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## Phase II Public Consultations for Chitek Lake Park Reserve

In 1998, a park reserve was established in the Chitek Lake area after discussions with Skownan First Nation and representatives of the forestry and mining sectors. The park reserve status for Chitek Lake was made for a five-year period that will expire in September 2004. A decision must be made on the status of the park reserve by this date.

In November 2003, Manitoba Conservation conducted the first phase of the public consultation process for the Chitek Lake Park Reserve. This consultation provided individuals and interested groups an opportunity to present their views concerning the Chitek Lake Park Reserve area.

A second set of Public Open House drop-in sessions has been arranged by Manitoba Conservation to provide Manitobans an opportunity to review feedback received up to this time and to provide comment on a proposal to establish Chitek Lake Provincial Park. Comments are welcomed regarding draft park purpose and classification statements and the boundary of the park. (See the brochure for more details).

You are invited to provide your input at one of the open houses meetings listed below to help shape the future of this area. Everyone is welcome.

Community	Location	Date	Time
<b>Portage La Prairie</b>	West End Hall, corner of 8 <sup>th</sup> Street West & Saskatchewan Ave.	Monday June 21	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
<b>Waterhen</b>	Waterhen Community Hall	Tuesday June 22	1-8 p.m.
<b>Mallard</b>	Mallard Community Hall	Wednesday June 23	Noon-8 p.m.
<b>Winnipeg</b>	Manitoba Conservation Boardroom A 200 Saulteaux Crescent	Monday June 28	Noon-8 p.m.

The public comments received will be used to help develop final proposals for park designation, purpose statements, and final boundary for this important area. A decision on permanent park designation will be confirmed later this year.

Your review and comment on this matter is welcomed. Please do not hesitate to forward additional information along with your views respecting the future of the Chitek Lake Park Reserve to the address listed above. You can also send your comments by email to: [parksystem@gov.mb.ca](mailto:parksystem@gov.mb.ca). This information is also available on our website at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com) by following the links to 'Parks Planning' and 'Public Consultations'. If you would like to further discuss any aspect of this process, please call (204) 945-4365. Please note that the deadline for providing comments is July 30, 2004.

Thank you for your continued interest in Manitoba's provincial park system.

Sincerely,

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