

My name is Mavis Martin, and I live in the quiet, rural neighbourhood immediately surrounding the Hudson/Oka ferry. As a resident and homeowner in this community, I share a concern that our peaceful corner may be disrupted and possibly irrevocably changed by the potential expansion of the ferry service. Although both the Ministry of Transport, and M. Desjardins, the owner of the ferry, have stated that there is no intention at this time for any modification of the ferry operation, it is difficult for me to comprehend the vast amount of time and money already invested, and yet to be expended, for a so-called "maintenance dredging" to safely continue the existing ferry service. With all due respect for concerns of safety, and without getting into the facts and figures that we are all too aware of, I would like to say that I will remain committed to the communal efforts to keep the environmental impact of the dredging to its absolute minimum; and the possibility for the expansion of ferries and traffic in our neighbourhood, to ZERO. In closing, I would like to suggest, as a taxpaying citizen, that our tax dollars be channelled into the much-needed sewage treatment issue, for which we have been seeking government funding, with no success. thankyou