



## Information update

### ***Council continues efforts to improve funding arrangements for the Ferry Operation***

In a letter to the newly appointed Minister of Transportation, Reeve McEwen asked Minister Bradley to continue previous Minister Cansfield's ferry review initiative with the intent "to ensure an equitable system of ferry services and their delivery in Eastern Ontario".

**Ferry Audit** — MTO has advised that the audit of provincially supported ferry services is near completion. We look forward to receiving the auditor's report, as the first step in the overall review of ferry operations in the Province. The Ministry of Transportation Regional Director, Eastern Region, Kathy Moore, confirmed that the report would be presented to the Township before it would be released to the public. She offered to provide a brief summary of the process and the results of the audit to Council.

In a resolution dated November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Council expressed their wish to MTO that any meeting regarding the audit report, beyond that of Township staff and Ministry representatives, be open to the public and take place in the Council Chambers in Odessa.

### **Dry-docking the Frontenac II**

Finally, Transport Canada has extended the Inspection Certificate for the Frontenac II beyond November 11<sup>th</sup>, with the expectation that the ferry will go to dry-dock in the spring of 2008. Council had asked that a spring schedule be established for dry-docking the Frontenac II on an on-going basis. Transport Canada has not agreed to changing the schedule permanently but a postponement of this year's maintenance was needed because of the extended time the replacement ferry, the Quinte Loyalist, has been in dry-dock this fall.

### **Another resignation**

We regret to advise that Raymond Wemp has submitted his resignation, effective December 31, 2007. Although we will miss Raymond, especially on those frosty, windy mornings, we are happy that he will now have more time to do the things he wants to do. After nearly 40 years on the ferry, he deserves a change of pace. Congratulations and best wishes, Raymond.