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Public Consultations and Notifications Duff Roblin Park Reserve and other Provincial Parks

The System Planning Section of the Parks and Natural Areas Branch will be conducting an informal public drop in session in Winnipeg on May 3, 2004. The intent of the drop in session is to provide an opportunity for review and feedback on proposed boundary or regulation changes for two provincial parks. We are also taking this opportunity to notify the public on our intent to update the regulations for several parks.

In accordance to Section 9 of *The Provincial Parks Act*, public consultation is required prior to making a regulation or modifying any provincial park boundary. As such, changes are proposed for the following provincial park and park reserve:

- **Duff Roblin Park Reserve** –change the Land Use Category (LUC) from Recreational Development to Heritage, and expand the eastern park boundary to include park facilities and a loop trail section on the floodway bank.
- Camp Morton_–remove 7.2 meters from the western park boundary for improvements and widening to Provincial Trunk Highway 8 allowing safer driving conditions.

The Parks Branch intends to update regulations for the following provincial parks:

- **Norris Lake**-reduction of the eastern park boundary by 10 meters to allow upgrades to Provincial Trunk Highway 17 for improved and safer driving condition for motorists, as confirmed by *Environment Act* review process.
- **Hecla/Grindstone and Elk Island-**correct the survey plans for both parks to include the updated definition of the Ordinary High Water Mark for Lake Winnipeg.
- **Duck Mountain**-extension of the Sarah Lake Road Access Land Use Category around the Brush Creek Pit area as reviewed in the Duck Mountain management plan public consultation process.
- Oak Lake-correction of the original survey description to reflect an accurate location of park.
- **Memorial** correct the legal survey plan to reflect the widening of Osborne Street in the early 1990s at the northwest section of the park north of York Avenue.

You are invited to attend the open house to review the information and provide comments on the proposed changes. The public comments received will be used to help staff in the Parks and Natural Areas Branch make final decisions relating to each of the issues listed above.

The drop-in session will be held Monday May 3, 2004 from 12-8 p.m. in the Bison/Crocus Room of the Place Louis Riel, located at 190 Smith Street in Winnipeg.

For more information on the drop in session, please go to the Parks and Natural Areas website at www.manitobaparks.com and follow the links to the 'Parks Planning' and 'Public Consultations' web pages.

If you cannot attend the drop in session, you may forward your comments to the email below. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to discuss any aspect of this process with me directly, I can also be reached at (204) 945-4366 or toll free at 1(800) 214-6497 (ext.4366), or E-mail at: parksystem@gov.mb.ca.

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