

# Norris Lake Provincial Park

## Notification of Boundary Adjustment

### Summary

Following a public review, Manitoba Conservation has authorized the widening of Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 17 by an average of approximately 10 metres adjacent and parallel to the northeast boundary of Norris Lake Provincial Park. This work is being done to allow highway upgrades that will help improve the overall safety of commuters.

### Background

The existing highway surface is approximately 30 years old with narrow shoulders and many surface patches. Upgrading will reduce the curve in the highway, build wider shoulders and new ditches for improved drainage and snow storage. These upgrades will improve the level of safety on this roadway.

A public review of the proposed highway work and subsequent reduction in Norris Lake Provincial park was done by the Clean Environmental Commission.

This public review conducted under *The Environment Act* served as an equivalent process (see text box) for providing public input into the proposed project.



### Equivalent process

9(2) *If an assessment is required under The Environment Act for a development in a provincial park and the development cannot be carried out without a regulation also being made under section 7 of this Act, the minister may determine that the assessment under The Environment Act is an appropriate substitute for public consultation under subsection (1), in which case public consultation is not required under this section.*

Source: *The Provincial Parks Act (1993)*

No public objections were received on the proposed project. Highway upgrades are expected to begin in the summer of 2004.

