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Prairie River Provincial Nature Reserve

Interim Management Statement

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

This Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of Prairie River Mouth Provincial Park until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

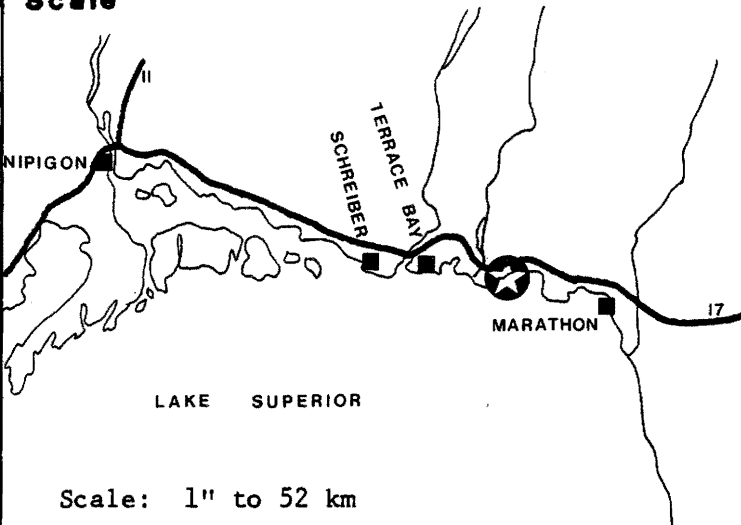
This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement for Prairie River Mouth Provincial Park.



Mr. G.P. Elliott
Regional Director
North Central Region

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NAME: Prairie River Mouth	REGIONAL SETTING MAP Scale 
PROPOSED CLASS: Nature Reserve	
M.N.R. DISTRICT: Terrace Bay	
M.N.R. REGION: North Central Region	
TOTAL AREA(ha): 380 LAND: WATER:	
SITE REGION: 3W	
SITE DISTRICT: 5	
DATE in REGULATION: Oct. 19, 1985	Scale: 1" to 52 km

TARGETS

1 LIFE SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

site type/landscape unit	species/communities
Weakly broken lacustrine sand plain with sandy till	Spruce-lichen woodland (Reindeer lichen ground cover)

2 EARTH SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

geological theme	feature
Timiskaming Interstadial (fluvial, Aeolian landform/process themes)	Fine sand deposit; raised beach deposits; dune complex

3 CULTURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATION

theme	theme segment
Unknown (high potential for sites)	

4 RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

day use	car camping	wilderness/back country
N/A	N/A	N/A

INVENTORIES

level	type	earth science	life science	cultural	recreational	other
reconnaissance						
completion date	checksheet	checksheet				
detailed						
completion date						
required?	detailed inventory	detailed inventory	detailed inventory	detailed inventory		

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

I. Resource Management

The Prairie River Mouth Park is presently recognized as having significant value to both earth and life science programs. Two earth science landform/process themes consisting of a lacustrine/aeoline extensive beach ridge/dune complex (Timiskaming/Interstadial) are found within the park. In terms of life science significance, the park provides suitable habitat for an occurrence of spruce/lichen woodland south of its normal range.

Mineral resources have not been documented.

One archaeological site has been identified within the park.

Mineral Resource Management:

Guideline:

Mineral exploration will be permitted through an Exploratory Licence of Occupation under Section 190, R.S.O. of The Mining Act.

Mineral extraction may be permitted, providing that the mineral potential of the park is adequately demonstrated to the Minister of Natural Resources, and subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Mineral extraction activities should not significantly conflict with future management options for the park or the protection of park resources.

Aggregate Management:

A large pile of aggregate screenings presently exists in a former gravel pit site.

Guideline:

Aggregate extraction will not be permitted within the park. The pile of screenings will be levelled by the M.N.R. and left to rehabilitate naturally.

Vegetation Management:

Guideline:

Commercial logging will not be permitted within the park.

Wildfires and insects/disease will be controlled, as required.

Fisheries and Wildlife Management:

Guideline:

Hunting, sport fishing, commercial fur trapping and commercial bait fishing will be permitted. The Game and Fish Act and Regulations will be amended as required to permit these activities.

Cultural Resource Management:

Guideline:

All known archaeological sites will be protected from disturbance.

II. Research

Guideline:

Additional research inventories (earth/life science, cultural, mineral) will be encouraged to further document park values, and may be carried out by M.N.R. or by outside interests.

Should inventories identify significant features, interim resource management plans will be prepared.

III. Land Acquisition/Disposal

One patented parcel, summer resort location FD-16 (0.2 hectares in size) on Prairie Cove, is surrounded by the park. As well, the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway bisects the northeastern arm of the park.

Guideline:

The summer resort location FD-16 shall be put on a list for future acquisition.

The park boundaries will be surveyed and marked out.

IV. Existing/Proposed Development

Present development includes approximately 1.2 km of road, and two former gravel pit sites, approximately 2.5 ha and 5.5 ha respectively.

Guideline:

The existing access road west of the park is adequate and will receive minimal maintenance by the M.N.R. to allow access to a modest parking area north of the C.P. railway tracks. No further road development will be permitted within the park area.

The two gravel pit sites will be left to natural rehabilitation.

V. Client Services

Interpretation:

Guideline:

Interpretation will be conducted as a minor, occasional theme of the Neys Provincial Park visitor services program.

Information:

Guideline:

A basic information leaflet will be produced providing information on access, significant resources, references, etc.

The park area will be designated on Provincially produced maps to clearly delineate boundaries.

Sources/References

O.M.N.R., 1983. Terrace Bay District Land Use Guidelines

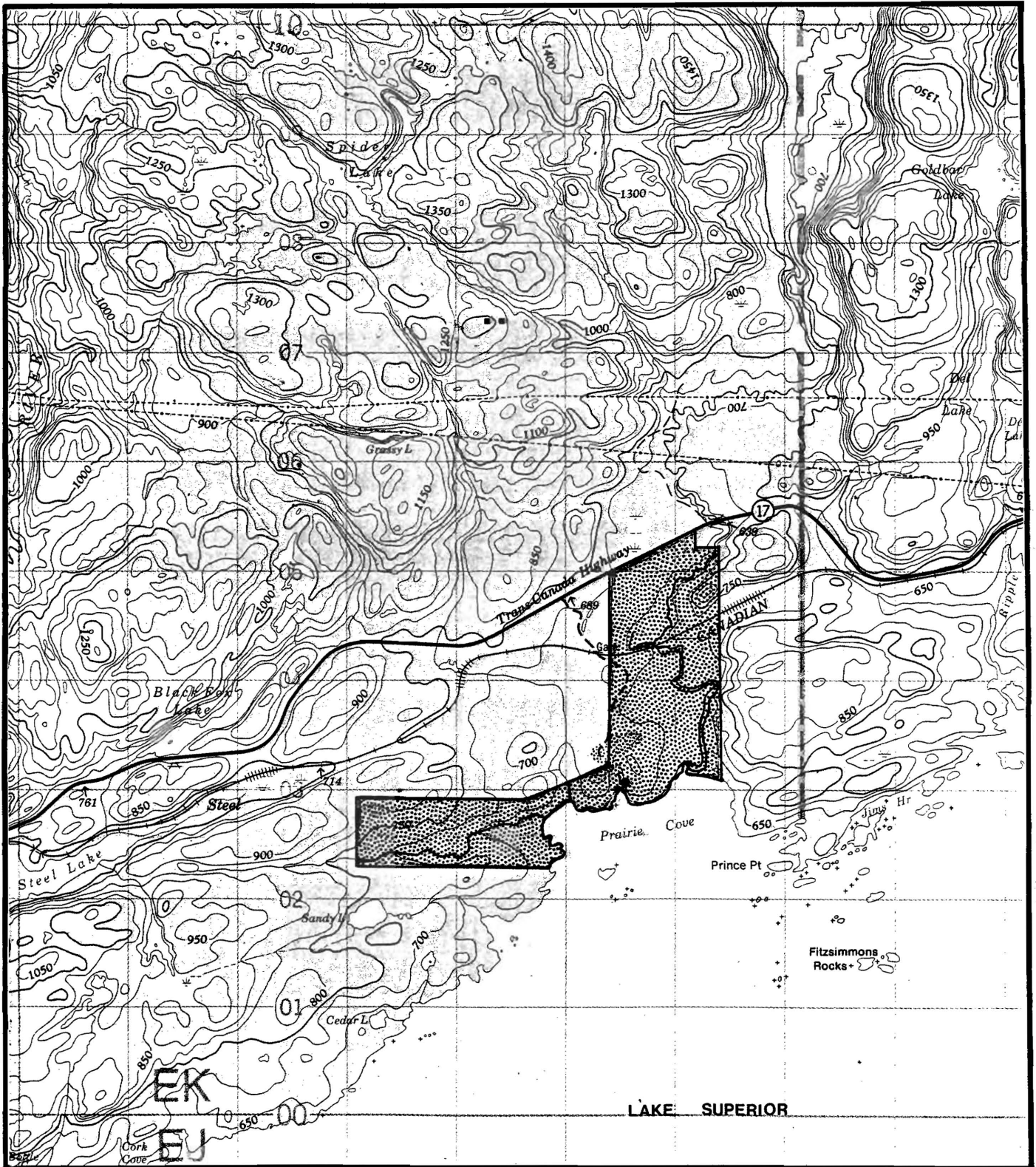
O.M.N.R., 1979. Earth and Life Science Features Inventory - Terrace Bay District

PRAIRIE RIVER MOUTH PROVINCIAL PARK

PARK



PATENT LAND (FD-16) ●



NORTH

SCALE



0

1000

2000

3000 m