

Access Road Study: Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park

Notice of Completion, Opportunity to Inspect the Final Environmental Study Report

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ontario Parks invites inspection of the Final Environmental Study Report for its Access Road Study for Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park. The study includes consideration of alternative ways of providing access to the park from both Highway 28 on the east side of the Park and County Road 507 on the west.

Public consultations have occurred in May/June 2005, July/August 2006 and September/October 2007 to obtain public response to the access alternatives. A Final Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the potential access roads has now been completed, as required for a Category C project by the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves (Class EA). The Final ESR describes the process for the selection of preferred access roads and an evaluation of environmental effects. The preferred plan includes the use of Anstruther Lake Road from the east side of the park and Beaver Lake Road from the west.

Copies of the Final ESR are available for viewing at the Bancroft District and Minden Area MNR offices, Peterborough Service Ontario Counter, North Kawartha municipal office, Buckhorn Library and the Cavendish Community Centre. The Final ESR is also available on-line on the Kawartha Highlands website found at www.ontarioparks.com.

To obtain digital copies of the Final ESR, to discuss the project, to provide comments or to inspect the project file during normal office hours, please contact:

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If there are concerns about this project that cannot be resolved in discussion with MNR, interested parties may request the Minister of the Environment to 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 November 25, 2008 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.

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to discuss any concerns with MNR before requesting an individual environmental assessment. If no request is received within the 30-day period, or if a request is successfully resolved, MNR may proceed to implement the project without further public notice.

Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act*. 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 MNR planning initiatives in the park area. If you have questions about use of your personal information, please contact: Jennifer Fay, Senior Operations Technician, Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park, P.O. Box 500, 106 Monck St., Bancroft, ON, K0L 1C0, 613-332-3940 ext 261, jennifer.fay@ontario.ca.

