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Vanessa Latimer
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Dear Vanessa Latimer:

I am writing to provide an update about the Wolfe Island Ferry Service.

The Wolfe Islander IV is currently out of service to facilitate the mechanical maintenance of its generators. The generators are being operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines and are designed to support hybrid operation. However, a manufacturing defect has caused recent recurring operational issues. We are working with the generators' manufacturer to resolve these issues which are covered under the manufacturer's warranty, and the repairs can take additional time due to the technical complexity of the work.

Additionally, work is planned from September 2 to October 10, 2025, to commission the charging infrastructure at the Marysville dock. This requires dedicated access to both Wolfe Islander IV and the Marysville dock.

Therefore, Wolfe Islander III will continue to provide service until October 10, 2025, from Dawson Point on a 60-minute round trip schedule to support the work to resolve the generators' manufacturing issues and commissioning of electrical charging infrastructure at Marysville dock. The ministry has arranged a shuttle bus between Dawson Point and Marysville each day from 6:10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 8:10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the weekends to support walk-on passengers. Updates to the commissioning schedule will be shared as the work progresses. For details on the ferry schedule, please visit ontario.ca/ferries.

We appreciate the community's understanding as we undertake work to resolve the generators' manufacturing issues and enhance docking operations at Marysville. Once fully commissioned and in use, the new infrastructure will enable the Wolfe Islander IV to use shore-based charging at the Marysville dock.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Franca Sacchetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Franca" and last name "Sacchetti" clearly distinguishable.

Franca Sacchetti
Regional Director, East Region

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