

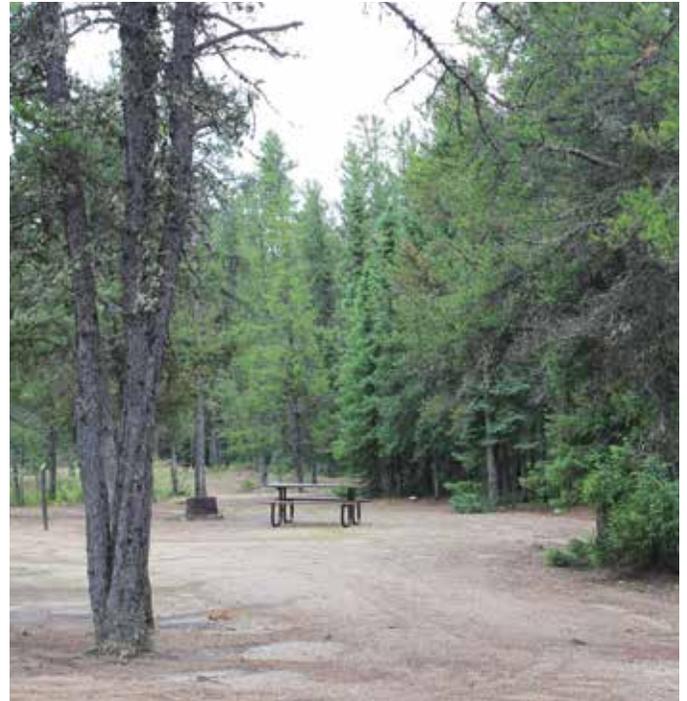
## Proposal to Expand Burge Lake and Zed Lake Provincial Parks

### Introduction

Burge Lake and Zed Lake provincial parks are two small parks located in northwestern Manitoba. Burge Lake Provincial Park, 6.12 hectares (ha) in size, is located on the west shore of Burge Lake, roughly 10 kilometres from the Town of Lynn Lake. Zed Lake Provincial Park, 12.07 ha in size, is located on the east shore of Zed Lake and is about 20 kilometres from Lynn Lake.

In recent years, it has been discovered that much of the campground in both parks has unintentionally been developed on Crown land located outside of the park boundaries (see Maps 1 and 2).

Manitoba Sustainable Development is proposing to expand the park boundaries to fully include all of the campground areas, and is consulting on this proposal in conjunction with consultations on the preparation of management plans for the parks. At Burge Lake, the campground area to be added to the park is 23 ha. This area includes approximately 15 cottage lots, which are located immediately adjacent to the current park boundary and across the road from cottages within the park. At Zed Lake, the campground area to be added to the park is nine ha. These lands would be designated under the recreational development land use category (LUC).



In addition, this proposal seeks to add areas of mostly undeveloped forest to both parks. At Burge Lake, 106 ha of land on the east side of the lake is proposed for addition to the park. This area includes an undeveloped cottage subdivision lying parallel to the lake, a remote cottage and a small summer camp, which are all proposed for designation under the recreational development LUC (~45 ha total). Including the campground area mentioned above, 68 ha is proposed for designation under the recreational development LUC. Sixty-two ha of undeveloped forest is proposed for designation under the backcountry LUC. At Zed Lake, 47 ha are proposed for addition to the park to be designated under the backcountry LUC.

The addition of the lands proposed for designation under the backcountry LUC would add to the protection of representative features of the Churchill River Upland Ecoregion.

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 on the lands to be included within the provincial parks.

Trapping is currently suspended in Zed Lake and Burge Lake provincial parks as per the interim restrictions on licensed trapping activity in provincial parks. Whether or not this restriction would extend to the areas proposed for park expansion is yet to be determined.

According to The Provincial Parks Act, and the Provincial Parks Designation Regulation, Manitoba provincial parks may be designated under one of five different park classifications: wilderness, natural, recreation, heritage, or Indigenous traditional use. The difference between the natural park and recreation park classifications is that a park is:

- a **natural park**, if the main purpose of the designation is both to preserve areas of a natural region and to accommodate a diversity of recreational opportunities and resource uses; or
- a **recreation park**, if the main purpose of the designation is to provide recreational opportunities.

Should the boundary expansion proposals go forward, it is proposed that the classification of Burge Lake and Zed Lake provincial parks change from recreation park to natural park because, with the addition of protected areas, they would be intended **both** to preserve areas of a natural region and to provide recreational opportunities.

Changing the park classification does not affect existing or future uses and activities within the park, and does not affect the rights of Indigenous Peoples to pursue traditional uses and activities within the park.

## Proposal

- To amend the Burge Lake Provincial Park boundary to add 130 hectares of land to be designated under the recreational development LUC and the backcountry LUC as illustrated on Map 1.
- To amend the Zed Lake Provincial Park boundary to add 56 hectares of land to be designated under the recreational development LUC and backcountry LUC as illustrated on Map 2.
- To change the classification of Burge Lake and Zed Lake provincial parks from recreation park to natural park.



Areas classified under the backcountry LUC contribute to Manitoba's network of protected areas by legally prohibiting commercial logging, mining, hydroelectric development, oil and gas exploration and development, exploring for and harvesting peat, and any other activity that may significantly and adversely affect habitat.

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 Burge Lake and Zed Lake provincial parks 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 Burge Lake and Zed Lake provincial parks.

To comment on these proposals, 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.

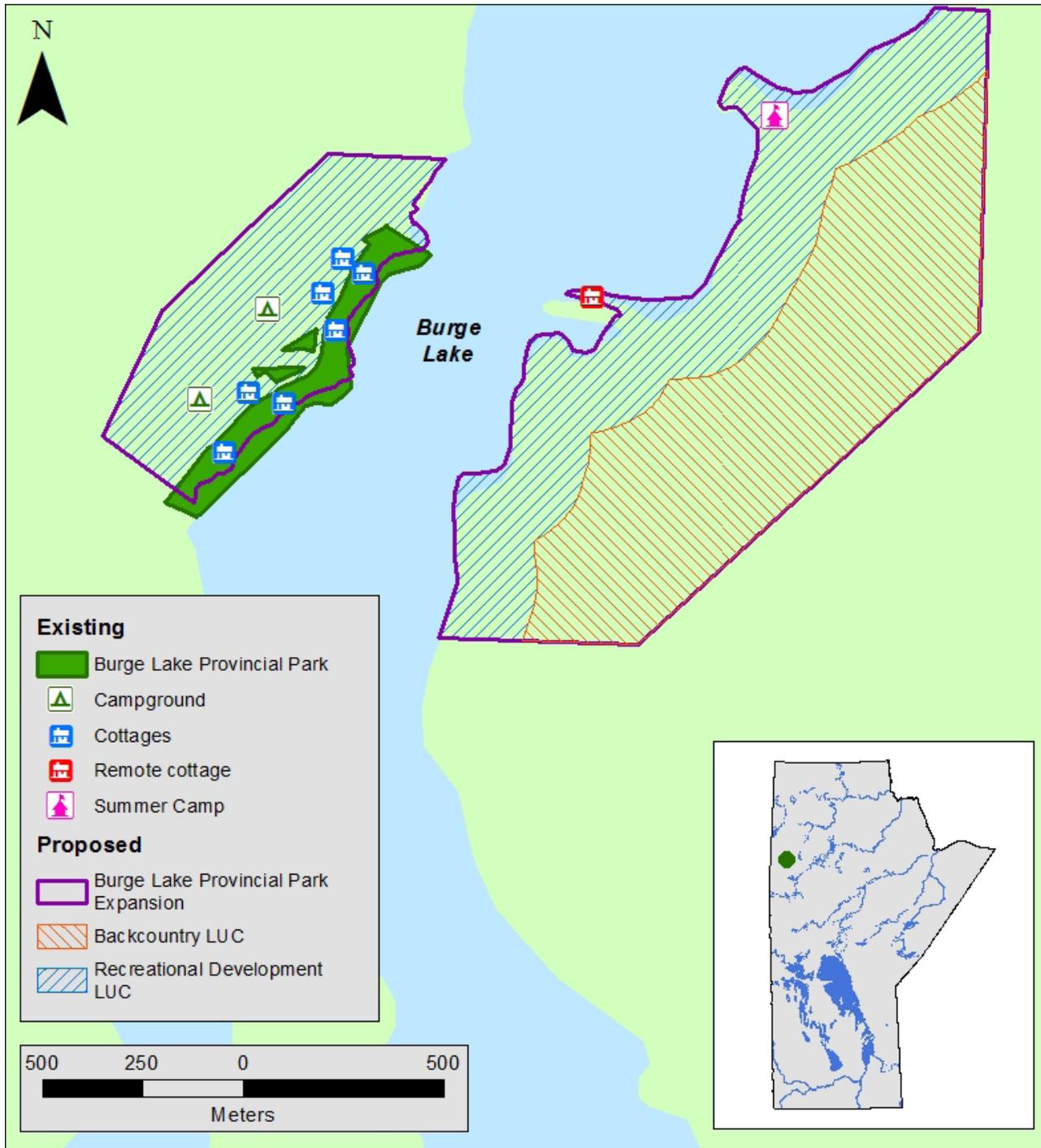
Comments can be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

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

Map 1: Burge Lake Provincial Park Proposed Expansion



**NOTE:** The proposed new park boundary follows the shoreline (ordinary high water mark). This is also the case with the current park boundary. The existing and proposed shoreline boundaries do not line up in the map due to changes in the data used to draw the boundaries and challenges associated with accurately displaying boundaries due to a lack of good quality imagery for the area.

Map 2: Zed Lake Provincial Park Proposed Expansion

