

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Design Build for Amherst Island Ferry Dock Improvements Millhaven and Amherst Island, Loyalist Township DB 2015-4199

THE PROJECT

Rankin Construction Inc. (RCI) and their design consultant **Morrison Hershfield (MH)** have been selected by the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** to undertake the Detail Design Study and construct the Amherst Island ferry dock improvements (see Key Plan, below).

The project includes converting the existing side-loading ramps to end-loading, in order to accommodate the Frontenac II and the new Amherst Island ferry. This will allow for easier access to and from the island, improve the overall efficiency of ferry operations and to better accommodate the increasing number of large commercial trucks and farm equipment. The ferry service improvements will include: end-loading ramps; a larger paved parking area to accommodate more vehicles; sidewalks; an upgraded bubbler system for winter ice control; and new terminal buildings with public restrooms, bike racks, and staff offices.

THE PROCESS

The study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* with the opportunity for public input throughout the study. The recommended plan was determined during a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study which was completed and documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report in January 2014. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and made available for review and comment upon completion of the study. The DCR public review period will be announced in this newspaper at a later date and on the project website: www.amherstislandferrydocks.ca.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The public is invited to attend a Public Information Centre (PIC) for this study, which will present and receive input on the study process, the recommended plan, construction staging and proposed mitigation strategies. The PIC will be held on:

Amherst Island
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
2045 Stella 40 Foot Road, Stella

Millhaven
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion
120 County Road 4, Millhaven

This PIC will be an informal drop-in centre. Representatives from the MTO and the Study's Design-Build team will be available to answer questions, receive comments and discuss the next steps in the study. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and provide your views and comments so that they can be considered as the study progresses.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. For further information or to be added to the project mailing list, please visit the website or contact:

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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.

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