



**City of Kingston
Information Report to Council
Report Number 17-317**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer
Resource Staff: Holly Wilson, Manager, Intergovernmental Relations
Date of Meeting: November 21, 2017
Subject: Wolfe Island Ferry and Docking Improvements – MTO Update

Executive Summary:

As Council is aware, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation Environmental Assessment for the Wolfe Island Ferry and Docking Improvements has been in progress for some time. MTO staff wish to information Council on its progress at the Council meeting on November 21, 2017.

Recommendation:

There is no recommendation as this is report is provided for information only.

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Authorizing Signatures:

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Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

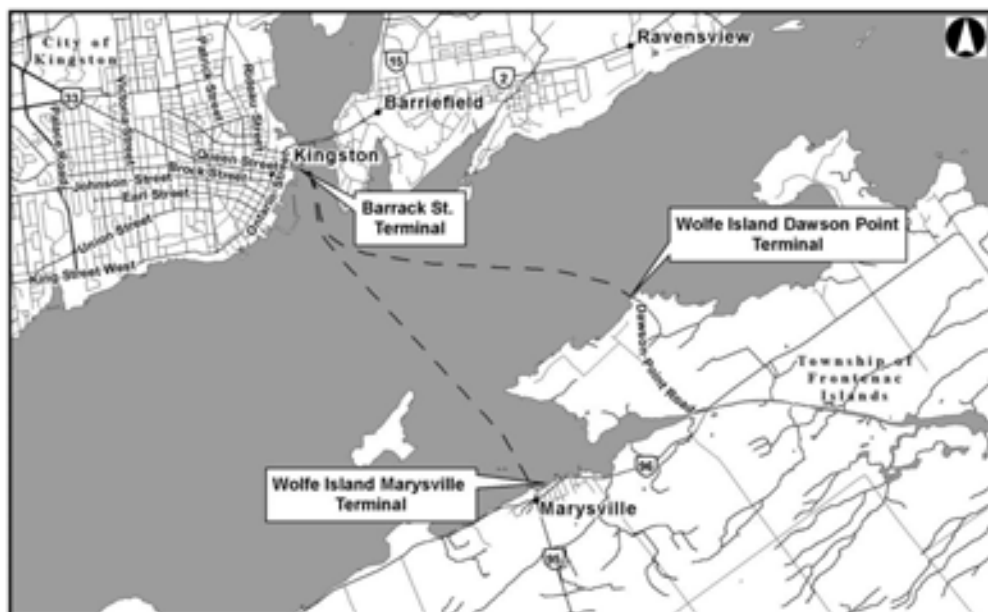
Denis Leger, Commissioner, Corporate & Emergency Services	Not Required
Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desiree Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

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Options/Discussion:

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Morrison Hershfield Limited to conduct a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for Wolfe Island Ferry and Docking Improvements. The project is located in the City of Kingston and Township of Frontenac Islands, within the County of Frontenac (see map below).



As noted on the MTO Wolfe Island Ferry EA website, “The project will address short term and long term needs, within the 20 year planning horizon, for the Wolfe Island Ferry and will build on the 2011 Wolfe Island Transportation Planning Study...The Wolfe Island Transportation Planning Study (2011) was a planning study to identify needs and review solutions within a twenty year time horizon. The study recommended that a second ferry to Wolfe Island be provided to increase capacity for the next 20 years. Beyond 20 years a study should be undertaken to examine the feasibility for a bridge connection.

The Ministry is moving forward with a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for increasing capacity of the Wolfe Island ferry services via a second ferry, and associated ferry dock / mooring improvements as recommended in the 2011 Planning Study.

Improvements that will be examined at existing terminals, both on and off shore, may include changes to the marshaling areas, larger dock/mooring facilities, improved pedestrian and cycling facilities, including terminal facilities. The existing three terminals are Barrack Street in Kingston, and Dawson Point and Marysville on Wolfe Island. The Ministry will also look at any potential new terminal locations that are available. Improvements to intersections impacting the marshaling at the terminals will also be considered.

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The study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group "A" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)" (www.wolfeislandferry.ca/).

At this time, MTO staff have requested an opportunity to brief Council on the EA process and next steps.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

Council Procedural By-Law 2010-1

Notice Provisions:

There are no notice provisions with this report.

Accessibility Considerations:

This report will be made available in alternate formats upon request.

Financial Considerations:

There are no financial considerations with this report.

City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

Not applicable.

Exhibits Attached:

Exhibit A – Letter from MTO

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**Re: MTO Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design
Wolfe Island Ferry and Docking Improvements
Presentation to City Council**

The ministry would like to brief City Council on the status of the above project. If possible, I would like to do a brief presentation for the November 21st Council Meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to inform the City regarding this project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina White".

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