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SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate in the Holland Landing Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve Management Planning Process

Ontario Parks wishes to announce the commencement of the management plan process for Holland Landing Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve. All parties with an interest in the management of Holland Landing Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve are invited to become involved in the planning process.

Development of a management plan entails a reassessment of all aspects of the existing interim management statement. The purpose of this process is to confirm the park's resource stewardship, operations and development policies, and identify its contributions to the achievement of Ontario Provincial Parks' system objectives – *protection, heritage appreciation, recreation and scientific research*. The approved plan for Holland Landing Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve will guide management of the park for a 20-year period.

Holland Landing Prairie was established as a provincial park in 1994 as a nature reserve class park, and is regulated under Ontario's *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006* (R.R.O. 2007, O. Reg 316/07, s. 2). The park is located in the Town of East Gwillimbury, south of Lake Simcoe, and is approximately 34.2 hectares in size. The site protects one of the last remaining areas of tallgrass prairie in Ontario and includes almost the entire relict prairie known from this area. The prairie and associated shrub thickets provide habitat for several provincially and regionally rare plant species. Management direction is provided by an interim management statement approved in 1995.

The terms of reference and background information representing the first of three stages in the plan review process have been approved. The terms of reference provides staff and interested parties with an outline of the management planning process that is being proposed for Holland Landing Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve (see attached schedule). It establishes a rationale for undertaking the process, and identifies the staff, resources and key steps required for the production of a new management plan. The background information includes copies of literature on social, cultural and natural values, and other relevant documents. You have an opportunity to comment on the terms of reference and background information for a period of forty-five (45) days after their release. Comments will be accepted between April 9, 2009 and May 25, 2009.

The documents are available for viewing at Central Zone Office for Ontario Parks, the East Gwillimbury Civic Centre, and the East Gwillimbury Public Library (Holland Landing Branch) during normal business hours. The terms of reference will also be available on the internet at <http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/invit.html>.

Following the terms of reference, the approved preliminary management plan will be released at stage two, outlining the preferred management approach by including all policies and management direction for the park. In addition, it outlines the implementation priorities for the park and summarizes all consultation that has taken place throughout the park management planning process. This stage will include a forty-five (45) day comment period. In addition, an open house will be held to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the preliminary management plan and/or management planning process. Those on the mailing list will receive notification of the date and location of this open house.

To obtain a copy of the documents, to discuss the project, to submit comments, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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Please provide your email address with any correspondence, as our preference for future correspondence will be email.

Comments and personal information regarding this management planning process are collected under the authority of Ontario's *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006* to assist MNR in making decisions and to determine further public consultation needs relating to future park development. Comments and opinions which do not constitute personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*, will be shared within the MNR and may be included in documentation that is made available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless consent to disclose is obtained. However, this information may be used by the MNR to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact the FIPPA Contact at 705-755-1773.

Yours truly,



Jay Nichols
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cc. Park Superintendent

Holland Landing Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve Management Planning Schedule Summary

Stage In Planning Process	Topics To Address	Products & Proposed Schedule	Consultation & Communications Strategies
<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>Background Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale for review • Planning area • Planning team • Integration • Schedule & budget • Public consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference file of relevant natural, cultural & recreational information 	<p>Approved Terms of Reference</p> <p>February 24, 2008</p> <p>Background Information</p> <p>April-May 2009</p>	<p>Invitation to Participate and Opportunity to Inspect Background Information (45 days)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media notice • Direct mailing • EBR policy proposal posting
<p>Preliminary Management Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification, objectives, boundaries & zoning • Draft resource stewardship, development & operations policies • Implementation priorities • Summary of key issues • Summary of consultation 	<p>Preliminary Management Plan</p> <p>Fall 2009</p>	<p>Invitation to Review & Comment on the Preliminary Plan (45 days)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media notice • Direct Mailing • Posted notices at park • EBR posting • Information Centre
<p>Approved Management Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public input incorporated • Classification, objectives, boundaries & zoning • Resource stewardship, development & operations policies • Implementation priorities • Summary of consultation 	<p>Approved Management Plan</p> <p>Winter 2010</p>	<p>Opportunity to Inspect Approved Plan (45 days)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media notice • Direct Mailing • EBR decision notice