

Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Notification of Land Use Category Change

Summary

Following public consultation, a revision of the Backcountry Land Use Category (LUC) in the north-west corner of the park (Brush Creek pit area) was required.

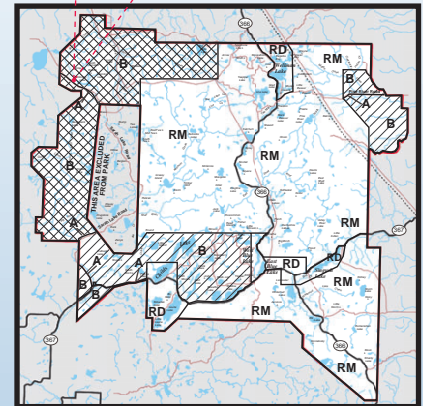
The change will extend the Sarah Lake Road Access LUC around the existing gravel pit to permit the ongoing use of this gravel source. The legal survey plan will be corrected to reflect this change.

Background

When *The Provincial Parks Act* was updated in the mid 1990s, gravel pits used to maintain park and highway road systems were placed in LUC's that would permit their continued use. Due to a recording error identified during management planning public drop in sessions in late 2003, the Brush Creek Pit was not included within a Resource Management LUC. Instead it was placed within a Backcountry LUC.

Additional review of the pit has confirmed it as a source for a significant amount of high quality and locally scarce gravel. This gravel will be required over the long-term to maintain park and local area roadways. No recreation or conservation activity is impacted by this existing operation.

In 2003, public drop-in sessions were held in the park (Childs, Blue and Wellman lakes), Grandview Swan River, and in Winnipeg. Contact was also made with local First Nation communities and stakeholder groups. As a result of input received, it has been decided to maintain the extraction operation of this pit.



Legend

LUC Land Use Category

- B Backcountry LUC
- RD Recreation Development LUC
- A Access LUC
- RM Resource Management LUC
- H Heritage LUC