

Ontario To Preserve Amherst Island Ferry Service

McGuinty Government Announces Ownership of Service Docks

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The Province of Ontario will purchase the Amherst Island Ferry docks in Loyalist Township and will work together with Township on future improvements needed to keep the docks in top condition for residents and tourists.

The 33-car ferry operates 365 days a year and is vital to the community. Next year, Ontario plans to initiate an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify possible infrastructure improvements to allow this service to operate efficiently for years to come.

QUOTES

“The Amherst Island ferry supports local tourism and it is vital that this service is safe, reliable and efficient and continues to service travellers every day of the year.”

- Jim Bradley, Minister of Transportation.

“This transfer of ownership, which was requested by Loyalist Township, will ensure the ongoing viability and safety of the Amherst Ferry Docks.”

- John Gerretsen, MPP Kingston and the Islands

QUICK FACTS

- In Ontario's 2009 Budget the McGuinty government committed \$32.5 billion to infrastructure improvements. \$5.6 billion of this will go directly to highway infrastructure. These investments are expected to generate 50,000 jobs over two years.
- Ontario owns 6 ferries in the [Kingston area](#), including the Howe Island Township Ferry, the Howe Island County Ferry, the Wolfe Island Ferry, the Simcoe Island Ferry, the Horne's Ferry and the Glenora Ferry.

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