

# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## 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 recently 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). The recommended plan for the improvements was determined during a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study completed and documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report in January 2014.

The project includes converting the existing side-loading ramps to end-loading in order to accommodate the Frontenac II and the future 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 design phase has recently started and should conclude in mid-2017. The construction phase should start in late summer 2017 and be completed in the summer of 2020. Although there could be some temporary disturbances to local traffic and operations, ferry service will not be impacted by the project.

A round of Public Information Centres (PIC) will be held both in Millhaven and on Amherst Island. The PIC is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2017. The date and location of the PIC has yet to be determined. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Advance notice of the PIC and DCR review period will be placed in this publication and mailed to individuals and organizations on the project's stakeholder mailing list, once details become known. Study information will also be posted on the project website [www.amherstislandferrydocks.ca](http://www.amherstislandferrydocks.ca).

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

