

Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve

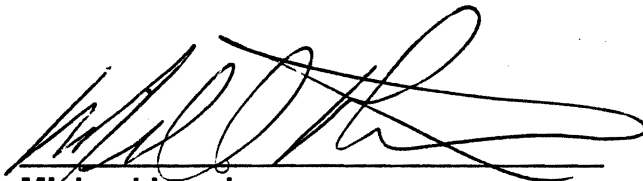
Interim Management Statement Amendment 2001-001
Park Boundary Amendment

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Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve

Interim Management Statement Amendment No. 2001-001

Subject: Park Boundary Amendment (Minor)

1 Background

The following amendments to the Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve Interim Management Statement are required due to the addition of 156 hectares of land and water as identified in the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy.

This addition provides a more ecologically appropriate southern boundary for the existing Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve. This area protects a spectacular old growth pine and hardwood forest on the southwest edge of Algonquin Park in site district 5E-9. Large old sugar maple and beech trees mingle with white pines reaching 35 metres in height and 100 centimetres in width.

2 Public Consultation

Public consultation was achieved through the Ontario's Living Legacy (OLL) Land Use Strategy planning process. This process commenced on August 8, 1997 with an Environmental Bill of Rights [EBR] registry notice inviting the public to participate in the development of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Land Use Strategy. The final decision EBR registry notice for the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy was published on July 16, 1999. During this entire period, over 40,000 comments were received from the public concerning OLL Land Use Strategy policies and park specific boundaries. All comments were taken into consideration in the development of the final OLL Land Use Strategy policies and boundary development for all the new parks and conservation reserves. The Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve addition falls within the OLL planning area and is effected by the OLL Land Use Strategy policies.

All Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Parks public consultation requirements under the Environmental Assessment Act are satisfied for this Interim Management Statement minor amendment.

3 Amendment

The following amendments to the 1998 Interim Management Statement are listed chronologically.

Background Information

p. 1 Total Area (ha), revise to:

469

Inventories

p. 1 Earth Science [Reconnaissance], Life Science [Reconnaissance] and Recreational [Detailed], add:

2001

Land Uses

p. 3, Paragraph 1 and 2, revise to:

Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve is currently regulated under the Provincial Parks Act as Ontario Regulation No. 85/01. Figure 2 illustrates the approximate boundary of this 469 hectare Nature Reserve.

There are no hydro transmission lines, pipelines or other easements / corridors in the Park. The disposition of real property rights or Crown resources will not be permitted in the park area that existed prior to the 2001 regulation.

Recreation Activities

p. 3, Paragraph 3, revise to:

Hunting is not permitted in the Nature Reserve.

Commercial Activities

p.3, Paragraph 1, revise to:

Commercial uses are not permitted (e.g. logging, trapping, hydro development, etc.) within the Nature Reserve. Within the 2001 Ontario's Living Legacy addition (see Figure 2), mineral exploration may occur under controlled conditions and be subject to the terms and conditions as outlined in the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy Policy.

Figure 2

p.4, Boundary Map, revise as attached.

References

P. 6, add:

Heidorn, Christina, (2001). Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve Addition Recreation Resource Inventory Report. Central Zone, Ontario Parks, Huntsville.

Korol, Burke J., (2001). A Life Science Inventory of the proposed expansion of Dividing Lake Provincial Park. Central Zone, Ontario Parks, Huntsville.

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, (1999). Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy. Queen's Printer for Ontario.

**DIVIDING LAKE PROVINCIAL
NATURE RESERVE ADDITION (P63)
FACT SHEET**

SEPTEMBER, 2000

BACKGROUND

On July 16, 1999, the Ontario Government released the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy to guide the planning and management of Crown lands in central and parts of northern Ontario. A major part of the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy was a government intent to establish 378 new protected areas. This commitment marks the biggest expansion of provincial parks and conservation reserves in Ontario's history. The Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve addition is part of this significant expansion of Ontario's protected areas system.

SIZE AND LOCATION

The Dividing Lake Nature Reserve addition totals 159 hectares in area. The site is located to the immediate south of the existing Nature Reserve, in the eastern part of Livingstone Township, in the municipality of the Townships of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale. The park addition is bounded in the west by Rockaway Lake, and in the east by Algonquin Provincial Park.

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

The intent of this addition is to provide a more ecologically appropriate southern boundary for the existing Dividing Lake Nature Reserve. This area protects a spectacular old growth pine and hardwood forest on the southwest edge of Algonquin Park in ecological Site District 5E-9. The site consists of a mature sugar maple - American beech - yellow birch tolerant hardwood forest. White pines 100 cm in diameter and 35 metres high are frequently distributed throughout the area; these are most noticeable along the ridge tops and steep rocky shorelines. Beneath the forest canopy, is a dense and lush mixture of herbaceous and woody plants.

The site can be accessed by canoe from Algonquin Park or from Rockaway Lake.

LAND USE INTENT

Provincial parks are areas of Crown land set aside by regulation under the Provincial Parks Act. Provincial Nature Reserves are one of six park classes in the provincial park system. The *Land Use Strategy* establishes the Ministry's intent to manage this park as an addition to an existing natural environment class park.

Provincial parks protect Ontario's representative natural areas and special landscapes. Parks provide opportunities for outstanding recreational activities. Most recreational activities (e.g. hiking, skiing, tourism related uses, nature appreciation) that have traditionally been enjoyed in the area will continue, provided that these uses do not harm the natural features needing protection.

Nature Reserves are areas selected to represent the distinctive natural habitats and landforms of the province. They are protected for educational purposes, as gene pools for research to benefit present and future generations and for their intrinsic value to society. Visitors to these parks will enjoy spectacular landscapes combined with significant natural and historical features. Where compatible with park values, low intensity day-use activities such as canoeing, hiking, painting, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, and sport fishing will be encouraged. Motorized land vehicles and watercraft of any kind will not be permitted.

Consistent with the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy*, hunting and fur harvesting will not be permitted within this provincial park addition.

Commercial timber harvesting, mining, aggregate extraction and commercial hydroelectric development are prohibited in new provincial parks. Careful mineral exploration may occur in specific new provincial parks proposed through *Ontario's Living Legacy*, in areas that have provincially significant mineral potential. If a portion of a new provincial park is to be developed for a mine, it would be removed from the park, and appropriate replacement lands would be placed in regulation.

NEXT STEPS

The *Land Use Strategy* established the Ministry's intent to add these Crown land areas to Ontario's protected areas system following the extensive public consultation associated with the Ontario's Living Legacy and Land for Life land use planning initiatives between 1997 and 1999. Prior to the finalization and regulation of the boundary of this recommended provincial park addition under the Provincial Parks Act, the Ministry is inviting public comment during October 2 – November 2, 2000 on the proposed boundary.

In the interim, the area has been withdrawn and protected from resource extraction activities such as timber harvesting, hydroelectric development, aggregate extraction and new mineral exploration.

In the future, Ontario Parks will revise the existing Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve Interim Management Statement to provide long term management direction for this park addition.

Planning, management and permitted uses within this provincial park addition will be consistent with the commitments of the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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You may also visit the Ministry's Internet website at www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/oll/ for information about *Ontario's Living Legacy*.

DIVIDING LAKE PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE ADDITION (P63) FACT SHEET

FEBRUARY, 2002

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The Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve addition is part of this significant expansion of Ontario's protected areas system. Following public and Aboriginal consultation in late 2000 on refining the boundary of this protected area, Ontario Regulation 951 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario (1990) was amended on April 21, 2001 by Ontario Regulation 85/01 to formally establish this provincial park under the Provincial Parks Act.

The Ministry invited public comment on the proposed boundaries of this protected area from October 2 to November 2, 2000. Site specific information was mailed to a list of potentially interested persons, including nearby landowners, resource users, persons with other rights or tenure (e.g. land use permit, *Mining Act* rights), municipalities and others who may have an interest in the area. Consultation with local First Nation communities also occurred during late 2000. Advertisements inviting public comment were placed in local newspapers. Information was also available on the Ontario Living Legacy website and notices were posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Environmental Registry website.

Suggested boundary changes and comments on the site were reviewed in detail by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Where suggested revisions were in keeping with the overall direction of the Land Use Strategy, slight changes were made to boundaries.

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AREA HIGHLIGHTS

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The site can be accessed by canoe from Algonquin Park or from Rockaway Lake.

LAND USE INTENT

This area has been regulated under the Provincial Parks Act and will be managed by Ontario Parks as an addition to an existing Nature Reserve Provincial Park. Nature Reserves are one of six park classes in the provincial park system.

Provincial parks protect Ontario's representative natural areas and special landscapes. Parks provide opportunities for outstanding recreational activities. Most recreational activities (e.g. hiking, skiing, tourism related uses, nature appreciation) that have traditionally been enjoyed in the area will continue, provided that these uses do not harm the natural features needing protection.

Nature Reserves are areas selected to represent the distinctive natural habitats and landforms of the province. They are protected for educational purposes, as gene pools for research to benefit present and future generations and for their intrinsic value to society. Visitors to these parks will enjoy spectacular landscapes combined with significant natural and historical features. Where compatible with park values, low intensity day-use activities such as canoeing, hiking, painting, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, and sport fishing will be encouraged. Motorized land vehicles and watercraft of any kind will not be permitted.

Consistent with the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy*, hunting and fur harvesting will not be permitted within this provincial park addition.

Commercial timber harvesting, mining, aggregate extraction and commercial hydroelectric development are prohibited in new provincial parks. New private access roads and new resource access roads are not permitted in new provincial parks unless a prior commitment was made, with the exception of access necessary for mineral exploration and development. Careful mineral exploration may occur in specific new provincial parks proposed through *Ontario's Living Legacy*, in areas that have provincially significant mineral potential. If a portion of a new provincial park is to be developed for a mine, it would be removed from the park, and appropriate replacement lands would be placed in regulation.

The establishment of this provincial park addition does not extinguish existing Aboriginal and treaty rights.

NEXT STEPS

The next step for Ontario Parks, with respect to this newly regulated area, will be to revise the existing Dividing Lake Provincial Nature Reserve Interim Management Statement to provide long term management direction for this park addition.

Planning, management and permitted uses within this provincial park addition will be consistent with the commitments of the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy*.

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Proposed Boundary











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Provincial Nature

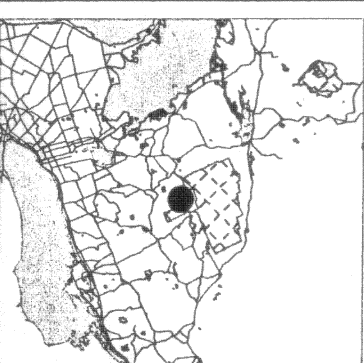
Reserve Addition

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Public Review Map

-  Proposed Boundary
-  Existing Protected Areas
-  Lakes
-  Forest Reserves
-  Streams
-  Lot Lines
-  Roads
-  Townships
-  Railroad Tracks
-  Utility Lines

Locator Map

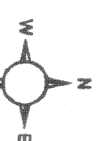


This map is illustrative only. Do not rely on it as being a precise indicator of routes, locations of features, nor as a guide to navigation.

Only Ontario Crown land is included in this proposed provincial park. Where the boundary appears to overlap private land, Federal land, Indian Reserves, or existing Mining Act tenure, that portion of the site is not being regulated as a part of this provincial park. Consistent with the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy however, should mining claims or leases within this area be retired in the future through normal processes, these claim or lease areas will be withdrawn and added to the provincial park.

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