

## Proposal to Expand Pisew Falls Provincial Park

### Introduction

Pisew Falls Provincial Park is located approximately 75 kilometres south of the City of Thompson, along the Grass River. The park is 93 hectares (ha) in size.

The central feature of the park is Pisew Falls, which thunders over a 13-metre drop that can be viewed from a boardwalk and observation platforms. The park provides access to a 22 kilometre (return) hiking trail that heads out of the park downriver to Kwasitchewan Falls, Manitoba's highest waterfalls, which have a 14.2-metre drop. A small number of backcountry campsites, as well as non-modern washrooms, are located at the far end of the loop trail and on islands just downstream of Kwasitchewan Falls.



This proposal seeks to add approximately 722 ha of provincial Crown land to Pisew Falls Provincial Park. The purpose of the boundary change is to add the Kwasitchewan Falls hiking trail and associated backcountry campsites and non-modern washrooms to the park. Bringing these facilities into the park would help to ensure that they remain open and available to the public, and promote the importance of the trail as an opportunity for backcountry recreation in the area.

There are numerous mining claims and mineral leases in the area. As these lands are proposed for addition to the park under the recreational development land use category (LUC), resource development in the area would still be permitted following the standard review and permitting process. Consultation on this proposal is being conducted in conjunction with the process of preparing a management plan for the park.

Hunting will be permitted on the proposed expansion lands in accordance with existing regulations. As per existing regulation, no discharge of firearms will be permitted within 300 metres of developments or improvements (including the hiking trail and campsites) on the lands to be included within the provincial park.

Trapping is currently suspended in Pisew Falls Provincial Park as per the interim restrictions on licensed trapping activity in provincial parks. Whether or not this restriction would extend to the area proposed for park expansion is yet to be determined.

## Proposal

- To amend the Pisew Falls Provincial Park boundary to add 722 hectares of land to be designated under the recreational development LUC as illustrated on Map 1.

The Provincial Parks Act specifies that provincial parks are dedicated to the people of Manitoba. Provincial parks are recognized as special places that play an important role in the protection of natural lands and the quality of life for Manitobans.

With the exception of those lands closed to hunting and trapping, the rights of Indigenous Peoples to access this area for hunting, trapping, fishing and other traditional activities would continue to be respected. The lands that are proposed for addition to Pisew Falls Provincial Park would remain available for Treaty Land Entitlement selection.

## Share your Views

We want to hear from you. Your input will help shape the future of Pisew Falls Provincial Park.

To comment on this proposal, please visit [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com) or call Manitoba Sustainable Development at 204-945-0582 or (toll free) 1-800-214-6497.

Comments can be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

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**Your comments must be received no later than August 31, 2018.**

Map 1: Pisew Falls Provincial Park Proposed Expansion

