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Greetings Chimnissing Citizens,

We are elated to share highly anticipated information regarding the homecoming of our new ferry, the Niigaan Enaazhek. We have received confirmation from the Project Management Team, Tony Thompson and Arnold Jamieson, as well as our participating Crew Members, that the required owner's sea trials have been completed and our boat is ready for departure to its permanent home here in Chimnissing.

Currently the crew is preparing for departure which has been tentatively scheduled to leave Fraser Shipyard in Wisconsin today. The journey is anticipated to take anywhere from 4-5 days, pending favorable weather conditions and customs clearance.

This is a truly momentous time in history for us. It will mark the first time our ferry access only community will have a brand-new, dual-purpose vessel, built specifically for our needs.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been a part of this tremendous effort, including past leadership, our internal teams at Transportation and Public Works, our Project Management Team and our funders, Indigenous Services Canada. Most of all, we want to thank you, the Community, for your continued perseverance, patience and voicing your collective need for this new ferry. Please keep an eye out for updates as she sails home.

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