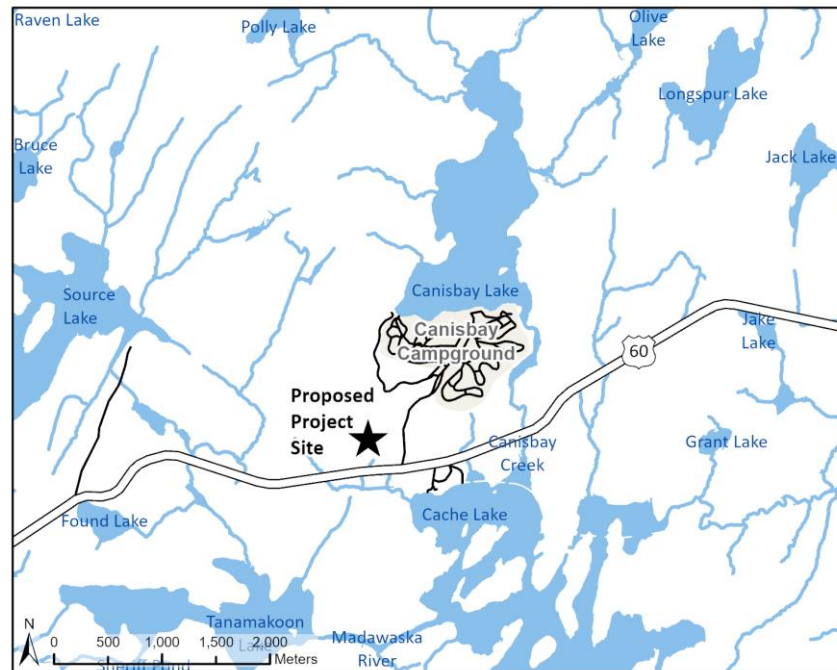




Algonquin

Public Notice for a Category B Project Evaluation: New Trailer Dump and Fill Station and Entrance Road to Canisbay Campground



The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), Ontario Parks, is inviting public comment on its proposal to undertake the construction of a new, three-lane trailer dump and fill station on Highway 60 in Algonquin Provincial Park and to reconfigure access to Canisbay Campground. The project is within the park's designated development zone; all work will be contained within this zone. This project is being undertaken in accordance with the current approved management plan for the park.

Algonquin Provincial Park is a 772,300 hectare (ha) natural environment class park located approximately 42 kilometres east of Huntsville and 134 kilometres west of Pembroke. The park provides recreational opportunities such as camping, interior tripping, swimming, day use, wildlife viewing, canoeing and in the winter cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

The proposed project involves the construction of a new trailer dump and fill station, including three trailer dump and fill lanes and one fill-only lane, resulting in a combined total of six dump and fill lanes for the Algonquin Park Highway 60 corridor. Parking for the Minnesing trail will be relocated approximately 200m north of its current location. These project components will be located entirely within the previously disturbed area of a retired gravel pit.

To ensure continued safe access along Highway 60 in this location, the Canisbay Campground and Minnesing trail entrance points will be consolidated. A new 250-300m access road will be constructed from the Minnesing trail entrance road across to the existing Canisbay campground road. The current access to Canisbay Campground from the highway will be permanently closed.

The proposal is being evaluated as a Category B project under *A Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves* (Class EA). A Notice of Completion will be sent to those who submit comments or request further notice when the project evaluation is finished. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ontario Parks may proceed to implement the project without issuing a further general notice.

Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period which ends on **November 30, 2021**.

For more information on the project, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact:

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As part of the entrance road reconfiguration, additional work will be required at the highway to create appropriately engineered turning lanes and merge lanes. This work will be contained within the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) right of way and will be covered through the planning process for Group 'C' Projects under MTO's Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). Ontario Parks is working collaboratively with MTO to coordinate these distinct project components. For more information contact Jane Haddow, Senior Environmental Planner (MTO), Jane.Haddow@ontario.ca.

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