



COUCOUCACHE

DESCRIPTION

The Coucoucache Reserve occupies an undivided part of the township of Cloutier, bordered south and west by the Saint Maurice river.

It covers 5.77 hectares.

LOCATION

The reserve is located at the east end of the Rapide Blanc reservoir, approximately 48 kilometres north-west of La Tuque.

LAND TITLE HISTORY

August 30, 1851 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 3751-105

14-15 Victoria, chapter 106 (*Statutes of Canada*)

This act authorized the setting apart of lands in Lower Canada for the use and benefit of several Indian tribes residing on that territory. The overall area allotted to the different tribes would not be in excess of 230 000 acres.

June 8, 1853 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 15565

Distribution of the lands set apart according to the 1851 Act

A distribution list for the lands set apart was proposed on June 8, 1853 by John Rolph, Commissioner of Crown Lands. According to that list, the Indians residing in Portneuf county, near the Saint Maurice river or around La Tuque were allotted 14 000 acres. This land attribution was made for the benefit of the Têtes de Boule, Algonquins and Abenakis of Bécancour.

August 9, 1853 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 15565

The Governor General in Council approves the distribution list submitted two months earlier by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

July 1, 1867 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X14591

The *British North America Act, 1867* (currently known as the *Constitution Act, 1867*) confirms the jurisdiction of the Canadian government over the Indians and the lands reserved for them.

December 5, 1895

Delimitation of the first Coucoucache Reserve by surveyor Charles-C. Duberger. This first reserve (created before the flooding mentioned hereafter) covered 380 acres.

November 23, 1920 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 299989

Privy Council judgement ordering that the lands reserved for the Indians under the terms of 14-15 Victoria, chapter 106, and no longer used for that purpose, shall become the legal property of the Province of Québec.

December 31, 1925

1925 Act - *Reservation of lands not exceeding 330 000 acres for the benefit of the Indians by the transfer of usufruct.*

16 January 1932 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X17168

Québec Government Order in Council 93

The Government of Québec transfers to the Canadian Government the control and management of the so-called "Nouvelle-Coucoucache" reserve, created according to Guillaume-J. Papineau's plan dated October 27, 1931. The new site, covering approximately 12 acres and still located in the township of Cloutier, was intended to replace the 380 acre reserve established in 1895, which was going to be flooded after the construction of a dam on the Saint Maurice river, near Rapide Blanc.

December 1, 1937 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 17169

Government of Canada Order in Council 2984

The Government of Canada retrocedes to the Government of Québec the Coucoucache Reserve (380 acres), after the *Shawinigan Water & Power Company* paid the Canadian government the amount of \$380 for the loss of the 1895 reserve.

CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS

- 1) **1895:** surveying of the boundaries of the first Coucoucache Reserve by Charles-C. Duberger;
- 2) **1931:** outer boundaries determination by Guillaume-J. Papineau;
- 3) **1983:** resurvey of the outer boundaries by Jean-Marie Chastenay;
- 4) **1992:** boundary cleaning and marker laying by a team from the regional office;
- 5) **2002:** verification of outer boundary condition by Éric Groulx.