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Industrial Access to Lake Temagami Project

FINAL NOTICE

The Ministry of Natural Resources, North Bay District, in consultation with the Municipality of Temagami, has made the decision that the existing Mine Landing Access Point and the proposed Mine Landing South Access Point, adjoining it, located at the westernmost end of the Lake Temagami Access Road, provide the best opportunities for consolidated industrial access to Lake Temagami.

This decision will result in the southern half of the existing Mine Landing Access Point and an adjoining new access area, the Mine Landing South being developed and designated for industrial use only. A combination of in-water and on-land works will be required. The planned development will address the needs of both barge operators and industrial/commercial users, while minimizing impacts on the environment. The following measures will be taken to ensure successful development and future use:

1. A physical barrier will be installed between the existing boat launch and the barge ramp to act as a divide between industrial uses to the south and non-industrial uses to the north. The barrier will remain in place during late spring, summer and early fall.
2. In order to provide a level of security for the industrial operator's goods, the Municipality of Temagami will permit operators to lease or rent fenced areas or buildings in locations well screened from Lake Temagami.
3. The existing finger docks will be moved from the industrial part to the non-industrial part of the redeveloped Mine Landing and will be used for non-industrial overflow from the selected non-industrial landing, the Manitou Landing.

4. Rock blasting, additional road cuts and the widening of existing roads may be required to facilitate maneuvering of large vehicles. Utilization of the unused road to the Mine Landing South Access Point will be required to accommodate a traffic loop between the existing Mine Landing and the Mine Landing South.
5. Offshore shoals will be clearly marked to assist in the navigation of barge traffic.
6. An expanded break wall is proposed to protect docking areas from waves. Such a feature will be considered during the implementation phase of this project, and will require additional approvals through a public process.
7. Facilities for bulk storage of propane and petroleum products will be provided at the Mine Landing or Mine Landing South Access Points. In addition, facilities for the trans-shipment of propane tanks from vehicles to barges by propane service providers will also be developed.

Planned changes affecting non-industrial access

1. The existing Manitou Landing Access Point and the northern half of the existing Mine Landing Access Point will be designated for non-industrial use only. The Manitou Landing will function as the primary access landing for residential and tourism purposes, with the north half of the Mine Landing Access Point being available to accommodate overflow during busy periods.
2. In order to protect the Manitou and Mine Landing Access Points from aggressive wind and water currents, a break wall is proposed for construction at the north end of the Manitou Landing, following existing shoals. The existing break wall in the northern bay of the existing Mine Landing will also be enlarged. Both these developments will require additional consideration and approval by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans prior to their construction.
3. A road linking the Manitou Landing directly with the north part of the existing Mine Landing will be constructed.
4. In order to maximize use of existing disturbed areas, angle parking will be employed along one side of access roads. If necessary, a new parking area, accessed from the new access road will be developed between the Manitou and Mine Landings.

5. Trees will be planted between the industrial and non-industrial landings to provide additional buffering.
6. Physical barriers and directional signage will be used and enforced in order to ensure that planned developments address user needs.

A map which identifies the location and extent of planned development is attached to this notice.

This project is being planned in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Small Scale MNR Projects. This Class EA is the predecessor of the current Class EA for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. In accordance with provisions of the current Class EA (the Class EA for RSFD projects), projects initiated under the former Class EA may continue to be considered in accordance with the process under which they were initiated.

This is our **Final Public Notice** under the Class EA. A detailed project plan has been prepared and is available for viewing at the Ministry of Natural Resources' office in North Bay and at the Municipality of Temagami's office in Temagami. Modifications to the existing access point and construction of additional facilities will commence once detailed engineering drawings have been developed and approved, funding has been secured and additional required approvals have been obtained.

This notice gives you the opportunity to comment on the planning of the project. If, after consulting with Ministry staff, you feel that serious environmental concerns remain unresolved, you have the right to request that the project be subjected to an individual environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act. The decision to require preparation of an individual EA rests with the Minister of Environment.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this project under the authority of the Environment Assessment Act. Comments and information received will assist in making decisions and determine the need for further public consultation. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the planning of this project and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987), personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent for release is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding the Act, please contact Rick Calhoun at 705-475-5546.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the information provided here, or if you require additional information, please contact:

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The deadline for submission of comments regarding this decision is March 3, 2008.

If we have not been advised of any serious concerns within this public notice period, the project plan will be finalized and filed with the Ministry of Environment. Implementation of the project will commence without further public notice.