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Introduction

Duff Roblin Park Reserve was originally designated in May 1999, on the Red River Floodway corridor northeast of the city, near the Perimeter Highway and Wenzel Road. It was designated to commemorate two visionary achievements attained during Mr. Roblin's tenure as Manitoba's Premier – the construction of the floodway and the establishment of the provincial park system. The site was closed in October 2006 due to construction related to the Red River Floodway Expansion Project. An alternate site, the New Duff Roblin Park Reserve, was established in December 2007, south of the city near the Floodway Inlet Control Structure at St. Norbert.

What is a Park Reserve?

To assist in the creation of new parks and protected areas, The Provincial Parks Act provides for the establishment of park reserves. Park reserves provide interim protection for lands, while they are being considered for inclusion in the Provincial Park system.

Park reserves are placed on candidate areas for an initial period of six months, and can be extended for a period of five years. Public review occurs during this period to determine a final designation, select park boundaries and identify land use categories.

The Duff Roblin Park Reserve designation was renewed in 1999 and again in 2004. The current designation will expire in November 2009.

Site Description

The Duff Roblin Park Reserve is 28 hectares in size, and features interpretive signs, a washroom and picnic shelter. The Duff Roblin site was temporarily closed in October 2006 due to construction activities with the Red River Floodway Expansion Project and, in light of the designation of a new site near the Floodway Inlet Control Structure south of Winnipeg, it is not scheduled to be re-opened.

Proposal

Manitoba Conservation proposes that the Park Reserve designation on the Duff Roblin Park Reserve be removed. The interpretation of the floodway and recognition of former Premier Duff Roblin will be featured at the New Duff Roblin Park Reserve at the Floodway Inlet Control Structure south of Winnipeg. Facilities at the existing site will be relocated for use in other parks.

With removal of its designation, the Duff Roblin Park Reserve lands would revert to Water Stewardship and/or Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, and could be available for floodway corridor use or other options.

