



Kawartha Highlands

Notice of Completion for Two Category B Project Evaluations

Creation of Bottle Lake Parking Lot (Major Development) and Expanding Existing Mississagua River Parking Lot (Major Development)

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ontario Parks has completed project evaluations for proposals to develop a new parking lot at the Bottle Lake access point and to expand the existing parking lot at the Mississagua River Access Point. This work would be undertaken in accordance with the approved park management plan and applicable policies and guidelines.

The Bottle Lake project will require vegetation clearing to create an 1800 m² parking lot and the widening of an existing old road will also be undertaken to create a driveway of approximately 150 metres in length. The Mississagua River project will require some vegetation clearing to expand the existing parking area from 425 m² to 650 m².

Category B project evaluations and consultation processes were carried out in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves (Class EA), which identified a minimal potential for negative environmental effects. Some public concerns were expressed regarding the Bottle Lake project, but these were addressed by MNR staff through the Class EA process. Ontario Parks proposes to undertake the work during fall 2009 or spring/summer 2010. Any potential effects on natural environment values will be mitigated.

The original notice described two other projects (a parking lot re-configuration at Wolf Lake access point and maintenance at Loon Call Lake access point). These upgrades fall under Category A projects as minor maintenance and no consultation was required under the Class EA-PPCR for these Category A projects. These two projects will also proceed.

For further information on the projects, to submit comments or to inspect the project files during regular office hours, please contact:

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If there are concerns about these projects that cannot be resolved in discussion with MNR, interested parties may request that the Minister of the Environment issue a Part II Order requiring an individual environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act. For information on what a Part II Order request should contain, consult the Class EA. Requests must be received by the Minister of the Environment within the 30-day comment period, which **expires on October 26, 2009**, and copied at the same time to MNR at the above address. The address of the Minister of the Environment is: 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 10th Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5.

If no request for an individual environmental assessment is received within the 30-day period, or if a request is successfully resolved, MNR may proceed to implement the projects without further public notice.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act and Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, however, your comments will become part of the record of consultation and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the MNR to send you information about future planning initiatives in the park area. If you have questions about use of your personal information, please contact Susan Grigg, Park Planner at 613-531-5722.