

# *Rural Municipality of Belfast*

Mayor: Garth Gillis; Chief Administrative Officer: Bob Brooks  
*Incorporated 1972*



August 30, 2023

Honourable Lawrence MacAulay  
Member of Parliament - Cardigan  
Government of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON L1A 0A6

Re: *Appreciation for Efforts Regarding Essential Two-Ferry Service at Wood Islands*

Dear Mr. MacAulay,

I'm writing today to express our extreme gratitude, on behalf of Council and Residents of the Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB).

RMB was extremely pleased to hear about the Government of Canada commitment to purchase the Norwegian-flagged MV Fanafjord Ferry for the Ferry Service at Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island. RMB would also like to acknowledge the hard work that your team and you in particular did in helping to shepherd this matter to a successful promising conclusion.

It cannot be understated how important a reliable/sustainable Two-Ferry Service at Wood Islands is to the residents, tourists and businesses of the RMB area, and indeed, all of PEI. RMB was very excited to hear the announcements, not only for the new Ferry, but also for the confirmation of the Design-Build Ferry, due in PEI in 2028 (RMB Notice attached).

RMB will continue to follow this issue with interest; however, we did want to recognize you and your team for helping us get there. Additionally, RMB would be very interested in meeting with you, the next time you are on the Island, to discuss ways for our jurisdictions to work together on other areas of mutual interest. Very much appreciated!

Sincerely

*Signature and Seal on File*

Mayor Garth Gillis

cc: Honourable Justin Trudeau - Prime Minister - Government of Canada  
Honourable Dennis King - Premier - Government of PEI  
Honourable Pablo Rodriguez - Minister - Transport Canada  
Honourable Rob Lantz - Minister of Housing Land and Communities  
Honourable Ernie Hudson - Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Honourable Cory Deagle - Minister of Fisheries, Tourism, Sport and Culture  
Honourable Darlene Compton - MLA - Belfast/Murray River  
Mr. Mark Wilson - Northumberland Ferries Ltd.  
Mr. Blair Aitken - President - Eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce  
Council - Rural Municipality of Belfast  
CAO Bob Brooks - Rural Municipality of Belfast