

Construction Update – Spring 2020

Progress continues at both docks, the utility and passenger buildings, and the marshalling and parking areas. This includes the on-shore components required for the operation of the new electric Amherst Islander II.

We know that given the current COVID-19 outbreak and potential impacts, you have questions regarding the arrival of the new vessel and completion of the new docks. We hope this update answers some of your questions.

After a successful transition to the temporary docks in 2018, we have been working to complete the new permanent docks. If you are a frequent user of the ferry or if you follow us on Twitter, you will see that significant progress has been made at both docks and on the new buildings. However, there is still work to be done and we are striving to complete the project as quickly as we can.



Recent aerial photo of the progress at Millhaven

In our fall 2019 update, we noted that construction delays and bad winter weather had held up the transition to the new permanent docks. As a result of other impacts, such as design changes to accommodate the new electric ferry, we anticipate the transition will take place in the later part of 2020.

Advance notice of the transition will be provided closer to the date and will be provided through emails, newsletters, on the project website (www.amherstislandferrydocks.ca) and through Twitter (@A_I_ferrydocks). Our website provides the plan for the transition and what it will mean for ferry users (i.e. new marshalling areas and loading/unloading directions).

Currently the completion of the ferry docks is anticipated to be late 2020, although some final work will take place in spring 2021 such as landscaping, site cleanup and site commissioning.

We hope to complete some paving at the docks in the near future. Once this work is scheduled, additional details will be provided via email, the website and Twitter.

Contact Us

Comments or questions 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

The schedule below is based on the current best available information.

- **Stage 2 – Winter 2018 to Fall 2020**
 - Ferry operations move to the newly built temporary docks (completed)
 - Demolition of the old docks and construction of the new permanent docks
 - Construction continues on new terminal buildings
 - Construction of sidewalks and parking and marshalling area paving
 - Complete new terminal buildings and utility buildings

- **Stage 3 – Fall 2020 to early 2021**
 - Switch to new permanent docks
 - Switch to new marshalling and access (see website for detailed plans)
 - Temporary docks removed and area is restored
 - Complete miscellaneous construction of terminal areas
 - Site Commissioning

- **Stage 4 – Spring 2021**
 - Final landscaping and site restoration
 - Demobilization and clean up

Tentative Schedule for the Amherst Island Ferry Docks Improvements
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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 - Temporary Dock Removal																	■		
Stage 4 - Final Landscaping and Site Clean-Up																	■	★	

- ★ New End-Loading Dock in Service
- ★ End of Construction - Spring 2021

New Amherst Islander II Update:

The Ministry of Transportation is reviewing the current impacts to the ferry delivery schedule as a result of the ongoing travel and physical spacing restrictions due to COVID-19 which are impacting work areas and the delivery of key materials. Once the ministry has confirmation on the next steps, we will work with Loyalist Township to advise all users. We do know and would like to advise that the ferry will not arrive this summer. We are as excited you are to have the vessel here as soon as possible, but the ministry needs to ensure that those bringing the vessel here are safe to travel and that the ferry is ready to leave Romania.