

For the TLA website:

Explanation of the proposed Minor amendment (2011-011) to the Temagami Land Use Plan and associated policy reports of the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas in MNR's North Bay District.

The Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA) is the source of area-specific land use policy for Crown lands in a large part of central and mid-northern Ontario. The interactive map browser is a major component of this site. It allows users to view the boundaries of Crown land use areas as well as associated land use policies. Land use policies are presented in policy reports specific to each land use area and can be accessed using the interactive map browser. CLUPA can be accessed here:  
<http://crownlanduseatlas.mnr.gov.on.ca/>

In a review of the Temagami Land Use Plan, it was determined that some minor amendments must be made in the original plan to bring it up to date with the current land use classifications used in CLUPA. It was determined that this represented a minor amendment to the Temagami Land Use Plan. One new additional page would be included in the existing TLUP that would explain these land use classification changes.

From the amendment itself:

"This minor amendment proposes to update and clarify the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA) policy reports associated with the Temagami Land Use Plan (TLUP). The proposed amendment will result in corrections to all 74 CLUPA policy reports associated with the TLUP. In addition, a re-designation of 29 General Use Areas to Enhanced Management Areas is being proposed to ensure that the CLUPA policies reflect the intent of the TLUP and that the management areas are categorized consistently throughout the province."

"With this minor amendment, 29 General Use Areas (GUAs) in the CLUPA are being proposed for redesignation. These Special Management Areas (SMAs) in the TLUP, currently designated as GUAs in the CLUPA, are being proposed for re-designation as Enhanced Management Areas (EMAs)."

"With regards to updates to the TLUP, a one-page insert will be added at the beginning of the plan to provide clarification on the new review requirements as per the Guide for Crown Land Use Planning (2011) and the most current legislation/policies. The one-page insert will also advise individuals to refer to the CLUPA for the most current and up-to-date policy information for the management areas."

"The Temagami Land Use Plan (TLUP) is working well; however, this amendment is required to correct inaccuracies in the Crown Land Use Policy Reports associated with the TLUP. Re-designations are required to ensure the intent of the TLUP is accurately reflected in the CLUPA and to categorize management areas consistently throughout the province. Public reaction to this amendment is expected to be mixed. The amendment does not propose changes to land use intent; however, the proposed redesignations may be perceived by some as providing higher levels of protection. The re-designations are simply a name change and will not affect permitted uses within the management areas."

Interestingly, while they are proposing to change the General Use Areas to Enhanced Management Areas - Recreation be consistent with the CLUPA, there are no changes in status proposed for the areas

around Lake Temagami currently designated as Policy ID: P2703 Lake Temagami Provincial Park (Waterway Class) Designation: Recommended Provincial Park.

According to the Guide for Crown Land Use Planning (First Edition, 2011, 109 pp.), there are a variety of Enhanced Management Areas, including those focusing on: fish and wildlife, intensive forestry, natural heritage, recreation, remote access, and resource-based tourism.

The EMA-Recreation designation is described as:

" The Recreation EMA designation can be applied to areas with high recreational use or significant recreation values for activities such as angling, hunting, motorized and nonmotorized trail use, and canoeing. This EMA can be used for a wide variety of recreation values and management intents, ranging from areas where relatively substantial recreation development is permitted, to areas providing lowdensity, high-quality recreation in a natural setting. Because of this range of application, and the resulting potential variability in policies, detailed policies should be developed when the EMA is established.

Some Recreation EMAs have been identified to protect remote recreation values. The intent is that these areas will be managed to provide high-quality recreation, resource based tourism and natural values within a remote or semiremote forested setting, while also permitting sustainable business and industrial activities. In these recreation areas, industrial activities such as forestry, mining, aggregate extraction, and generation of electricity, and the related construction and use of new roads, should be planned in a manner that supports the maintenance or enhancement of the area's remote recreation qualities.

Where a Crown land use planning process identifies the protection of remote recreation values as a priority in a new Recreation EMA, the area-specific land use policies must adequately outline the policies that will be applied to the area. Existing commercial tourism operations can continue, and expansions or new operations may be considered. Commercial bait harvest, commercial fishing, commercial fur harvesting and wild rice harvesting are permitted subject to existing controls and policies, and existing access related to the carrying out of these activities would normally continue, provided there are no conflicts with the objectives and land use intent of the EMA. There is no guarantee of continued access for these activities, because roads or trails may need to be closed for environmental, safety or financial reasons. Where new access is proposed, a review would be required to assess the potential impacts, particularly in areas that are identified to protect remote recreation values.

Disposition of Crown lands under the Public Lands Act can be considered where disposition would not conflict with the objectives that have been defined for the specific EMA. (There are a broad range of other factors that must be considered in reviewing proposed dispositions, such as the consistency of the intended use of lands with the Provincial Policy Statement and any applicable provincial or municipal plans.) Recreation EMAs could be used in future planning to identify areas in which enhanced management and use of accessible fish and wildlife resources is an objective of planning and resource management. Other resource interests will be accommodated. Where enhanced management of fish and wildlife is a primary objective, the Fish and Wildlife EMA category may be a more appropriate choice. Where consideration is being given to using the Recreation EMA to protect remote recreation values, consideration should also be given to the use of the Remote Access EMA. The Remote Access EMA has more specific

policies for new road planning and construction, and includes the standard policy that new roads will be restricted from public use."

from:

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, March 2011.

Guide for Crown Land Use Planning. First Edition, 109 pp.

For more information, please consult the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA) at:

<http://crownlanduseatlas.mnr.gov.on.ca/>