

## BACKGROUND: Manitoba Provincial Park Establishment and Classification

### **Provincial Park System purpose:**

- Conserve ecosystems and maintain biodiversity;
- Preserve unique and representative natural, cultural and heritage resources;
- Provide outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and experiences in a natural setting.

### **Classification of Provincial Parks**

*Park classifications provide management direction to an overall park area.*

**Wilderness park:** Preserves representative areas of a natural region.

**Natural park:** Preserves areas of a natural region; accommodates a diversity of recreational opportunities and resource uses.

**Recreation park:** Provides recreational opportunities.

**Heritage park:** Preserves an area of land containing resources of cultural or heritage value.

### **Land Use Categories**

*Land Use Categories provide management direction to specific areas within a park.*

**Wilderness:** Protect representative or unique natural landscapes in an undisturbed state and provide recreational opportunities that depend on a pristine environment.

**Backcountry:** Protect examples of natural landscapes and provide basic facilities and trails for nature-oriented recreation in a largely undisturbed environment.

**Resource Management:** Permit commercial resource development or extraction in a manner that does not compromise the main purpose of the park classification.

**Recreational Development:** Accommodate recreational development.

**Heritage:** Protect a unique or representative site containing a resource or resources of cultural or heritage value.

**Access:** Provide a point or route of access in a provincial park or a location for a lodge and associated facilities.

In a *Wilderness park*, or in any area of a provincial park or park reserve that is categorized *Wilderness*, *Backcountry* or *Heritage*, no person shall engage in logging, mining or the development of oil, petroleum, natural gas or hydro-electric power.

### **What do YOU think??**

A **Park Reserve** is established on a piece of land to encourage and ensure public consultation in advance of a more permanent designation. The purpose of this public review is to obtain information and insight into the values and opportunities in the Chitek Lake area to help guide identification of draft Park Classification and Land Use Category(ies) for this area. Please review the background information and use your own experience of the area to develop your comments respecting these or other issues of importance to you. (you can use the enclosed sheet, and retain this information brochure for future reference).

Examples of type of feedback requested:

#### **Park Role and Purpose:**

What activities/experiences does your vision for the future of this area include? Please explain.

Parks and Natural Areas Branch is entering into this consultation with a view to finding a means to maintain all present land values and commitments. What related issues need to be addressed to ensure your concept for this area can be maintained over time?

#### **Boundaries and Classification:**

What type of park classification or Land Use Category(ies) best suits the values and commitments found in the Chitek Lake area? Do you feel the boundaries for the Park Reserve properly reflect the area values as you see them?? Please explain..

### **What Happens After this Consultation?**

Manitoba Parks and Natural Areas will collect all information received, and use this information to develop draft proposals for final boundaries, primary park purpose(s), a park classification and park Land Use Categories. A summary of public comment - and the draft proposals - will then be sent to all participants, and posted on the Parks website. Then, another set of meetings will be held to give Manitobans a chance to review and comment on these draft statements. This second round of public review is expected to occur in the spring of 2004.

Please feel free to pass this brochure on to anyone you feel may also be interested in this area. If you would like to make your comments in person, or wish at any time to contact someone directly involved in the process, see the contact information below

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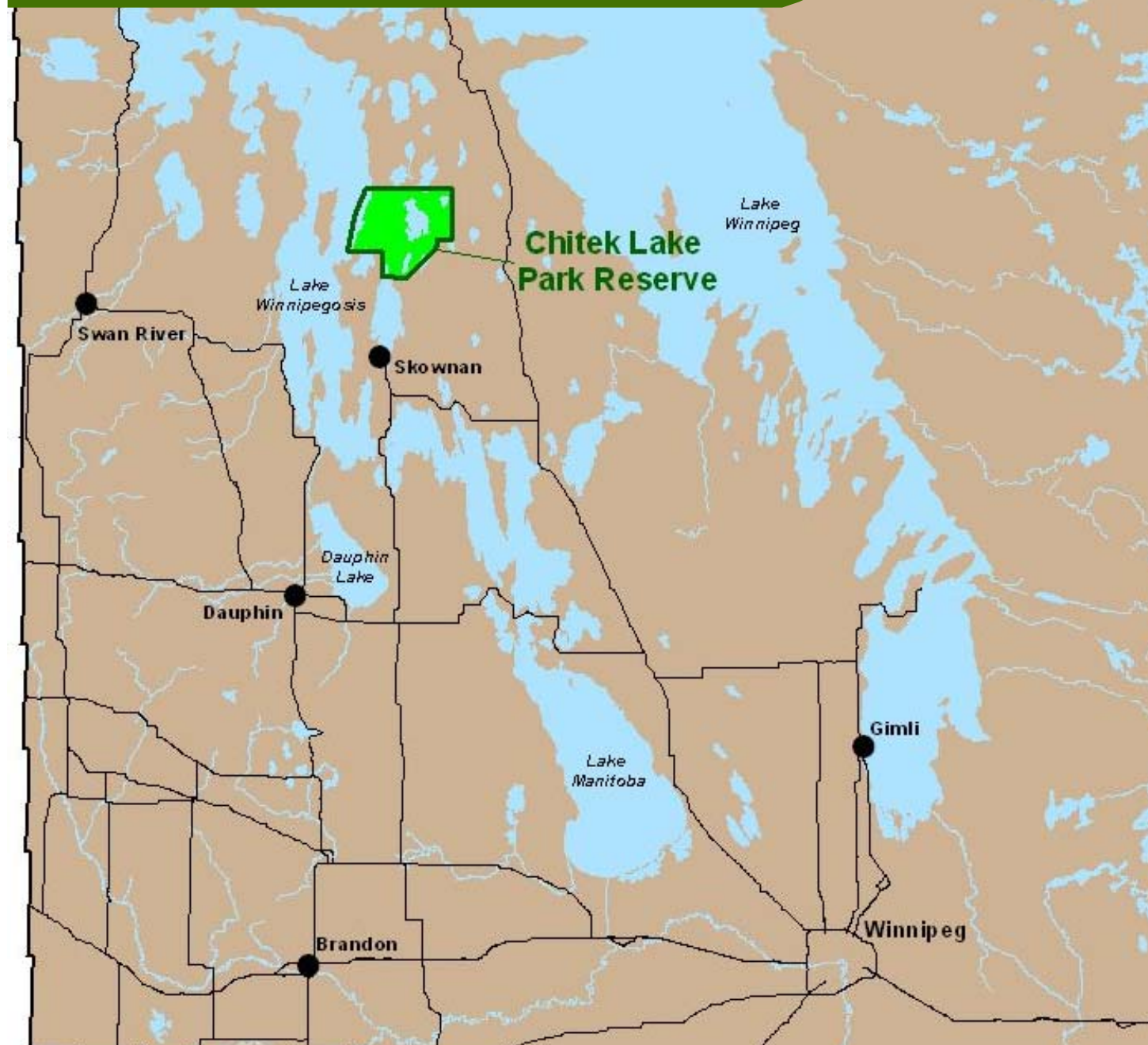


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## Public Consultation – Phase 1



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