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AN ELECTRIC FERRY FOR KINGSTON

Each year, the Wolfe Islander III transports 850,000 passengers and 420,000 vehicles between Wolfe Island and Kingston. This comes out to over 6,000 trips a year, which contributes to high carbon emissions. Each year, the transportation sector alone contributes to 1/3 of emissions in Ontario, including the ferry. Since the ferry is so relied on by Kingstonians and visitors to the city alike, a shift towards more environmentally friendly transportation was in order.

With the purchase of a new electric ferry, Wolfe Island travelers can expect shorter commute times, a decrease in air pollution, and less wait times (that translates to more time spent with loved ones). The Wolfe Islander IV is an example of Canada's commitment to clean and sustainable growth and its transition to a low-carbon economy.

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399 At 98m long, the Wolfe Islander IV will carry up to 399 passengers. It includes space for 75 vehicles and a zone for cyclists and pedestrians.

7-9 Each charge takes 7-9 minutes to complete while loading/unloading passengers and lasts several trips, with a constant battery life of 80%.

446 Over its 60-year life span, the ferry will reduce carbon emissions by 446 million kilograms (that's equivalent to 21 million trees per year!)

CANADA TAKES DELIVERY OF THE WOLFE ISLANDER IV



The Wolfe Islander IV arrives at the Port of Quebec, September 2021

Since 2017, the Federal Government's National and Regional Projects of the New Building Canada Fund has been working in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to help bring the electric ferry project to life. The Wolfe Islander IV will use shore charging systems which will allow it to recharge between trips.

In September 2021, the new ferry arrived in Canada where it continued its trip to reach Lake Ontario and eventually Kingston. The new ferry will have a speed of 12 knots, similar to the Wolfe Islander III which has been in operation since 1973. The electric ferry is set to arrive in Kingston sometime in Spring 2022.