



MISTISSINI

DESCRIPTION

The Mistissini Settlement includes:

- category 1A lands, i.e. lots 2, 3 and 4 of the Rupert river basin, which cover an area of 854.34 square kilometres;
- category 1B lands, i.e. lots 1 and 5 of the Rupert river basin, which cover an area of 526.13 square kilometres.
- Category II lands are also granted to the Mistissini Settlement.

NOTE - Only category 1A lands fall under federal jurisdiction.

LOCATION

The Mistissini Settlement is located 130 kilometres northeast of Chibougamau, on the shores of lake Mistassini.

LAND TITLE HISTORY

December 31, 1941

Québec proclaims the *Lands and Forests Act*, which provides for the reservation of lands not exceeding 133 550 hectares (330 000 acres). This legislation has been amended a number of times since. See sections 51 and 52 of the *Act respecting the lands in the domain of the State*, R.S.Q., chapter T-8.1.

February 5, 1949

Government of Quebec Order in Council 243 transfers to the Government of Canada in trust the control and administration of block A and block B, township of Duquet, and a tract of land covering about eight square miles in the northeastern corner of the aforesaid township, for the benefit of the Indians of the Lake Mistassini area.

February 11, 1970 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X23785

Government of Québec Order in Council 515 revokes the Order in Council 243 of February 5, 1949 because of errors in the designation and the surface area of certain lands mentioned.

February 11, 1970 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X23786

Government of Québec Order in Council 516 transfers to the Government of Canada the control and administration of blocks A, B, D and J of the township of Duquet, covering 7 025 acres, as well as of blocks B and C of the Rupert river basin, covering 193 acres.

November 11, 1975

Signing of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement - Crees-Inuit-Naskapis* by the Governments of Québec and Canada.

July 14, 1977

The Government of Canada enacts the *James Bay and Northern Québec Native Claims Settlement Act*.

June 1, 1979

The Government of Québec proclaims the *Act Respecting the Land Regime in the James Bay & New Québec Territory*.

June 27, 1979 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 65618

Provincial Order 1851-79 - The Government of Québec transfers, as a provisional measure pending final transfer, the administration, management, and control of 3 299 square kilometres of category 1A lands (Cree), and of 41.93 square kilometres of category 1A-N lands (Naskapi), for the exclusive benefit of local governments, i.e. of the Cree bands or the Naskapi band, as applicable. Québec retains bare ownership of these lands. The order became effective on June 1, 1979. Pursuant to that order, the lands set aside for the Mistissini Indians under the terms of the *Lands and Forests Acts* no longer constituted reserves as defined in the *Indian Act*.

August 16, 1979 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 65619

Government of Canada Order in Council 1979-2178 accepts the transfer of category 1A lands according to the preliminary territorial descriptions, as stated in Québec Order in Council 1851-79 of June 27, 1979.

June 23, 1981

Government of Québec Order 1760-81 transfers, as a provisional measure, to the *Mistissini Landholding Corporation* lots 1 and 5 of Rupert river basin. The area mentioned is 526.13 square kilometres.

February 1, 1995

Government of Québec Order 151-95 - Authorization for final transfer of the category 1B lands to the *Mistissini Landholding Corporation*.

June 1, 1995

Government of Québec Letters Patent 39 384 - Final transfer of the category 1B lands to the *Mistissini Landholding Corporation*. The Crees may dispose of these lands only in favour of Québec. Area indicated: 526.13 square kilometres.

October 22, 1997

Government of Québec Order in Council 1388-97 transfers by final deed to the Government of Canada the administration, management and control of category 1A lands (Cree) of Mistissini. The order modified Order in Council 143-95 of February 1, 1995.

May 5, 1999 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 273763

The Government of Canada accepts the final transfer of the administration, management and control of the category 1A lands (Cree) of Mistissini.

CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS

1977: boundary survey of category 1 lands in Mistissini by Michel Samson; the category 1A lands, i.e. lots 2, 3 and 4, fall under federal jurisdiction.