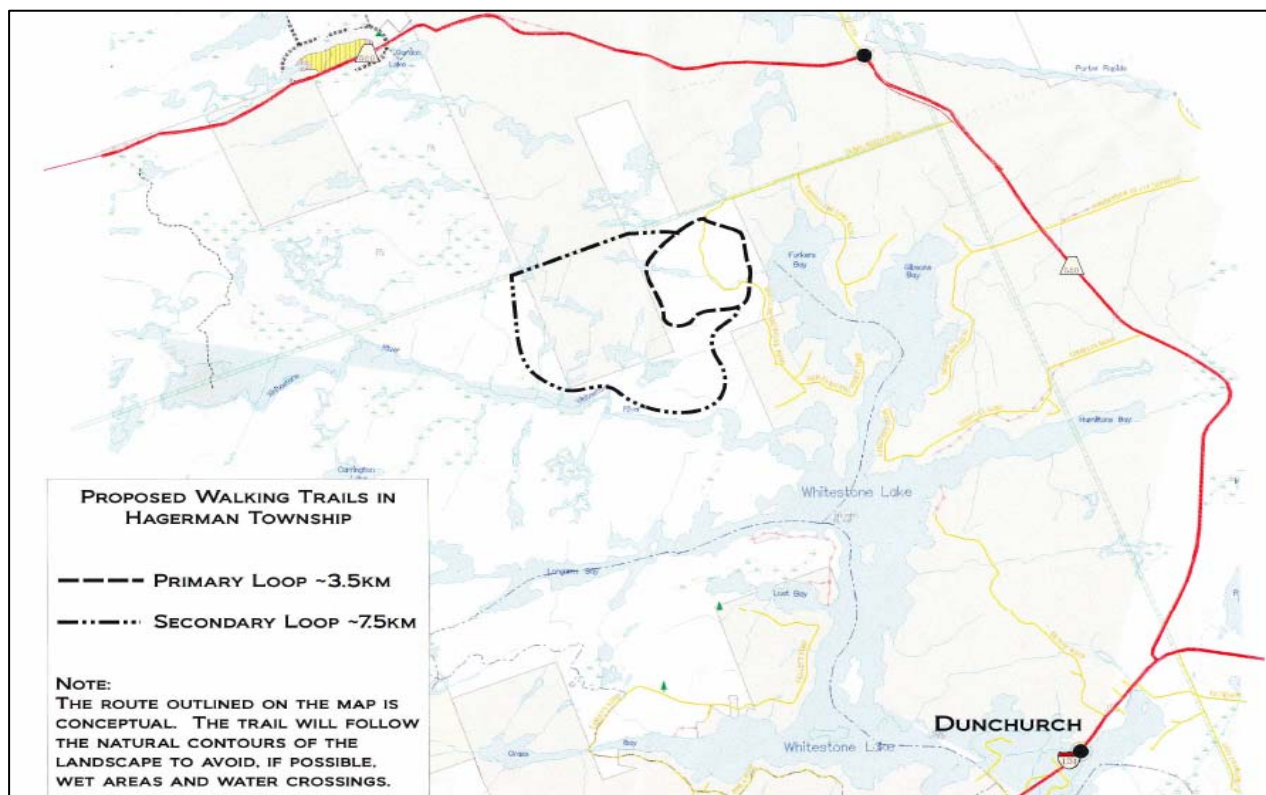


PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED TRAIL OVER CROWN LANDS

The **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Parry Sound District**, is inviting public comment on 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 27 – 30 Concession 13 and Lots 27, 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 7.5 kilometers of trail including four water crossings.

The Municipality has developed a draft plan for management of the trail which is available for review at www.whitestone.ca or by contacting the individuals listed below.



The proposal is being evaluated in accordance with a Category B project under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. A Notice of Completion will be provided to parties who have provided input or requested further notice. Where concerns can be resolved, MNR can proceed to implement the project without issuing a Notice of Completion.

You are invited to direct any inquiries or comments regarding the access road proposal to **Jennifer McCourt, Program Manager for Discovery Trails** or **Karrie Bennett, Resource Management Technician at Parry Sound District MNR**. Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which expires on July 30th 2010.

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

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