



Arnold Transit Company
587 N State Street
St. Ignace, Michigan 49781

Date: October 19, 2026

To:
City of Mackinac Island
City Council
7528 Market Street
Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Subject: Amendment requests to AGREEMENT FOR WINTER FERRY SERVICE for the 2026–2027 winter season.

Dear Mackinac Island Transportation Authority

CC: Mayor Doud and Members of the City Council

Arnold Transit Company (ATCo) respectfully submits the following requests for amendment to the AGREEMENT FOR WINTER FERRY SERVICE signed on October 18th 2023. These amendments cover the period from **November 1, 2026 through April 20, 2027**. All other aspects of the winter service agreement dated October 18, 2023 would stay in effect.

Respectfully

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President
Arnold Transit Company
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1. Vessels Planned for Winter Service

The M/V Huron is the preferred vessel for Winter Service. Arnold Transit Company is committed to utilizing the mighty Huron as the primary winter vessel once renovation are complete and all systems have been approved by the United States Coast Guard.

Steel-Hulled Ferry Changes:

Add: M/V Senator

The *Senator*, owned by Arnold Freight Company, will be available for use on an as-needed basis to provide additional backup capacity. This steel-hulled vessel can accommodate passengers internally and through coordinated bus transport if required during peak or emergency conditions.

Remove: M/V Chippewa

Add Arnold Transit Fast Ferries:

Fast ferries will be utilized early in the season when passenger demand, weather conditions, and scheduling allows. As these vessels lack heating systems in both passenger and mechanical spaces, their use will depend on temperature, safety, and operational needs. Arnold Transit Company retains sole discretion in determining which vessels are in use at any given time.

M/V Marquette II – Twin-screw, aluminum-hulled ferry certified for 330 passengers.

M/V Cadillac – Twin-screw, aluminum-hulled ferry certified for 150 passengers.

M/V Joliet – Twin-screw, aluminum-hulled ferry certified for 150 passengers.

M/V LaSalle – Twin-screw, aluminum-hulled ferry certified for 150 passengers.

2. Schedule for the Winter Ferry Service

(Adopted by the City of Mackinac Island City Council on October 14, 2026)

<u>Depart St Ignace Classic Dock</u> <u>99 North State Street, St. Ignace</u>	<u>Depart Mackinac Island Main Dock</u> <u>7271 Main Street, Mackinac Island</u>
November 1 - November 25	
7:30	8:30
9:30	10:30
11:30	12:30
Nov 1 Through Nov 14 only	
2:00	3:00
4:00	5:00
November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)	
8:30	9:30
12:30	1:30
November 27- December 24	
7:30	8:30
9:30	10:30
1:30	2:30
3:30	4:30 +
December 25	
No Service Christmas Day	
December 26-January 3	
7:30	8:30
9:30	10:30
11:30	12:30
2:00	3:00
4:00	5:00
January 4 - January 31	
8:00	9:00
11:30	12:30
3:00	4:00
February 1- March 7	
8:00	9:00
11:30	12:30
4:00	5:00
March 8 - March 28	
7:30	8:30
11:30	12:30
4:30	5:30
March 29 - April 11	
7:30	8:30
9:30	10:30
2:00	3:00
4:30	5:30
April 12 - April 20	
7:30	8:30
9:30	10:30
11:30	12:30
2:00	3:00
4:30	5:30
April 21- SUMMER SERVICE STARTS	

RED- Does Not Run on Sundays

BLUE- 11:30 / 12:30 Runs Nov 1 Thru Nov 14 Only

GREEN- Last boat moves to 6:30 pm for Tree Lighting and Bazaar