

December 19, 2006

Dear Stakeholder:

Subject: **Release of Preliminary Management Plans for three components of the Temagami Integrated Planning Process**

The Temagami Integrated Plan (TIP) Steering Committee is pleased to provide you with an opportunity to review preliminary management plans for the three components of the TIP process:

- Preliminary Management Plan for five provincial parks
- Preliminary Resource Management Plan for eight conservation reserves
- Preliminary Recreation Management Plan for Crown land within the TIP planning area

In June 2004, TIP released a Terms of Reference and extended an Invitation to Participate to the public. In August 2005, the Background Information document was released and a series of open houses and public meetings were held to review the document. In April 2006, the Planning Team conducted a series of Focus Group meetings to discuss a number of topics related to TIP. The most recent stage in the planning process has been the release of the Management Options document in July of 2006. This stage allowed the public an opportunity to indicate their preferred choices to the issues presented in the Management Options Workbook. A series of open houses and public meetings was also held at this stage giving the public an opportunity to voice concerns and comments.

Public review of Preliminary Management Plans is the current step in the TIP process. These three documents contain proposed policies and direction for the long-term protection, management and development of the provincial parks; conservation reserves and associated Crown land recreation in accordance with legislation, land use direction and policies. These plans also provide guidance concerning the implementation of management direction, achievement of goals and objectives and a commitment for periodic plan review.

The Preliminary Management Plans can also be accessed as a PDF file at the following website link: http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/tema_planning.html. The documents are also available upon request by contacting the Ministry of Natural Resources at the contact information provided on page 2.

It is also possible to receive the Preliminary Plans via electronic mail by sending your request to: tip@ontario.ca

As part of this planning process we will be conducting a series of Public Open Houses. The locations, dates and times of the open houses are listed in the enclosed newspaper ad. The

Open Houses are just one method of gathering public input into the review process. If there is a group, association or organization that would be interested in discussing the document further with the Planning Team, we would be pleased to discuss arrangements with them.

Your participation is very important to this planning process. We look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions and/or, receiving your written comments.

Comments regarding the Preliminary Management Plans will be accepted from December 19th 2006, until February 14th 2007.

If you have any questions about this planning process please contact:

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The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information under the authority of the Provincial Parks Act (1990), the Public Lands Act (1990) and in accordance with the Environmental Bill of Rights and the Environmental Registry. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the planning period and may be included in study documentation, which may be 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 this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management projects. For information on these acts please contact Rick Calhoun at the contact information noted above.