

Meeting Notice

Temagami Integrated Planning (TIP) Proposal Review

Background

Provincial planning efforts, facilitated by the MNR, are currently underway in the Temagami area. These efforts will produce a set of plans to manage recreational activities that presently occur in a variety of fractured, yet connected land use designations: Provincial Waterway and Wilderness Parks, Conservation Reserves (a new land designation) and Crown Lands.

This is a new approach to planning. Some people feel it will be precedent setting, with the potential to affect long-term management and planning efforts province-wide.

A few of the issues that may concern canoeists:

- User fees and access controls on Crown Lands?
- How will competing interests for Crown Lands be managed?
- What protection will there be for traditional canoe routes?
- How will Resource Management Plans for Conservation Reserves be developed and implemented?
- What land use activities will they allow in Wilderness Parks, in theory - the most regulated and restrictive of all Provincial Parks.

If you paddle in Ontario you may experience the effects of this process in the future as interests and land use activities change and evolve. Whether you paddle in a Provincial Park, Crown Land or somewhere in between, the resources you value as paddlers may be affected.

Management plans for Parks are reviewed periodically and they can and do change.

Management of Crown Lands is always in a state of flux as various interests compete for these scarce resources.

Other interest groups are organized, involved in the process and presenting their concerns and expectations.

As canoeists we should be also be concerned about this planning process as it will involve our access to Temagami Crown Land and Area Parks. The resulting document may become the planning template for the regulation of recreational pursuits on other Crown Land areas throughout the Province.

Our input is required.

The currently published TIP Document, which is a review of background information, can be accessed from the Ontario Parks website by going to: http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/tema_planning.html

Meetings

The MNR has recently completed a series of “open house” meetings in selected Northern communities.

We have arranged to have meetings in Toronto and Ottawa to give the canoeing community an opportunity to learn, get involved and provide input. This is our chance to participate in the discussion in one of these more convenient locations.

John Salo, Ontario Parks, Temagami Area Parks Superintendent, will present an overview of the TIP background document in conjunction with Rick Calhoun, the North Bay District Planner.

Ontario Parks is responsible for management planning in the 5 area parks. The District planning function is responsible for developing a recreation management plan for the Conservation Reserves and Crown Lands that are included in the study area.

Following the formal presentation, lasting about ½ hour, there will be ample time for individual questions and other group input/presentations.

Toronto is scheduled for Thursday, November 24th, 2005 at the University of Toronto, St. George campus, starting at 7:00PM and going until 10:00PM if necessary.

The meeting will be held in the Bahen Centre, located on St. George Street, in Room 1170.

A Map of the St. George Campus can be obtained by going to: <http://www.utoronto.ca/maps.html>

The Bahen Centre is designated as Building “BA”

If you are driving, parking is available under the Bahen Centre.

Going North on Spadina, turn Right onto College Street and then take the first Left onto Huron Street. At the next Right there is access to underground Public Parking.

Find a spot and then locate a machine where you can pay. It will take coins, or you can use a credit card.

The Ottawa meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2005.
The time and location will be available in a few days.

We need your help. Please come out and support this effort.

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