Notice to Residents

Re: Vehicle Emissions Testing

Considering the issues with the ferry, the Drive Clean Office will provide a temporary Drive Clean test exemption for vehicle's registered to island residents.

In order to qualify for this exemption, each vehicle owner registered to the postal code L9M OA9 who has received a notice to have their vehicle Drive Clean tested, will need to self-identify by calling Service Ontario, complete the Out-of-Province exemption form, and return it to the Drive Clean office for processing.

Once this form is completed and returned to the Drive Clean office, the Drive Clean office will notify Service Ontario and the vehicle owner will receive an exemption for a time period of up to 6 months. After the 6 month time period, if it is still determined that residents require another extension (i.e., if the vehicle ferry service is still not available) it may be possible to extend the exemption with the completion and submission of the form again by each resident requesting exemption.

Call centres are open Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm, excluding holidays. Toll-free <u>1-800-267-8097</u>

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change is working on a longer term solution. Regulatory changes are being proposed to allow for the exemption of vehicles registered to residents of islands with seasonal ferry service from the testing requirements of the Drive Clean program. It is anticipated that these proposed changes will be posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry (https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/) for a public comment period this summer. Provided there is no opposition shortly thereafter, BFN should become emissions exempt.