 2020.

Construction will be completed in stages to ensure ferry services remain fully operational throughout the duration of the project with the ferry running on its regular schedule.

Comments

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. For further information please contact:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above

Note: Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.