

The following text includes excerpts from the Ruby Lake Preliminary Park Management Plan document. This text accompanies four options for adjusting the proposed zoning for Ruby Lake Provincial Park, and is intended to indicate those sections of the final plan that will be affected by any adjustments to zoning that may result from public review of the scoped portion of the preliminary management plan. Four versions of potential natural environment zoning are provided for your consideration. The scoped zoning options are on pages 3 through 5 of this document. The accompanying maps entitled Options 1 through 4 are attached.

## 14.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation is a very important part of the Ruby Lake Provincial Park Management Plan process. To date, public consultation for the development of the park management plan has included several opportunities:

### Phase 1 Invitation to Participate July 18, 2001-September 14, 2001

The Invitation to Participate and to Inspect the Approved Terms of Reference stage included newspaper advertisements, distribution to the mandatory contact list as well as to known stakeholders, posting the *Environmental Bill of Rights* electronic registry (EBR) proposal notice, distribution to park, zone and district offices, and Ministry of Natural Resources Information Centres in Toronto and Peterborough.

Two written comments were received at the northwest zone office from July 18 to September 14. Both comments related to requests for information and inclusion on the plan mailing list.

### Phase 2 Background Information, and Issues and Options August 1 – September 27, 2002

The Background Information, Issues and Options documents were distributed to the mandatory contact list and to known stakeholders, as well as the EBR notices listed above. The documents were also available on the Ontario Parks website, in order to provide the opportunity to participate to the greatest number of people.

Written comments were received at the northwest zone office from August 1 to September 27, 2002. Twenty-nine written comments were received from individuals and groups including the Wildlands League, Earthroots, Nipigon residents, Ruby Lake hikers, and business owners, and community representatives from Nipigon.

Park users, local residents, park staff, as well as other groups and individuals, identified the following concerns related to the management of Ruby Lake:

- **Sport hunting as a permitted use.** There were 21 comments received. Seven expressed support for hunting throughout the park; 9 did not support sport hunting as a permitted activity; 4 expressed support for hunting only in the eastern part of the park; and one expressed concern regarding impacts on First Nations hunting activities.
- **Mountain biking, rock/ice climbing, scrambling, hike-in camping as permitted uses.** Fourteen comments were received. Most supported prohibiting mountain bikes (5), rock/ice climbing (6), scrambling (4), and hike-in camping (2).
- **ATVs and snowmobiles, and motorized watercraft on Ruby and Ivan lakes as permitted uses.** Comments regarding ATVs and motorized watercraft were split between opposition and support (1/1). Three comments addressed snowmachines.
- **The appropriate level of access and access zoning.** Twenty-six comments were received. Eight comments expressed support for development of the eastern access zone (A2) only, and 8 comments expressed support for not developing the western access zone (A1). Three comments expressed support for the development of both A1 and A2. Two comments expressed support for developing A1 only, and not developing A2.
- **The appropriate type of zoning for the park.** Fourteen comments were received that addressed Natural Environment zoning: NE1 and/or NE2. Five comments supported NE1 (Option A) to permit hunting throughout the entire park. Eight comments supported NE2 (Option B) to limit hunting to the eastern part of the park and three of these comments included the suggestion of slight expansion to the size of the NE2 zone. Three comments were received that expressed support for Nature Reserve zoning to protect sensitive features.
- **The appropriate level of development.** Twenty-six comments were received. Ten comments expressed support for minimal development in the park including leaving the trail system as is. Seven comments expressed support for limited trail rationalization including two suggestions for the creation of loop trails between the east and west sides of the park. Thirteen comments expressed support for the improvement of park signage and the development of a park map. Other suggestions for development included establishing parking (3), privies, (1) and safety fencing (1).
- **The greater ecosystem.** Twelve comments addressed the Ruby Lake Marble quarry. Five comments expressed opposition to the existence of the quarry within the park. Three comments requested that the intent to incorporate the forest reserve into the park if/when the claims lapse, be stated clearly. One

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comment requested more information regarding the tenure, area, and conditions of the quarry permit. One comment requested that the legal status of the quarry and the commitment made to ensure access to the quarry, be stated clearly.

- **The greater ecosystem.** Three comments were received regarding the adjacent Thunder Bay Field Naturalists' Nature Reserve.
- **The greater ecosystem.** Recognition of the relationship between Ruby Lake and the Great Lakes Heritage Coast Signature Site.
- **The greater ecosystem.** Recognition of the relationship between Ruby Lake and the National Marine Conservation Area.
- **Partnership operation of the park.** Red Rock First Nation expressed interest concerning partnership / stewardship agreements for park maintenance / operations.

### **Phase 3 Preliminary Park Management Plan April 19, 2004 - June 03, 2004**

This phase included distribution of approximately 168 copies of the Preliminary Park Management Plan to the mandatory contact list and to known stakeholders, as well as the EBR notice listed above. The document was also available on the Ontario Parks website, in order to provide the opportunity to participate to the greatest number of people.

Twenty three written comments were received from individuals and groups including local park users, hunters, adjacent land owners, the Nipigon Economic Development Committee, the Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Wilderness Canoe Association, the Nipigon East and West Local Citizens Committees (LCC), People United for Self Help (PUSH), and the Thunder Bay Hiking Association and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. A meeting was held in Nipigon with Ontario Parks / MNR staff and the Nipigon East and West LCCs on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Concerns and suggestions that were raised by respondents are summarized below:

- **The appropriate level of access.** Concerns were expressed by ten respondents regarding the improvement of access to the park. Comments addressed both access zones (A1 and A2) with the provision of upgrades to the eastern palisades / quarry road and accessible viewing pods (A1), and the development of a safe railway crossing and provision of parking at the western access (A2). The provision of four season access through the ploughing of the park roads was also identified.
- **Zoning for sport hunting.** Concerns were expressed by ten respondents regarding the NE1 and NE2 zoning proposed to separate hunting and hiking activities in the park. The majority of the respondents were not in support of the proposed zoning; suggestions included

permitting hunting throughout the park and increasing the size of the NE2 zone to include the area south of McLennan Lake. One comment was also received in regard to the proposed NR1 zone for the Ruby and Ivan Lake wetlands and restriction of waterfowl hunting opportunities.

- **The appropriate amount of development.** Concerns were expressed by five respondents regarding the level of development in the park. Suggestions included limiting the amount of hard landscaping and using signage to inform visitors of hazards instead of fences and viewing pods.
- **Restrictions of the use of ATVs and snowmobiles.** Concerns were expressed by four respondents regarding the restriction of mechanized travel including both snowmachines and ATVs in the park.
- **Operations and user fees.** Concerns were expressed by three respondents regarding operations and user fees. Suggestions included not charging fees as well as self serve / honour system fee collection. Partnership arrangements for maintenance and development were also suggested.
- **Management planning and consultation.** Concerns were expressed by four respondents about the management planning process and the amount / types of public consultation / participation. One comment suggested that anti-hunting bias influenced planning and decision making processes. Suggestions included local representation on the planning team and open houses / information centres.
- **Shoreline camping.** Concerns were expressed by two respondents regarding interior camping / use of the shoreline of Lake Superior by kayakers and canoeists including the development of designated shoreline campsites.
- **Forest Reserve / quarry.** One respondent expressed concerns about the forest reserve / quarry that is contained within the park but is not part of the park. Suggestions included several examples of language clarification with regard to the quarry.

## **2.0 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Park users, local residents, adjacent land owners, as well as groups such as the Nipigon Economic Development Committee, the Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs, the Wilderness Canoe Association, the Nipigon East and West Local Citizens Committees (LCC), People United for Self (PUSH), and the Thunder Bay Hiking Association, identified the following concerns related to the management of Ruby Lake.

- **Sport hunting as a permitted use throughout the park.** There were 10 comments received that addressed sport hunting in Ruby Lake. Six respondents expressed support for hunting throughout the park; one respondent expressed support for an

expanded NE2; one respondent expressed support for eliminating the proposed NR2 zoning of the Ruby and Ivan Lake wetlands; one respondent expressed support for the proposed zoning in the preliminary plan. One respondent suggested greater clarity regarding hunting (zones, types of weapon) in the park plan. Three respondents suggested that hikers wear blaze orange to increase their visibility to hunters. Many of the respondents are local hunters who have used Ruby Lake to hunt for many years.

- **Improvement of access to the park.** There were fourteen comments received that addressed the improvement of access to Ruby Lake. Ten respondents addressed the need for improvements to the road to the eastern palisades, including the development of accessible viewing pods (four respondents), ploughing (one) paving (one). Six respondents identified the need for upgrades (railway crossing, parking) to the western access.

## 7.0 PARK ZONING

Zoning is a key part of a park management plan. Zones fulfill a variety of functions that include:

- Providing recognition of the features and attributes of a park;
- Delineating areas on the basis of their requirements to protect and buffer provincially significant representative features;
- Delineating areas on the basis of their ability to support various recreational activities; and
- Identifying uses that will protect significant features, yet allow opportunities for recreation and heritage education.

The three proposed zones which will guide the resource stewardship and development of Ruby Lake Provincial Park are nature reserve, natural environment, and access. Four versions of potential natural environment zoning are provided for consideration. (Refer to Options 1 through 4).

### 7.1 Nature Reserve Zones

Nature reserve (NR) zones include significant earth and life science features that require management distinct from that in adjacent zones as well as a protective buffer with a minimum of development. Development is limited to trails, signs and temporary facilities for research and management

#### **Proposed Nature Reserve Zone 1 (26.2 hectares) Ruby and Ivan Lake wetlands**

The proposed NR1 (Ruby and Ivan Lake wetlands nature reserve zone) includes the wetlands and aquatic feeding areas around Ruby and Ivan lakes. The purpose of this zone is to protect the plant communities and wildlife habitat associated with the shorelines of these lakes.

The nature reserve zone designation recognizes the fragility of these resources. Only scientific, educational and interpretive use is permitted in this zone.

#### **Proposed Nature Reserve Zone 2 (100.2 hectares) Cliffs and Talus slopes**

The proposed NR2 (Cliffs and Talus slopes nature reserve zone) encompasses the talus slopes and cliffs of Doghead Mountain and the eastern mesa cuesta (Eastern Palisades). The diabase cliffs and talus slopes form a rare type of open habitat in a forested area, with sparse vegetation dominated by shrubs, mosses and lichens. The diabase cliffs also provide a relatively nutrient rich substrate. These conditions combine to form rare to uncommon vegetation types in Ontario; Basic Open Cliff Type and Basic Open Talus Type (Bakowsky 2002). The purpose of this zone is to protect the plant communities and avian habitat associated the cliffs and talus slopes.

The nature reserve zone designation recognizes the fragility of these resources. Only scientific, educational and interpretive use is permitted in this zone.

#### **7.1.1 Nature Reserve Zone Management Policies**

Management will be directed towards the maintenance of an evolving natural succession, unless the rationale for an alternative approach can be documented. Sport hunting is not permitted in nature reserve zones. Rock climbing and scrambling are not permitted in nature reserve zones.<sup>1</sup>

### 7.2 Natural Environment Zones

Natural environment (NE) zones include natural landscapes, which permit the minimum level of development required to support low-intensity recreational activities. Natural environment zones often serve as buffers between development or access zones and the more protective wilderness or nature reserve zones. Development is limited to trails, necessary signs and minimal interpretive facilities (**Refer to Options 1 through 4**).

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<sup>1</sup> Rock climbing and scrambling may cause disturbance to provincial species at risk during important life stages such as nesting and fledging. Both bald eagle and peregrine falcon are regulated endangered species protected under the *Ontario Endangered Species Act: Prohibited Acts 5*. No person shall wilfully, (a) kill, injure, interfere with or take or attempt to kill, injure, interfere with or take any species of fauna or flora; or (b) destroy or interfere with or attempt to destroy or interfere with the habitat of any species of fauna or flora declared in the regulations to be threatened with extinction. R.S.O. 1990, c. E.15, s. 5.

**Option 1**

**Proposed Natural Environment Zone 1 (1,948.7 hectares) Doghead Mountain**  
**Proposed Natural Environment Zone 2 (555.9 hectares) East Side of the park**

**Option 1 NE1** (Doghead Mountain and western part of the park natural environment zone) is the original zoning proposed at the Issues and Options stage and the preliminary plan stage and it includes:

- The area of the park west of the quarry access road to the western park boundary (Nipigon Township line),
- The area of the park from the north park boundary at the railway right of way, south to the shore of Lake Superior and
- The area of the park west from the southwest corner of the mining claim TB1232451, which is located in UTM (zone 16, nad83): 414173 E, 5424673 N; Geographic (decimal degrees): -88.17270°W 48.96901°N; Geographic (lat/long): 88°10' 21.72" W 48°58' 8.44" N, due south to the shore of Lake Superior, and
- The balance of Ruby and Ivan lakes that is not zoned NR1.

This proposed zone contains the main network of hiking trails that traverse Doghead Mountain. The purpose of this zone is to separate the portions of the park that are used for hiking from the parts of the park that are used for hunting. Sport hunting is not permitted in the NE1 zone. This zone also contains the remains of one of the satellite Kallio's logging camps. This zone also provides protection to earth science, life science, and cultural features.

**Option 1 NE2** (east side of the park natural environment zone) is the original zoning proposed at the Issues and Options stage and the preliminary plan stage and it includes:

- The area of the park east of the quarry access road to the eastern park boundary at the shore of the Jackfish River,
- The area of the park from the north park boundary at the railway right of way, south to the shore of Lake Superior and
- The area of the park east from the southwest corner of the mining claim TB1232451, which is located in, UTM (zone 16, nad83): 414173 E, 5424673 N; Geographic (decimal degrees): -88.17270°W 48.96901°N; Geographic (lat/long): 88°10' 21.72" W 48°58' 8.44" N, due south to the shore of Lake Superior.

The purpose of this zone is to spatially separate the shoulder season (autumn and early winter) hiking and hunting activities in the interest of public safety. NE2 is designated as an area to permit hunting.

**Option 2**

**Proposed Natural Environment Zone 2 (2530.81 hectares)**

**Option 2 NE2** zone contains the balance of the park that is not already proposed to be zoned access (A1 and A2) and the Cliffs and Talus Slopes nature reserve zone (NR2). It would include the wetland areas associated with Ruby and Ivan lakes (former proposed NR2). It includes the original NE2 and NE1 zones. This option does not provide a spatial separation of hunting and hiking. During hunting season the trail network would be signed no hunting. Hikers would be encouraged to wear blaze orange when hiking in the fall shoulder season.

There is no Option 2 NE1.

**Option 3**

**Proposed Natural Environment Zone 1 (396.72 hectares)**  
**Proposed Natural Environment Zone 2 (1837.08 hectares)**

**Option 3 NE1** (Doghead Mountain) includes:

- The area of the park east of and around Ivan Lake and west of the creek connecting Ivan Lake to Ruby Lake
- The area of the park from the north park boundary at the junction of the Nipigon Township line and the Hydro transmission corridor south to the north shores of McLennan Lake and the large wetland.

This proposed zone contains most of the main network of hiking trails that traverse Doghead Mountain. The purpose of this zone is to separate the portions of the park that are used for hiking from the parts of the park that are used for hunting. Sport hunting is not permitted in the NE1 zone. The small southernmost portion of the trail network would be signed no hunting. Hikers would be encouraged to wear blaze orange when hiking in the fall shoulder season.

**Option 3 NE2** includes:

- The area of the park west of the creek from Ivan to Ruby Lake and south of the railway right of way to the eastern park boundary at the shore of the Jackfish River south to the shore of Lake Superior, and
- The area of the park south from the A2 access zone, to the shore of Lake Superior and
- The area of the park south of the northern edges of the wetland west of McLennan Lake and the north shore of McLennan Lake to the shore of Lake Superior and west to the park boundary (Nipigon Township line).
- The balance of Ruby Lake.

The purpose of this zone is to spatially separate the shoulder season (autumn and early winter) hiking and hunting activities in the interest of public safety. NE2 is designated as an area to permit hunting. Hikers would be encouraged to wear blaze orange when hiking in the fall shoulder season.

**Option 4**

**Proposed Natural Environment Zone 1 (894.46 hectares)**

**Proposed Natural Environment Zone 2 (1610.11 hectares)**

**Option 4 NE1** (Doghead Mountain) includes:

- The area of the park west of the quarry access road to the western park boundary (Nipigon Township line), and
- The area of the park from the north park boundary at the railway right of way, to the south shore of McLennan Lake, from the un-named creek immediately west of McLennan Creek to the shore of Lake Superior, and
- The balance of Ruby and Ivan lakes that is not zoned NR1.

This proposed zone contains the main network of hiking trails that traverse Doghead Mountain. The purpose of this zone is to separate the portions of the park that are used for hiking from the parts of the park that are used for hunting. Sport hunting is not permitted in the NE1 zone. The small southernmost portion of the trail network would be signed no hunting. Hikers would be encouraged to wear blaze orange when hiking in the fall shoulder season.

**Option 4 NE2** includes:

- The area of the park east of the quarry access road to the eastern park boundary at the shore of the Jackfish River south to the shore of Lake Superior, and
- The area of the park south from the A2 access zone, to the shore of Lake Superior, and
- The area of the park from the south shore of McLennan Lake, and from the un-named creek immediately west of McLennan Creek to the shore of Lake Superior.

The purpose of this zone is to spatially separate the shoulder season (autumn and early winter) hiking and hunting activities in the interest of public safety. NE2 is designated as an area to permit hunting. Hikers would be encouraged to wear blaze orange when hiking in the fall shoulder season.

### **7.2.1 Natural Environment Zone Management Policies**

Management will normally be directed towards the maintenance of an evolving natural succession, unless the rationale for an alternative approach can be documented. Existing and new development is limited to trails and signs. New trail development and/or realignment of existing trails will be supported by a resource inventory and will be undertaken in accordance with approved site and development plans. Waste generated by park users will be disposed outside the park at an established facility.

## **7.3 Access Zones**

Access (A) zones serve as staging areas, a means of both providing and regulating use in areas of the park geared towards low-impact recreation. Development is limited to roads and visitor control structures although limited self-use orientation, interpretive or educational facilities may be developed. Limited facilities for research and park management may also be present.

### **Proposed Access Zone 1 (5.8 hectares) Western Access**

The proposed A1 (western access zone) takes in the northwest corner of the park at the location of the glacial ice contact delta for the eventual development of a parking lot and vault privies. The purpose of this zone is to connect with the existing forest access road that abuts the park and to serve as a staging area for hiking.

### **Proposed Access Zone 2 (97.4 hectares) Eastern Palisades Access**

The proposed A2 (Eastern Palisades access zone) includes the existing quarry road from the park boundary to the top of the eastern mesa cuesta. It includes the area at the top of the mesa, for the eventual development a parking area with vault privies, picnic tables and a walking trail to the cliff's edge with a viewing pod. The purpose of this zone is to provide accessible viewing opportunities and limited day-use.

### **7.3.1 Access Zone Management Policies**

Any development of the access zones such as parking lots and/or viewing pods will be supported by a site inspection and resource inventory and will be undertaken in accordance with approved site, development plans and environmental assessment requirements.

## **8.0 RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP POLICIES**

The stewardship of Ruby Lake Provincial Park's natural and cultural resources will conform to the policies identified for natural environment class parks in *Ontario Provincial Parks: Planning and Management Policies* 1992, as amended by Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy. Additional policy direction is provided in the following section.

## **8.1 Natural Resources**

### **8.1.5 Wildlife**

Wildlife management may be undertaken on an “as required” basis in order to protect the health and safety of the park visitors or to protect park facilities.

Assessment and monitoring of the avian species at risk (peregrine falcon, bald eagle, and American white pelican) for nesting and foraging may be undertaken to support wildlife management projects.

Hunting is permitted, by regulation, only within the boundaries of the NE2 of Ruby Lake Provincial Park.

Commercial trap line NG 119 is located within the park. Trapping is a permitted activity that may continue indefinitely. There are no Bear Management Areas (BMAs) within the park; however a license to use a BMA may be issued for the NE2 zone in which hunting is a permitted activity.

Nuisance animals will be trapped and removed and or destroyed under the supervision of, or directly by Ontario Parks staff. This control will be used as a last resort when it is essential for the protection of human health and safety, the health of animal species, or the protection of park infrastructure.

Status Indians having Aboriginal and Treaty rights to carry out traditional natural resource harvesting activities shall be permitted to carry on these activities in accordance with the terms of their treaty within their treaty areas.

## **9.0 OPERATIONAL POLICIES**

Operational policies deal with topics such as natural heritage education, recreation management, and the provision of recreation services, business planning and research.

Ruby Lake Provincial Park is currently a non-operating park. The park has no operating budget, nor additional staff, beyond the Park Superintendent.

Ontario Parks will consider operating Ruby Lake Provincial Park in a partnership arrangement at such a time that use levels of the park allow sufficient revenues to achieve cost recovery.

When use levels merit, a park operating plan will be prepared for Ruby Lake Provincial Park. The park operating plan will provide park staff and potential partners with the necessary information required to operate the park on a day-to-day basis. In addition to addressing operational policies, the operating plan will include such topics as budget, staffing, maintenance, enforcement and emergency services. The

provisions of the operating plan will be consistent with the approved *Ontario Provincial Parks Minimum Operating Standards* (1992). The operating plan will be reviewed annually and revised as required.

### **9.2.2 Trails**

The trail system at Ruby Lake (Figures 1 through 4) experiences moderate use by day-use visitors. Ruby Lake Provincial Park includes an extensive network of trails, the majority of which are located in the western portion of the park, although there are some trails in the east that provide access to the cliffs and crevasses located on that side of Ruby Lake. The western trail system consists of one main loop, which is known as the ‘lookout’ or ‘red trail’ and runs along the eastern edge of Doghead Mountain. There are also optional side-trips to Kallio’s Pond, Honeymoon Lookout (a rock barren that overlooks Nipigon Bay) and Cathedral Rock (a large piece of exposed bedrock on the shore of McLennan Lake). There is also a short cut, which is known as the ‘blue trail’ that leaves the main trail approximately half way along the length of Doghead Mountain and re-joins it at a place known as ‘the Crossroads’, which is less than half an hour away from the trailhead.

All of the western trails, which were built by a small group of local residents, are well marked and easy to follow. Flagging tape has been used to mark the majority of the trails, although some trees have been blazed and marked with paint. The side-trips are either marked with small signs or with a different colour of flagging tape.

The eastern trails were developed in the early 1990s when peregrine falcons were hacked in the area. These trails are not as well maintained nor as well marked as the park’s western trails.

The trails will be maintained by park staff or partners/volunteers and may require hard landscaping and/or realignment in some locations to help prevent trail degradation and erosion, or to protect sensitive features. New trails may be developed in the NE1 and NE2 zones supported by site inventory and in accordance with a trail site plan.

Ontario Parks will post trail courtesy directional, safety and interpretative signage to Ontario Parks standards, as required.

The use of mountain bikes is not permitted on the hiking trails; off-trail biking is not permitted.

Rock climbing and scrambling are not permitted.

Motorized vehicle use on the hiking trails is prohibited.

Motorized vehicle use, including ATVs and snowmachines, is permitted on existing tote roads / trails

in NE2 **only** during hunting seasons for moose, deer and grouse. ATVs and snowmachines are permitted to access the trap lines.

Existing road corridors through the park are a permitted non-conforming use. Development of new road, rail and utility line corridors will be discouraged within the park boundary.

### **9.2.5 Winter Use**

Winter use of Ruby Lake is moderate due to the relative accessibility of the park to Nipigon and the TransCanada Highway. Day-use consists of snowshoeing and cross-country skiing on park roads and trails, creeks and lakes.

Snow machine use in the park is restricted to existing tote roads in NE2 during hunting season.

## **10.0 DEVELOPMENT POLICIES**

Development policies identify priorities for new development as well as redevelopment of existing facilities. Development is implemented through business and work program planning, based on priority and subject to the availability of funds, and in accordance with approved site and development plans that detail the location, type and extent of development permitted.

### **10.3 Trails**

The expansion of permitted uses (for example, to include mountain biking, or horseback riding) will not be considered. Trail courtesy signage will be posted to minimize potential conflict between trail users. Existing trails may be realigned or closed for safety reasons or to protect sensitive features subject to site inventory and site plans. New hiking trails may be developed in the NE1 and NE2 zones supported by site inventory and in accordance with a trail site plan.

The construction of new trails in the natural environment zones will be subject to approved site plans.

## **Your Personal Invitation**

As someone with an interest in the long-term management of Ruby Lake Provincial Park, you are invited to participate in the park management planning process. Any comments, concerns or suggestions regarding this scoped zoning options document are welcome. Please take the opportunity to submit your comments to the superintendent of Ruby Lake Provincial Park (see below).

The Ministry of Natural Resources/Ontario Parks is collecting comments and information regarding the Ruby Lake Management Plan under the authority of the *Provincial Parks Act* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the plan period and may be included in study documentation, which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (1987), personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, the information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources/Ontario Parks to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Dave Jackson in Thunder Bay at (807) 473-9231.

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