



**Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry**

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Honorable Mayor Doud  
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49757

Dear Mayor Doud,

I hope this email finds you doing well and ready for a busy summer. We also would like to thank you for allowing Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry Service this opportunity to bid for the Ice to Ice season. As we understand, this bid will be valid for 5 years after issuance of such bid.

There were six points on the RFP that we received from the City of Mackinac Island. I will list each item in the order that was given on the correspondence received. This should make it easy to follow and understand exactly what is being offered. Again, we thank the City for this opportunity.

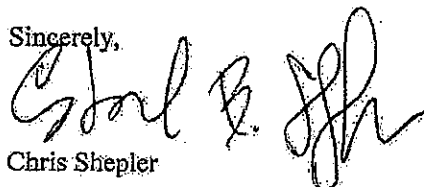
1. Our plan encompasses two types of vessels. This is dependent on the weather and if there is ice. At both ends of the "ice to ice" season Shepler's would prefer to use one of our fast ferries to transport all passengers to and from Mackinac Island. These ferries would either be the M.V. Hope or the M.V. Captain Shepler. Once the ice sets in and therefore deems the fast ferry unusable, we would switch our transportation platform to the M.V. Sacre Bleu. The Sacre Bleu is undergoing a complete refit with all design direction moving toward better ice performance and the comfort of all passengers while underway. She will have a new set of engines, propellers, shafting, heated deck, heated and upgraded 55 passenger cabin on the second floor and the ability to build a second seating area on the main deck, complete paint job and a new bow section for improved ice breaking capabilities.

The facilities used for ice to ice will be our Mackinac Island main dock and our St. Ignace main dock. The St. Ignace facility has parking for 600 vehicles (snow removal included), a waiting room that holds 50 guests and bathrooms are also available. If guests require indoor overnight parking, this is also available onsite in St. Ignace. The Mackinac Island facility does not have a waiting room area although the waiting area is covered. No working bathroom facilities will be available on the Mackinac Island dock, however, the Sacre Bleu will have heated, working restroom facilities available on board.

2. See attachment
3. See attachment
4. See attachment
5. See attachment

I hope you find this correspondence received in a timely manner and requirements filled. If there are any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Chris Shepler



**MACKINAC ISLAND**  
**ICE TO ICE PROPOSAL**  
**2013 – 2018**

## DEPARTURE SCHEDULE

### FAST FERRY SERVICE 7 DAYS A WEEK

November 1<sup>st</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup> OR ice prevents fast ferry



#### Depart St. Ignace

\*7:30 a.m.  
\*\*10:30 a.m.  
\*\*2:30 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.

#### Depart Mackinac Island

\*8:15 a.m.  
\*\*11:15 a.m.  
\*\*3:15 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.

\*NO SUNDAY DEPARTURE

\*\*Daily Departures and ONLY departures to run on holidays.  
Holidays include Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas.

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### January 2<sup>nd</sup> - February 15<sup>th</sup> OR ice

#### Depart St. Ignace

8:00 a.m.  
\*12:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m.

#### Depart Mackinac Island

9:30 a.m.  
\*1:30 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.

NO SUNDAY OPERATION

\*Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays ONLY

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### 30 DAY MAINTENANCE PERIOD

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### March 18<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Depart St. Ignace

8:00 a.m.  
\*12:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m.

#### Depart Mackinac Island

9:30 a.m.  
\*1:30 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.

\*Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays ONLY

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### FAST FERRY SERVICE 7 DAYS A WEEK

Ice Out - April 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Depart St. Ignace

7:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
2:30 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.

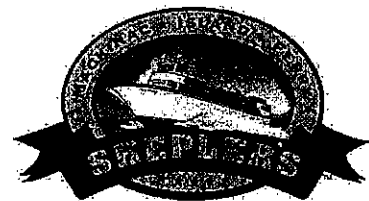
#### Depart Mackinac Island

8:15 a.m.  
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5:00 p.m.

## **TICKETING**

**ACCEPTED 2013 SHEPLER'S ICE TO ICE TICKETS**

**Valid from April 22, 2013 - April 1, 2014**



**\*Gold Cards**

**\*Resident Passes- Adult: \$100 Child (5-12): \$50 Infant (Under 5): Free**

**\*Regular Adult and Child Tickets**

**\*VIP Tickets**

**\*Commuter Books**

***All above tickets must be accompanied with a \$5.00 surcharge.***

**WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INCREASE TICKET PRICE EACH YEAR.**

**SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

# ARNOLD MACKINAC ISLAND FERRY



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Mackinac Island City Council  
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Mackinac Island, Michigan 49757-0455

Re: Future Winter Service Proposal

Mackinac Island City Council,

April 1, 2013

The Arnold Transit Company (ATC) has been providing the City of Mackinac Island with safe reliable winter passenger service for over 100 years. To many people the Arnold Transit Company and its service to Mackinac Island are as nostalgic to the Island as Fort Mackinac itself. ATC is submitting the following information and proposal for consideration of the next five years of winter passenger ferry service to Mackinac Island. ATC asks as you read and compare assets, schedules, amenities, and fares that you also take into consideration what the Arnold Transit Company's name and past mean to the history of Mackinac Island.

## I. ATC Vessels, facilities, docks, and parking

### A. ATC Steel Vessels:

- i. The Huron is a single screw, steel hull vessel with a recently remodeled heated passenger cabin and restrooms. The Huron has provided safe and reliable winter service to Mackinac Island since 1955. Maximum passenger capacity is 400.
- ii. The Chippewa is a steel hull vessel that is available as a winter service back-up.
- iii. The Ottawa is a steel hull vessel that is also available as a winter service back-up.
- iv. The Beaver is a steel hull freight vessel that ATC will leave at the Island for emergency situations, such as gasoline supply shortage.

### B. ATC Facilities:

- i. Mackinac Island Main Dock maintains a heated lobby, heated offices, and a restroom all within 30 seconds of passenger loading/unloading ramp.
- ii. ATC's Mackinac Island Coal Dock has material storage capabilities and also maintains the Island fueling station.
- iii. St. Ignace Dock #1 maintains a heated lobby, heated offices and heated restrooms less than 30 yards from the passenger loading/unloading ramp.
  1. St. Ignace Dock #1 is closer to late open water in the Fall and the early open water in the Spring.

- iv. St. Ignace Dock #3 is a viable option for passenger service, which could allow a longer winter service season.

**C. ATC Parking:**

- i. St. Ignace parking is close and easy access to the Dock #1 passenger staging area and heated lobby.

## **II. ATC November 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup> Winter Schedule**

(Weather & Ice Permitting)

**A. November:**

- i. Four trips per day (Monday-Saturday)
- a. Depart St. Ignace: 7:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm
  - b. Depart M.I.: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm
- ii. Three trips per day (Sunday)
- a. Depart St. Ignace: 11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm
  - b. Depart M.I.: 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm
- iii. Thanksgiving Day
- a. Depart St. Ignace: 8:30am, 11:00am
  - b. Depart M.I.: 9:30am, 12:00pm

**B. December:**

- i. Four trips per day (Monday-Saturday)
- a. Depart St. Ignace: 8:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm
  - b. Depart M.I.: 9:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm
- ii. Three trips per day (Sunday)
- a. Depart St. Ignace: 11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm
  - b. Depart M.I.: 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm
- iii. Christmas Day
- a. Depart St. Ignace: 8:30am, 11:00am
  - b. Depart M.I.: 9:30am, 12:00pm

## **III. ATC January 1<sup>st</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup> Winter Schedule**

(Weather & Ice Permitting)

**A. January 1<sup>st</sup>-Daylight Savings Time Change:**

- i. Three trips per day (Monday-Saturday)
- a. Depart St. Ignace: 8:00am, 11:30am, 3:30pm
  - b. Depart M. I. : 9:00am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm

**B. Daylight Savings Time Change-March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

- i. Three Trips per day (Monday-Saturday)
- a. Depart St. Ignace: 7:30am, 11:30am, 3:30pm
  - b. Depart M.I.: 8:30am, 12:30pm, 5:00pm

#### **IV. ATC April 1<sup>st</sup>-April 20<sup>th</sup> Winter Schedule**

(Weather & Ice Permitting)

##### **A. April 1<sup>st</sup>-April 20<sup>th</sup>**

- i. Four trips per day (Monday-Saturday)
  - a. Depart St. Ignace: 7:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm
  - b. Depart M.I.: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm
- ii. Three trips per day (Sunday)
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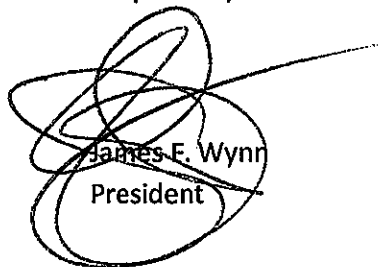
#### **V. ATC Winter Rate Schedule\***

##### **A. Passes and Winter Rates**

- i. Adult Pass: Standard rate of current season
- ii. Adult 1-way: Standard rate of current season
- iii. Child Pass: Standard rate of current season
- iv. Child 1-way: Standard rate of current season
- v. Commuter Season Pass: \$600.00
- vi. Commuter 40 Ride Pass: \$410.00
- vii. Commuter 20 Ride Pass: \$210.00
- viii. Island Resident Pass: \$210.00

**\*Rates subject to extraordinary COLA and fuel costs increases**

Respectfully Submitted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013.



James F. Wynn  
President