



Kawartha Highlands

Public Notice 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, Southeast Zone invites public comment on a proposal to develop a new parking lot at the Bottle Lake access point and 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 that will accommodate 40 parking spaces. The widening of an existing old road will also be undertaken to create a driveway of approximately 150 m in length. The Mississagua River project will require some vegetation clearing to expand the existing parking area from 425 m² to 650 m² which will result in a 20 vehicle capacity.

Comments must be received by the office noted below within the 30-day comment period, which expires on **Monday, August 31, 2009**.

Each 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 for either project, once the project evaluations are finished. MNR may proceed to implement each project without issuing a further general notice. The list of respondents from the above Category B projects will be used as the mailing list for any further Class EA-PPCR projects.

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

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Notice: There will also be 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. These two projects will ensure maximized capacity within the existing cleared areas. Minimal vegetation removal will occur. No consultation is required under the Class EA-PPCR for Category A projects and this is only an information notice for these projects.

The installation of composting toilets at any access points including the four listed in this notice has been screened as a Category A project and does not require consultation.

Comments and personal information regarding the Category B project are collected under authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act* to assist MNR in making decisions. Comments and opinions which do not constitute personal information, as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among MNR and others as appropriate, and may be included in study documentation that is made available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

