



Kawartha Highlands

Public Notice for a Category B Project Evaluation

Catchacoma Narrows Parking and Access Point Upgrades (Major Maintenance)

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ontario Parks, Southeast Zone invites public comment on a proposal to upgrade the existing access point at Catchacoma Narrows by developing a gravel parking area, widening a turn-around and installing a composting toilet south of Beaver Lake Road, in the Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey. This work would be undertaken in accordance with the approved park management plan and applicable policies and guidelines.

A gravel parking area, approximately 45m x 45m, will be developed west of the existing boat launch at Catchacoma Narrows in an area previously disturbed by a major windstorm. Minor vegetation removal and grading will be required at the proposed project site, mainly to allow for proper ingress and egress. The work is proposed to be completed in the winter of 2012. A composting toilet, previously screened as a Category A project, will be installed once the parking area is complete. The purpose of this project is to provide adequate parking for Kawartha Highlands Signature Site park users. The parking area will also service local cottage owners. These improvements will help eliminate safety concerns along Beaver Lake Road.

This proposal is being evaluated as a Category B project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves (Class EA-PPCR)*. Notices of Completion will be sent to those who submit comments or request further notice once the project evaluation is finished. MNR may proceed to implement the project without issuing a further general notice.

Comments must be received by the office noted below within the 30-day comment period, which expires on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

The public notice, a Record of Screening, and a site map are available on the Ontario Parks website at ontarioparks.com/planning.

For more information on the project, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact:

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