

Frontenac-Howe Islander Ferry Update

Q&A from the Ministry of Transportation

1. What work is being done at the Howe Island ferry and when did it start?

A: Work at the Frontenac-Howe Islander ferry ramps started on September 4 2012. Work includes upgrades to the ramps on both the mainland and island side. The upgrades include new winches, cabling, pulleys, electrical, and miscellaneous steel work. This work is necessary to upgrade the infrastructure and ensure the continued service of the ferry for the residents of Howe Island.

2. Signing has been put up announcing closures of the ferry – When will this take place?

A: In order for work to be done at the ramps, the Frontenac-Howe Islander is scheduled to be out-of-service for up to 14 nights between the hours of 9 pm and 5 am. The contractor's current schedule shows that these 14 closures will take place between October 29 and November 30. Closures will not be in place between Friday 5 am and Sunday 9 pm. As a number of factors can influence the contractor's schedule, including weather, once the schedule is confirmed the current messaging on the signing will change. The signing has been put in place to ensure that residents are aware of the upcoming impacts. During the night time closures, the Township of Frontenac's Foot Ferry located at the east-end of the Bateau Channel will extend its hours.

The Frontenac-Howe Islander is owned by the Ministry of Transportation and operated by the County of Frontenac. The ministry has worked with the County to minimize the disruptions to the residents of Howe Island. Updates on construction can be found at <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/trip/> or by calling 1-800-268-4686.