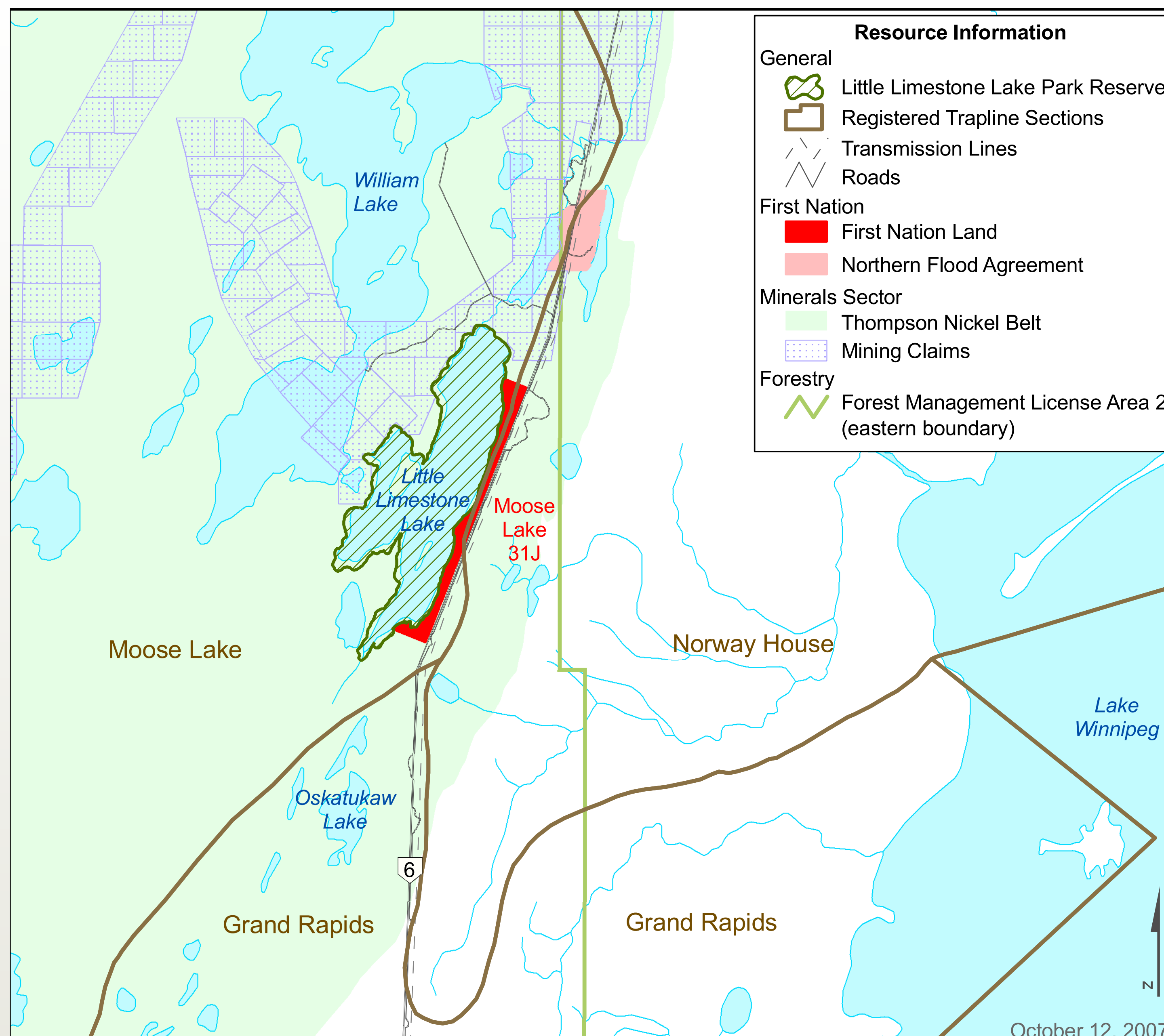


# Little Limestone Lake Park Reserve

## Proposed Renewal of Park Reserve Designation



View of the shore on Little Limestone Lake

## Manitoba Conservation proposes to renew the park reserve designation of Little Limestone Lake from six months to five years.

Little Limestone Lake Park Reserve was established on July 19, 2007. It is 4,095 hectares in size.

The park reserve designation for the lake has a six month timeframe which expires on January 19, 2008.

### Outstanding Features

Little Limestone Lake is known as a marl lake, which is a lake that changes colour as its water temperature rises and calcite dissolved in the water begins to settle out. In warm summer weather, the lake turns from clear to an opaque turquoise or even to a milky blue-white.

It is considered by experts to be the largest and most outstanding example of a marl lake in the world.

The area surrounding the lake contains many unique caves, sinkholes, disappearing streams, underground springs and lakes that can fill and drain in a matter of days.

### Background

Little Limestone Lake is a 15 kilometre long lake located in the karst landscape north of Grand Rapids, about 450 kilometres from Winnipeg.

This legally protected area includes the lake and its islands as well as a 100 metre wide strip of shoreline, with the exception of the eastern shore.

Little Limestone Lake lies in the traditional territory of Mosakahiken Cree Nation, with the eastern shoreline of the lake in reserve land.

Mosakahiken Cree Nation has indicated a willingness to work with Manitoba Conservation on joint management and protection of the lake.

Little Limestone Lake overlies the Thompson Nickel Belt, an area of high mineral potential.

The park reserve was designated in co-operation with the mining industry, which made protection of Little Limestone Lake possible by re-aligning existing mining claims that were under and adjacent to the lake.

The five year extension will allow Manitoba Conservation to conduct the necessary consultations with Mosakahiken Cree Nation, adjacent communities, stakeholders and interested citizens on future plans and final designation for the Park Reserve.

### Your comments respecting a five year renewal of Little Limestone Lake Park Reserve are requested before November 21, 2007.

For further details and your response contact us at:

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