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**Oral Question 822-18(2) Peel River Ferry Services**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on September 19, 2017 regarding the disruption in the operations of the Abraham Francis Ferry during unusual high water levels on the Peel River. You had asked for further information on the professional development made available to Marine Operations staff and efforts to communicate updates on ferry operations to the residents of the region.

The Department of Infrastructure (INF) Marine Operations is regulated by Transport Canada and is audited annually. As such, refresher and professional development training for employees is delivered on an annual basis. Following the most recent on-site inspection, INF's Marine Operations was found to be 100% compliant with Transport Canada rules under the *Canada Shipping Act* in regards to training.

In order to provide updates on ferry operations to the communities, INF will continue using the departmental website, Twitter, as well as commercial alerts and other communications opportunities. INF will also investigate the addition of flashing lights or metal signs to make community members aware of current conditions.

Thank You.

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