Adam Creek Provincial Nature Reserve

Interim Management Statement

Northern Region

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement for Adam Creek Provincial Park.

This Statement will provide direction for the management of Adam Creek Provincial Park until a Park Management Plan is completed. It will also set the general direction for the preparation of the more detailed management policies that the Management Plan will contain.

R.A. Riley

Regional Director Northern Region

Adam Creek 8 C B I 9 100 200 300 NAME: (Formerly Sanborn Twp.) REGIONAL SETTING PROPOSED CLASS: Nature Reserve M.N.R. DISTRICT Kapuskasing Manitoba M.N.R. REGION: Northern 20 ha. AREA (ha.): SITE REGION: SITE DISTRICT: DATE IN REGULATION: LIFE SCIENCE TARGET

site type/landscape unit	species/communities	
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EARTH SCIENCE TARGET

geological theme	feature
Quaternary - Wisconsinan	- Early to Middle Adam Till - Kipling Till

CULTURAL RESOURCE TARGET

theme	theme segment
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RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES TARGET

day use	car camping	wilderness back country

INVENTORIES

level type	earth science	life science	cultural	receational	
reconnaissance completed	Yes	No	No	No	
detailed completed	Yes	No	No .	No	
required	No	No .	No	No	

POTENTIAL RESOURCE USE CONFLICT

Ontario Hydro Flooding Reserve

MATERIAL APPENDED

other background information sheet n I II.G. extract D checksheet [7]

MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

1. Issues

There are no relevant management issues for this park.

2. Resource Management Guidelines

2.1 Mineral Resource Management

Analysis

The nature reserve status of the park protects it from any form of degrading land use/activity including such forms of surface exploration/mining as open pit mining.

Guidelines

Geological investigation may be authorized by the district manager provided that such activity enhances knowledge/understanding of the geological features, and that the results of such work are made available to M.N.R.

Mineral exploration/ extraction will not be permitted within the park.

Recommendation

That the guidelines be implemented with the approval of the plan and following appropriate changes to regulation.

2.2 Wildlife Management

Analysis

The park falls within Trapline KA-78.

Guidelines

As hunting and trapping pose no threat to site values, these activities will be permitted.

Recommendation

That the guidelines be implemented with the approval of the plan and following appropriate changes to regulations under The Game and Fish Act.

2.3 Vegetation Management

Analysis

The park contains no known significant vegetation sites.

Guidelines

Silviculture which enhances the park's geological features will be permitted.

Recommendation

That the guidelines be implemented with the approval of the plan.

2.4 Land Management

Analysis

<u>Guidelines</u>

Recommendation

There is no leased or private land within the park. However, Ontario Hydro has flooding rights to valley as a high water diversion for its dams on the Mattagami River.

No disposition of land will be permitted.

This guideline is already in effect.

3.0 Client Services Management Guidelines

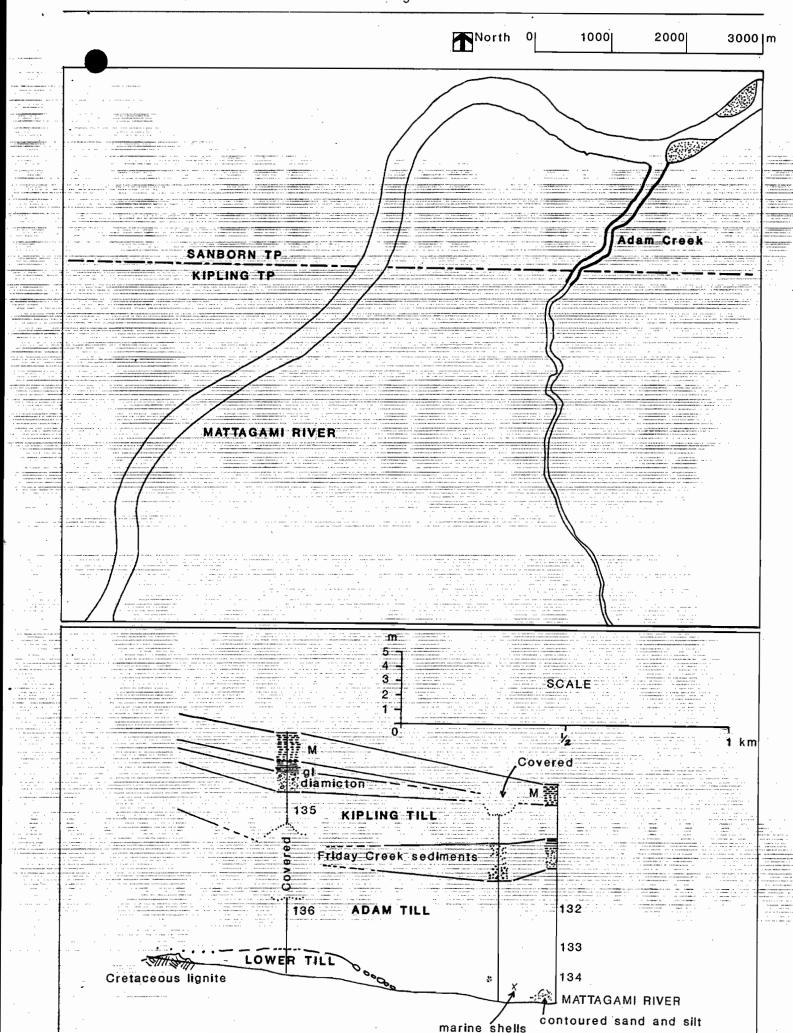
- 3.1 Information: Basic information about Adam Creek Provincial Park will be produced for geologists and students. Specifically, a small leaflet providing information about access, the park's significance, references, and so forth, using photos, geological maps, and text should be adequate.
- 3.2 Education: Prospective visitors should be warned of the resource's vulnerability to damage from collectors; for example in any publication which is produced for the park.
- 3.3 Development: At present, the site is undeveloped and access is restricted to the use of watercraft. This situation facilitates protection of the site from human impact, and will be maintained.

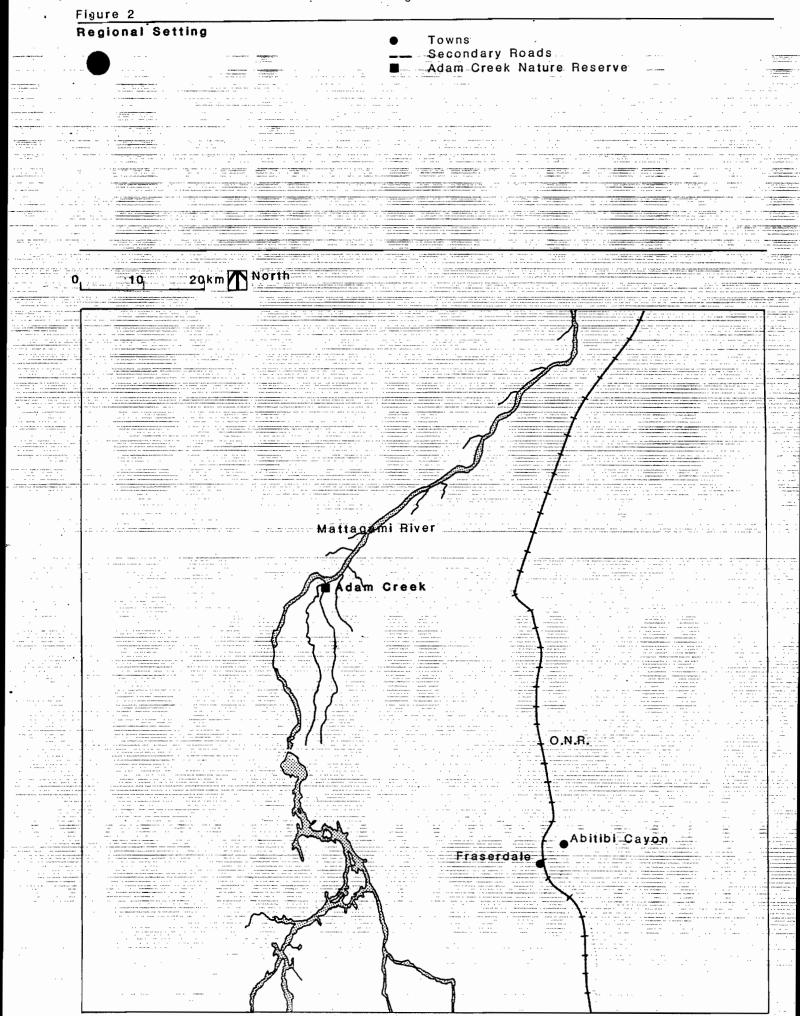
4.0 Research

The Ontario Provincial Parks Planning and Management Policies describes scientific research policy in nature reserves as follows (NR-IV-10).

Scientific research by qualified individuals, which contributes to knowledge of natural history and to environmental management, will be encouraged in Nature Reserves.

All research programmes will require the approval of the Ministry of Natural Resources and must also meet all requirements under applicable provincial and federal legislation. The Ministry may approve the removal of ... geological samples ... by qualified researchers ... Approved research activities and facilities will be compatible with protection values ... in individual Reserves, and will be subject to development and management policies for Nature Reserves unless special permission is given. Sites altered by research activities will be rehabilitated as closely to their previous condition as possible.





ADAM CREEK NATURE RESERVE

(to be replaced by official Survey Plan)

GENERAL

In the District of Cochrane, in the Township of Sanborn, located in the Kapuskasing Administrative District.

METES & BOUNDS

Commencing at a point measured 2.57 kilometres west 42 north from the southeast corner of Sanborn Township, at the confluence of the Mattagami River and Adam Creek; thence in a generally southwesterly direction at a distance of 100 metres from the low water mark on both sides of Adam Creek for 2 kilometres upstream; being an area of 20 hectares more or less.

APPENDIX 1: NATURAL RESOURCES BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Frey (1980) appraises the park's earth science features as being of national significance based on the following rationale.

This section of the Adam Creek shoreline is the most accessible part of the internationally recognized standard reference (stratigraphic type section) of the Early to Middle Wisconsinan Adam Till and the Late Wisconsinan Kipling Till (INQUA, 1977, p. 21, 22, 30, 31). The downstream end of the exposures on the Missinaibi River of this as yet formally undefined deposit (a type section has not been selected).

In composite the site-displays a complete record of the multiple glacial and non-glacial deposits of northern Ontario since the last interglacial events recorded in the Missinaibi Formation. In addition, a small outcrop of lignite of the Lower Cretaceous Mattagami Formation occurs at the upstream end of the site.

SANBORN SITE

a. Description

The nature reserve candidate in Sanborn Township includes 50 hectares along Adam Creek and protects a geological feature of national significance. This section of shoreline is the most accessible part of the internationally recognized standard reference of the Early to Middle Wisconsinan Adam Till and the Late Wisconsinan Kipling Till. The downstream end of the exposures also contain a regionally representative stratigraphic section of the non-glacial Friday Creek sediments, complimenting extensive exposures on the Missinaibi River. In composite the site displays a complete record of the multiple glacial and non-glacial deposits of Northern Ontario since the last interglacial

events recorded in the Missinaibi Formation.

This candidate is currently contained within an exploratory license for the purposes of mineral exploration.

b. Land Use Intent

The candidate is recommended for park status.

It is further recommended that most of the ongoing activities within the area be permitted to continue. The exception to this would be commercial logging which is not recommended as a continuing use. An outline of these ongoing activites which are recommended for continuation is given in the Land Use Activity section, however it must be realized that in some instances further refinement may be required.

c. Land Use Activity For Area Number 6 — SANBORN SITE

Activity	Accept	table	Recommended Guidelines	
•	Yes	No		
Aggregate Extraction	•	x		
Agriculture		x	•	
Bait Fishing	x		It is recommended that existing bait fishing operation be permitted to continue.	
Commercial Fishing		x		
Cottaging		x		
Crown Land Recreation		x	Not applicable	
Forestry		X		
Hunting	x		It is recommended that hunting be permitted to continue.	
Mining	x		It is recommended that mineral extraction/exploration be permitted.	
Provincial Parks	x		Recommended for park status.	
Roads		x	Roads required for mineral exploration will be considered on a case by case basis.	
Rural Residential		x		
Sport Fishing	x		It is recommended that sport fishing be permitted to continue.	
Tourism		x		
Trapping	· x		It is recommended that existing trapping activity be permitted to continue.	
Wildlife Viewing	x			
Wild Rice Harvesting		x	No commercial harvesting potential.	
Urban Development		x		

INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT DISTRICT APPROVAL FORM

I have read this Interim Management Statement and weighed its recommendations with respect to my area of assigned responsibility. I have made my views known and have participated in the District decision regarding the interim policies that it contains.

DISTRICT APPROVAL	SIGNATURE	DATE
Fish and Wildlife Supervisor		
Lands/Parks Supervisor		
Forest Management Supervisor		
Field Services Supervisor		
Regional Planner		
District Manager		

