

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Conservation has received a proposal pursuant to The Environment Act from the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

EAST SIDE ROAD AUTHORITY INC. – ALL SEASON ROAD FROM PROVINCIAL ROAD 304 TO THE COMMUNITY OF BERENS RIVER (FILE: 5388.00)

The East Side Road Authority Inc. has filed an Environment Act Proposal Notification Document and Draft Scoping Document for an all-season road from Provincial Road 304 to the community of Berens River.

The Project involves upgrading the existing road known as the Rice River Road and constructing a road extension linking the Bloodvein and Berens River First Nations to Provincial Road 304 including bridge and culvert crossings across waterways. The proposed road would provide reliable year round access to Hollow Water, Bloodvein and Berens River First Nations and the communities of Seymourville, Aghaming, Loon Straits, Princess Harbour and Berens River. The proposed alignment for the road extension in the vicinity of the Bloodvein River crossing overlaps the western edge of the Atikaki Provincial Park and will require an adjustment to the present Park boundary.

Anyone likely to be affected by the described development or the proposed change to the Atikaki Provincial Park boundary and who wishes to provide comment on the Proposal Notification Document, the Draft Scoping Document, and/or the proposed adjustment to the Atikaki Provincial Park boundary should contact Manitoba Conservation in writing. Comments on the Proposal Notification Document and the Draft Scoping Document must be received not later than April 21, 2009. Comments on the proposed adjustment to the Atikaki Provincial Park boundary are welcome at any time between now and the close of the comment date for the Environmental Impact Statement targeted for the end of September, 2009. Further information is available from the Public Registries located at located at 123 Main St. (Union Station) Main Floor, Winnipeg; the Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; the Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, The Brokenhead Regional Public Library, 427 Park Ave., Beausejour, Band offices at Berens River, Bloodvien, Hollow Water, Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi, Little Black River, the Métis Community Offices at Berens River, Little Grand Rapids, Aghaming, Seymorville, Manigtogogan or by contacting Bryan Blunt, Environmental Officer at 945-7085.

Public information materials about the proposed adjustment to the Atikaki Park boundary are available on the Environmental Assessment & Licensing Branch website <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/index.html> and at the Public Registry locations listed above.

A separate notice will be published following receipt of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of the project, targeted for August 2009. The EIS will also be made available for a 30 day public review and comment following the filing date.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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