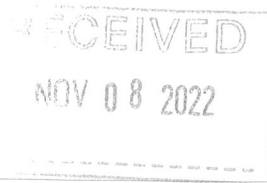




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Dear Warden Muise:

Thank you for your September 22, 2022, correspondence concerning the Yarmouth ferry service. As Minister for the Department of Public Works, I have been asked to respond on behalf of Premier Houston. I understand your concerns and the importance of the service to the Southwest region, and beyond, your comments were very thoughtful.

The government will consider results of the current operating season along with other tourism related data and feedback from the region to ensure that it is making good investments for Nova Scotia taxpayers.

Because the ferry is funded by taxpayers, the government is committed to analyzing the service. Bay Ferries Limited will continue to provide performance reports during the 2023 season, which will facilitate ongoing monitoring and help maintain transparency for Nova Scotians.

The government is also exploring options for a broad evaluation of the economic impacts related to the ferry. A request for proposals is expected to be issued this fall and more details will be available at that time.

I appreciate you taking the time to raise the concerns of the Municipality of Argyle.

Yours truly,

Kim D. Masland
Minister

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