

## NOTICE OF COMPLETION

### PROPOSED TRAIL OVER CROWN LANDS– PROJECT EVALUATION

The **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Parry Sound District**, has completed a project evaluation of an application from the Municipality of Whitestone seeking approval to construct a multiple use, four season, recreational trail on Crown lands to the East of Whitestone Lake (Lots 30 & 31 Concession 14 in the Geographic Township of Hagerman, Municipality of Whitestone). The proposal is intended to provide a managed trail for recreational use by the public. The trail is intended to improve access for convenience, health, and safety reasons. The project will involve constructing approximately 3.5 kilometers of trail including two water crossings. A first public notice was issued on June 30, 2010.

A project evaluation and consultation process was carried out according to the Category B requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. The evaluation indicated that potential environmental effects can be addressed through appropriate conditions of approval. A copy of the project evaluation is available at the MNR Parry Sound District office during normal business hours.

If at the end of this notice period MNR considers that there are no significant outstanding concerns the MNR may proceed with approvals to implement the project without further public notice.

Where concerns remain about this project that cannot be resolved with the MNR, concerned parties may request a Part II Order requiring an individual environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. As this decision rests with the Minister of the Environment please direct your inquiries to the Minister, Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley St. W., 11<sup>th</sup> Flr, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2T5 by October 22, 2010, and copied at the same time to the MNR at the address noted below. Prior to making such a request, however, concerned parties are encouraged to consult the MNR to seek a resolution of their concerns.

Comments and personal information regarding this proposal are collected under authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist MNR in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among MNR and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

For further information on the project, to inspect the project file during normal business hours, or to submit comments please contact:

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