

ARE YOU ON?

The Yes Side

Plebiscite debate in Final week

The continuing debate and discussion on the proposed fixed link crossing of Northumberland Strait has moved into the final week before voting day Monday, January 18.

"Islanders for a better Tomorrow," the province-wide group favoring the principle of a fixed link crossing urge all residents of Prince Edward Island eligible to vote to be sure to go to the polls on January 18 and vote yes to the question "Are you in favor of a fixed link crossing between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island?"

A yes vote in the plebiscite will allow the provincial and federal governments to proceed to the next step in the complex issue of a fixed link, the call for proposals. Seven consortia have indicated a desire to construct a fixed link crossing and they will be asked by the Federal Public Works Canada to present proposals for the construction of a bridge or a tunnel.

On receipt of the proposals, each one will be screened and closely studied to insure they meet all of the criteria set down by both levels of governments before they are approved and costed.

Prince Edward Island premier Joseph A. Ghiz, in a letter dated November 6, 1987 to the Honourable Stewart MacInnis, federal Public Works Minister said the government of Prince Edward Island was in support of the concept of a fixed link crossing. However, the Premier also said

that full support for the fixed link crossing would depend on the satisfactory resolution of the ten basic principles including concerns about highways, Wood Islands, submerged lands, tolls, displaced workers, economic development of Borden and areas. Atlantic content, environmental impact, fisheries and utilities.

These areas of concern have a lot of unanswered questions and both Premier Ghiz and Honourable Mr. MacInnis have agreed that unless these areas are fully addressed to the satisfaction of both governments, a fixed link will not be constructed.

In order to satisfy both governments, the consortia developing the proposals are going to have to complete in-depth studies of the areas of concern and show the fixed link will be benefit to Prince Edward Island.

However, in order to come to that conclusion Islanders must vote yes in the January 18 plebiscite. A no vote will mean that the concept of a fixed link will be shelved for all time and the questions of concern will never be answered.

There are many steps that still have to be completed before construction of a fixed link can actually begin. The January 18 plebiscite is just one of the first steps in a long process.

There are questions to be answered. These will only be answered if a majority of Islanders vote yes in the plebiscite. Islanders for a better Tomorrow ask all eligible voters in Prince Edward Island to vote yes on January 18 for a better future for our province.

THE PROCESS...

Do the Provincial and Federal Governments want to study the concept?

YES
Proceed to Next Step

NO
Issue Dead

Do the Provincial and Federal Governments want to proceed further?

YES
Proceed to Next Step

NO
Issue Dead

January 18 Plebiscite
"Are you in favor of a fixed link crossing between Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick?"

YES
Proceed to Next Step

NO
Issue Dead

Are the developers willing to proceed with non-priced proposals based on Provincial and Federal Government conditions?

YES
Proceed to Next Step

NO
Issue Dead

Can the developers provide adequate environmental solutions on the concept?

YES
Proceed to Next Step

NO
Issue Dead

Can the Federal Government satisfy Premier Ghiz's 10 points on which he is willing to base his support?

YES
Proceed to Next Step

NO
Issue Dead

Can the successful proponents construct a fixed crossing for less than ferry subsidies?

YES
Proceed to Next Step

NO
Issue Dead

Public review process of selected options.

YES

NO

A YES vote gives Islanders the opportunity to proceed further through the decision making process - One step at a time.

VOTE YES
For A Better Tomorrow