Appendix A:
Public Consultation Materials
The Tim Horton Children’s Foundation was established in 1974 to provide a memorable, fun-filled camp experience for children from economically disadvantaged homes. This year the Foundation will serve over 14,000 children from across Canada and the United States through its six first-class, year-round camps.

Tim Horton Children’s Foundation camp programs are designed to inspire children. At camp a child has the opportunity to experience many positive personal achievements that allow them to grow, build self-confidence and develop independence. Campers return home from camp with new-found strengths and the courage to achieve the goals they set for themselves.

**PROJECT TIMELINES**

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The Youth Leadership Program is the Foundation’s long-term commitment to campers aged 13 years and older. The curriculum of the program is designed to build lifelong leadership skills through an experiential learning approach focused on topics such as goal-setting, problem solving, teamwork, service learning and planning for success.

The Program utilizes a wilderness, back-country setting as the ideal medium for learning and development. This environment is used to increasingly challenge participants to assume greater leadership skills throughout each of the successive levels. The curriculum includes skill development, wilderness canoeing and hiking expeditions in the back country.
Manitoba's Provincial Park System

The Provincial Parks Act (1993) describes the main purpose of the provincial park system:

a) to conserve ecosystems and maintain biodiversity
b) to preserve unique and representative natural, cultural and heritage resources
c) to provide outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and experiences in a natural setting

Classification

Natural Park: to preserve areas of a natural region and accommodate a diversity of recreational opportunities and resource uses.

Landscape Description

The total Whiteshell Provincial park area is 2,721 km², characterized by numerous lakes, rivers and rugged Canadian Shield. Forested areas are typically boreal forest of black spruce, white spruce and balsam fir, intermixed with trembling aspen, balsam poplar, and poorly drained tamarack or black spruce fens and bogs.

Park Purpose

To preserve areas that are representative of the Lake of the Woods sub-region of the Manitoba Lowlands Natural Region, and accommodate a diversity of recreational opportunities and resource uses.

The park will:

• provide nature-oriented recreational opportunities such as hiking, canoeing, mountain biking, snowmobiling and cross country skiing that depend on a pristine or a largely undisturbed environment
• provide high-quality camping, boating and fishing opportunities, and accommodate cottages, related commercial developments, services and facilities such as lodges, trails, campgrounds, day-use areas and picnic sites
• protect and profile historical, cultural and archaeological sites
• promote public appreciation and understanding of the park’s natural features
• accommodate commercial resource uses such as forestry, mining and wild rice harvesting where such activities do not compromise other purpose

Land Use Categories

Areas within each park are further described by Land Use Categories (LUC). These LUCs help direct land use of broad areas of the park. Whiteshell Provincial Park has six LUCs. Sylvia Lake is within the Resource Management LUC.

Wilderness

Size: 31,320 ha or 11% of the park
- Protects natural lands and contributes to Manitoba’s network of protected areas.
- Provides wilderness hiking and canoeing opportunities in the Mantario area.

Backcountry

Size: 59,715 ha or 22% of the park
- Protects natural lands and contributes to Manitoba’s network of protected areas.
- Provides nature-oriented recreational opportunities including canoeing, hiking and sport fishing, hunting
- Accommodates remote cottages, commercial lodges and outcamps.

Heritage

Size: 5,820 ha or 2% of the park
- Protects culturally significant Aboriginal sites in the Tie Creek Basin and contributes to Manitoba’s network of protected areas.

Recreational Development

Size: 48,280 ha or 18% of the park
- Provides a range of intensive recreational facilities including campgrounds, cottage subdivisions, horseback riding, day use areas, hiking and cross-country ski trails, canoe routes, sport fishing, and snowmobile trails.
- Permits commercial resource use while recognizing the recreational values of the park.

Resource Management

Size: 126,860 ha or 47% of the park
- Provides recreational opportunities including canoeing, sport fishing, hunting, snowmobile, hiking and cross-country ski trails.
- Permits mining and wild rice harvesting.

Access

Size: 95 ha or <1% of the park
- Provides access through wilderness and heritage areas of the park.
The 1983 Whiteshell Management Plan sets out long term direction and establishes a zoning scheme for the park. Zoning was intended to guide the allocation, development and management of lands within the park. Sylvia Lake lies in an Extensive Recreation Zone, which the Master Plan described this way:

“Winnipeg River Extensive Recreation Zone”

“Generally, all recreational activities permitted in the Backcountry Zone are appropriate in Extensive Recreation Zones. Fishing and hunting are permitted with the exception of some specific restrictions for hunting in the Frances Lake Zone and in the Malloy Lake Zone (in the area south of the C.N.R. line up to the east shore of the Whiteshell River). To ensure greater protection of Canada Geese frequenting the Alf Hole Goose Sanctuary, the hunting of geese is not permitted in these areas.

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Management Plan Zones

Backcountry Recreation Zone

Motorized and non-motorized recreational activities are permitted. Off-road vehicle use is not permitted. Water-access campsites and existing commercial recreational facilities such as tourist lodges, licenced boat caches and tent camps conform to the zone. Cottages and private group camps are non-conforming and no expansion of these will be permitted. Fishing, hunting, trapping, wild-rice harvesting and mining are permitted, but development of all-weather roads is not permitted.

Extensive Recreation Zone

Motorized and non-motorized recreational activities are permitted. Off-road use of vehicles is not permitted. Fishing and hunting are permitted. Generally, mining operations are permitted in Extensive Recreation Zones and all-weather roads may be developed in support of these activities. Trapping and wild-rice harvesting will also be permitted to continue.

Intensive Recreation Zones

Existing cottage subdivisions, campgrounds of all types, day-use areas, commercial services such as stores, service stations and motels, park maintenance and administrative facilities are permitted in these zones. Condominium development would not be permitted, which is consistent with the final planning objectives.

Special Areas

Special Areas in Whiteshell Provincial Park contain biological, geological or human heritage resources of regional, provincial and national significance. These areas can include nesting and staging areas for birds and waterfowl, unique geological features, rare terrestrial or aquatic ecosystems, important wildlife habitat, and sites of historic importance. Special areas can be designated within any land use zone and vary in size.

Access Zones

Access Zones in Whiteshell Provincial Park consist of a 300 metre corridor on either side of the centre line of major highways and roads linking the Intensive Recreation Zones within the park. Wayside picnic or camping facilities, water-access sites, commercial services such as service stations, and scenic viewpoints, trails, administrative and service facilities are permitted in these zones.
Sylvia Lake
Land Use and Area Features

Manitoba Conservation has partnered with the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation to identify a potential site for a Youth Camp in Manitoba. Initial investigations in 2009 suggested that Meditation Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park had potential for this camp. Public concerns about developments at Meditation Lake, and issues pertaining to water quality caused that site to be ruled out, and other alternate sites to be considered within Whiteshell Provincial Park. Further investigations by Manitoba Conservation have shown Sylvia Lake as an alternate site for the proposed camp. These consultations are for public review of the Sylvia Lake site.

Sylvia Lake is one of numerous lakes along the Winnipeg River System. This system runs approximately 235 km northwest from Kenora, Ontario to Lake Winnipeg in the province of Manitoba. Approximately 95 km of this river system lies within Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Flows on the Winnipeg River and its lakes are controlled by the Lake of the Woods Control Board. The Board regulates Lake of the Woods and Lac Seul water levels, and downstream flows on the Winnipeg and English Rivers for the benefit of the public and all river users.

Forest Landscape
The study area is within the Boreal Shield ecozone and is characterized by mixed deciduous and coniferous forests including stands of white and black spruce, balsam fir, jack pine, balsam poplar and trembling aspen. The diverse topography and varied soil and drainage conditions in the area, reflect a mosaic of forest cover and site conditions within the study area. Dry upland ridges and granite rock outcrops are dominated by jack pine, trembling aspen and occasionally bur oak. Balsam poplar, black spruce and tamarack are most abundant in low lying areas, with mixed stands of aspen, balsam fir and white spruce occupying mid slope environments. Fire remains the dominant natural disturbance to area forest landscapes.

Wildlife
Forest landscapes in the study area provide habitat for a variety of common wildlife species associated with deciduous/mixed forests, including white-tailed deer, fox, songbirds and small mammals such as red squirrels and the eastern chipmunk.

Fisheries
The Winnipeg River, which flows through Sylvia Lake, supports a diversity of fish species with over 50 different species known to occur in the river system. Popular recreational angling species include Walleye, Perch, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Goldeye and Lake Whitefish. The river system is also home to Lake Sturgeon, the largest freshwater fish in the Hudson Bay watershed. Lake Sturgeon have been listed by Commission on Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as an endangered species in the Winnipeg River. However, angling for Lake Sturgeon is permitted on a catch and release basis. Several research projects on Lake Sturgeon movements, habitat requirements and diet have been conducted in the Winnipeg River system by graduate students of the Canadian Rivers Institute and annual population surveys have been conducted by Manitoba Water Stewardship Fisheries Branch staff.

Existing Recreational Use
Whiteshell Provincial Park and the Winnipeg River system are popular destinations for Manitobans pursuing water and nature based recreational activities in all seasons. The river system, including Sylvia Lake, supports boating, canoeing, recreational angling and snowmobiling. Boat launches, beaches, campgrounds, day use picnic sites and recreational cottages are located near Sylvia Lake, along the river system. Hunting and trapping occur seasonally in undeveloped areas adjacent to Sylvia Lake.
Proposed Location
The proposed site for the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation Youth Leadership Camp is located in an undeveloped area on the northwest shore of Sylvia Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park. There are no existing leases or landholdings adjacent to the site. A hydro transmission line exists approximately 1/2 km to the west of the proposed site.

Description
Sylvia Lake has approximately 6.5 km of shoreline with depths reaching a maximum of 24.6 metres. Carter Island and Hind Island separate Sylvia Lake from Margaret Lake to the northeast and Eleanor Lake to the southeast. The lakes form part of the Winnipeg River System. The town of Pinawa is located north of the proposed Tim Horton Children’s Foundation Youth Leadership Camp location, on the north shore of the Winnipeg River. The town of Seven Sisters is located approximately 8 km to the west along Provincial Highway #307.

Water Quality
Sylvia Lake is part of the Winnipeg River system which originates in Lake of Woods, Ontario and flows westward through Manitoba into Lake Winnipeg.

Water quality along the river system is characteristically uniform and can be described as excellent. Densities of the fecal indicator bacteria, Escherichia coli (E. coli) are consistently below the recreational water quality guideline of 200 E. coli per 100 millilitres, which is considered safe for swimming. Algal blooms do occur in lakes along the Winnipeg River system; however, they tend to be infrequent and not severe.

Overall, water quality in the Winnipeg River system, including waters near Sylvia Lake meets the Guidelines for Canadian Recreational Water Quality.

Historic and Archaeological Values
The Winnipeg River region has significant precontact and historic values associated with First Nations, European exploration, the fur trade, hydro electric development, recreation and park development. Many archaeological sites in this region reflect a long history of human use and occupation of the river corridor.
Conceptual Drawings Only

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**Main Lodge - Elevation**

**Main Lodge - Lower Level**

**Main Lodge - Upper Level**

**Bunkhouse - Elevation**

**Bunkhouse - Floor Plan**

**Wellness Centre/Staff - Elevation**

**Wellness Centre/Staff - Floor Plan**

**Gathering Space/Arts & Crafts Building - Elevation**

**Gathering Space/Arts & Crafts Building - Floor Plan**

**Pavilion - Elevation**

**Pavilion - Structure**

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**Tim Horton Children's Foundation**

*Where kids discover their best.*
The Tim Horton Children’s Foundation is committed to developing a facility and program that are sustainable, responsible, and inspiring to young people. Building on the THCF philosophy of quality in every respect, this focus on excellence would be applied in new ways in the design and development of this unique facility.

Our areas of focus for this site will include:

**Water Conservation**
- Use of no-flow urinals and low-flow faucet aerators, showerheads and toilets

**Forest Management**
- Tree planting program
- Habitat restoration and enhancement

**Wastewater Treatment**
- State-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant that meets Provincial standards

**Light Pollution**
- Dark sky lighting

**Camp Programming**
- Natural and cultural history of the local area infused into all curricula
- *Leave No Trace* principals practiced on all wilderness canoeing and hiking expeditions

**Waste Reduction**
- Recycling and composting programs that model sound environmental practices

**Energy Conservation**
- Modern, energy-efficient buildings
- Natural building materials, many locally sourced
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
• Residential camp sessions (2-7 days) in fall, winter and spring, serving economically disadvantaged children from agencies and schools in communities across Manitoba
• The Tim Horton Children’s Foundation covers all costs, including transportation and first-class program based at the camp

COMMUNITY RESOURCE
• The camp is available for use on a planned basis, including volunteer opportunities and involvement of community groups, such as local garden clubs, service clubs, colleges and universities to enrich the camp site and programs

OTHER LOCAL BENEFITS
• 100 seasonal employees
• 5 full-time staff
• Positive economic impact for local retailers and other suppliers
• Opportunities for booking the camp by community organizations on a planned basis
WASTEWATER TREATMENT - Proposed Youth Leadership Camp, Sylvia Lake

Sylvia Lake Wastewater Treatment System

- The wastewater treatment system shown here is an example of the type of treatment system that the Tim Horton Children's Foundation has used at other camps (eg. Tim Horton Memorial Camp, Parry Sound, Ontario).

- The wastewater system for the Sylvia Lake Camp will meet the water quality and environmental protection requirements of the Province of Manitoba.

- The system will require an Environmental Act Proposal which will be subject to review by Manitoba Conservation and Manitoba Water Stewardship, as well as being available for public comment.
Proposed Youth Leadership Camp at Sylvia Lake

Public Review Comments

The purpose of this review is to seek public comments on the proposed development of a Tim Horton Children's Foundation youth leadership camp at Sylvia Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Youth Leadership Camp

Do you agree with the proposed development of a youth leadership camp at Sylvia Lake?  

| Yes | No |

Comments / concerns:  

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How might your concerns be addressed?  

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What is your association to Whiteshell Provincial Park? (check as many as apply)

- Backcountry traveler
- Cottager
- Permanent resident
- Hunter
- Other  

Camper
- Lodge visitor
- Fisher
- Business owner

Optional Information:

Name  

________________________________________________________________________  

Address  

________________________________________________________________________  

Email address  

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If needed, please attach additional pages with your comments. For more information please call Manitoba Conservation at 204-945-6799 or 1-800-214-6497 or go to manitobaparks.com

Please respond by March 22, 2010

E-mail mgmtplan@gov.mb.ca

Whiteshell Youth Leadership Camp

Manitoba Parks and Natural Areas

Box 53, 200 Saulteaux Crescent

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J 3W3
Concerns and Comments

How might your concerns be addressed?

1. PR
   - fast current, water safety concern, water feature problem with Pinawa.
   - select another location.

2. PR, C
   - concerns about development, no consultation in Town of Pinawa.
   - consultation required and free cookies in Pinawa.

3. PR
   - create a wilderness-like setting near to Pinawa, near major camp, opportunity for other developers to open up Sylvia Lake to cabins.
   - create further interaction with Pinawa, ensure that no other development can/will occur.

4. CR
   - had location, water to fast, eagles nesting ground, which creates white caps, ice issues should be cleared up before access to Pinawa.
   - is provided but should be located in the developed area of the park and not fast water. People are located to the lake area to get away from the noise, vandalism. The last thing I would want to do is to not be able to use the park at night, listen to nightly noise.

5. CR, C
   - supports the idea of a camp in the area but I am concerned that the location is too dangerous due to the water currents at high and developing a sun is not possible.
   - move the proposed site further upstream on Sylvia Lake or find a different lake.

6. BR, PR, C, L, F, RO
   - An excellent location to develop a waterfront and undeveloped area; very dangerous with other water flow, vertical above development (waterfall) due to current; road brings put in place, fish/bridging ground on proposed bridge, lake with fish species, impact on wildlife, (eagles, bears, bobcats, etc).
   - move the camp located in a different location that is safe for the kids and with less impact on wildlife. Love the idea, just a bad location.

7. CR
   - safety concern due to current. Local area is already overcrowded with cottages, Lake Sylvia is the last pristine area to develop, development; water quality, fish habitat issues.
   - move another location. Why was the information meeting not held closer to the proposed location - as in Pinawa?

8. C
   - I am not opposed to the idea of a youth leadership camp, just not inside the park itself. Park lands should be protected for recreational uses, not opened up for more development which erodes the ‘wilderness’ experience.
   - simply find a location adjacent to the park or on public lands that is easily accessible for the camp users. Location just north of proposed location on the Pinawa shore.

9. C
   - damage to a pristine environment, destruction of ecology.
   - consider using an area of land that has been damaged by the environment and rebuild it, rather than using an area that has currently not been touched.

10. C
    - concerns with siting the camp on the shore with a fast current.
    - consider building on an already disturbed area. Also - you need to consult with residents from the town of Pinawa.

11. C
    - it is a valuable development and plan but I am concerned about the environmental damage. The area has not been touched and the location is pristine.
    - build touch on the site of the project.

12. LV, O
    - neutral on idea - fast water at the point.
    - fast current water, safety concern, noise factor problem with Pinawa by selecting another location.

13. BC, PR, C
    - abundant - road less traveled lakes provide good potential for development. Why so close to Pinawa - would not be from this area group - anyone really (our family has experienced cancers and leukemia).
    - consider choosing the entire area as wilderness. The water quality concerns of all pristine land, except for Pinawa.

14. PR
    - needed - the camp will have minimal local benefits but will have a positive provincial impact. The kids will have close supervision on the land due to the current.
    - place the location closer to the camp, whereas no steep slope, good potential for development along the middle section of Sylvia Lake. Have all necessary environmental impact studies been conducted?

15. C, PR
    - I think the plan is good for all involved. The then being the abilities, the program and would also be a benefit to the Eastern commercial and residential residents.
    - I think the plan is good for all involved.

16. BC
    - move the proposed site further upstream on Sylvia Lake or find a different lake.
    - move the proposed site further upstream on Sylvia Lake or find a different lake.

17. PR
    - good for economic development.
    - economic bones to make us feel good about it. Really have a good look at water safety. Don't want to say I told you so - none of us do.

18. C
    - the location (proposed site) needs to be revisited due to the entire north shore along the channel is extremely dangerous for anyone!
    - supply protection to the property that is at risk of being at risk; this area, the site of activities that will add to the camp. Also, concern with noise and boat traffic, would it be more near the area along the east shore of Sylvia Lake.

19. PR
    - fast water along this route (turbine). People will have to be extremely careful in fast current or they will tip over canoes in fast current.
    - ensuring the safety of the camp. To address the water issue, have springtime meeting in Pinawa once the camp is near Pinawa and involve Pinawa have a lot of fast water experience.

20. CR
    - Good Choice!
    - the location is pristine environment.

21. PR
    - the location on the Pinawa shore
    - the location on the Pinawa shore.

22. C, PR
    - as long as no other future development is allowed and a bridge to Pinawa is built to provide access to the hospital for the campers. If the bridge was built then it may be possible to sell.
    - the bridge could be built near to the existing links.

23. C, F
    - looks good for us!
    - the location is pristine environment.

24. C
    - inside the camp on Sylvia Lake to face east where currents are less than the West river.
    - consider using an area of land that has been damaged by the environment and rebuild it, rather than using an area that has currently not been touched.

25. C
    - camping, have a good time.
    - enjoy the current experience, walking and campfire gatherings.

26. PR
    - the proposed site further upstream on Sylvia Lake or find a different lake.
    - move the proposed site further upstream on Sylvia Lake or find a different lake.

27. C
    - great chair.
    - the location is pristine environment.

28. C
    - the leadership camp will not intrude into the park setting.
    - the location is pristine environment.

29. C
    - the location on the Pinawa shore
    - the location on the Pinawa shore.

30. C
    - the location on the Pinawa shore
    - the location on the Pinawa shore.
Concerns and Comments

How might your concerns be addressed?

1) PR

Our home is on a water view lot almost directly across from the proposed site. We moved here for the peace and tranquility of the area which would no longer exist. Fast water and the narrow channel on the north edge of the proposed site is a safety hazard for boaters and camp participants.

In response to the north part of Sylvia Lake further from Pinawa or perhaps Natalie Lake.

2) PR, LV, F, BO

The well and water sources of the Winnipeg River along Sylvia and Natalie Lakes are as yet unexploited because there has been no road access. The Horton’s road will allow cottage development along those shores from the swamp area to the west. The way to the youth lives on Natalie. The camp is in the “blue edge of the wedge” in terms of development.

Here, final and enforced policy of no cottage development as result of the new road.

3) BC, PR

The processes-flavored. Conservation staff admitted as the open house in understimating the site selection on behalf of Hortons, so that they are committed and no longer independent. There is no evidence of an environmental assessment/option process for the site, only for the physical performance of the sewage treatment. OFF and Hortons should be among the responsible authorities. The park development plan has been carried out at the cost to the extent that it is not a credible plan to guide future development such as this. In fact, justification afforded by Conservation staff for this site was that these 3 other camp sites already on land classified in the same way on the site even though that classification implies such development is not acceptable. How can a large development be allowed without a complete review of the park development plan?

Write to the process for environmental licensing.

4) LV, F, BC

There are strong mixed economic benefits to Yellowhead Lake. cottage residents in Pinawa and undeveloped, a strong attraction for fishing and paddlecraft. Losing Sylvia Lake as an undeveloped hinterland lake will be to the detriment of Pinawa’s attractiveness and hence economics.

This assurance that communication between the camp and youth groups is maintained and controlled if need be.

5) BC, LV, LV, F

The Winnipeg River has shown marked increase in algae load in the last 10 years, including suspended filament algae, adhering clumps and floating masses. This is the result of the site. The Winnipeg River has lower phosphorus (P) concentrations than the Red, but a high-volatility meaning that the Winnipeg River delivers an important amount of the Total P. It is a large development such as the Horton’s camp should do better than meet conservation standards in, it should strive to be zero release. The presently planned septic system is not sufficient – the high organic P from the sludge digestate will qualify to build walls, not through treated soils of the site and reach the river. There must be something like an additional treatment following the natural filter of the site. The assessment of this system should include a phosphorus balance calculation and should not rely on attenuation at the soil downstream of the Winnipeg River. Attenuation in the local soils is short term, as is probably evidenced by the increased P loads, in the river now – the phosphorus cycle continues working.

Much more detail on the system and some assurance that the goal is better than the “standard” and near zero release. Evidence that sludge removal is integral to the system. Evidence from an installed system, including downstream groundwater monitoring results.

6) BC, PR, LV, F

At the open house at the park, Conservation staff informed us that this camp will have a large role as a staging area for backwoods experience trips, such as into Nopiming. I think this was presented as an indication that the camp might not be at full capacity much of the time because camps will move away on adventure trips. The end of a long dead-end road seems a strange place for staging that then requires a drive. However, it does cause the issue of overnight camping by adventure groups from the Horton’s camp on the islands and on the north shores of O’Conner Lake and the upstream channels and lakes. There is the occasional weekend camp new by the public – I assume without permission. If allowed to happen, overnight adventure camping markedly expands the footprint of the Horton’s camp and long ago all the remaining undeveloped sites.

Final assurance, supported and enforced by Conservation, that no adventure camps or other overnight, water-access camps will be allowed in the as-yet undeveloped shoreline.

7) PR

I have lived in Pinawa for the last 2 years and believe it’s the area. I feel there are a few issues in your concept, which need to be corrected. Most importantly, impact on environment and air.

I propose a principle of camp that we understand that this is an ideal location, impact on wildlife and environment, water safety issues, location of undeveloped location that is so close to Pinawa.

Contributions to biotechnical assessment process, consideration of possible road development of a previously disturbed site, rather than new road and development of the present, proposed site.

8) BC, PR

Abstraction of habitat in park, location across from Pinawa will alter the terrain forever, boater safety, environmental impact. Design with fast flow following use for new road when there are existing locations with roads.

Contributions to biotechnical assessment process, consideration of possible road development of a previously disturbed site, rather than development of the present, proposed site.

9) BC, LV, LV

Agree to principle of camp but we understand that this is an ideal location, impact on wildlife and environment, water safety issues, location of undeveloped location that is so close to Pinawa.

Contributions to biotechnical assessment process, consideration of possible road development of a previously disturbed site, rather than new road and development of the present, proposed site.
How might your concerns be addressed?

Management plan needed to put aside place for Whiteshell Provincial Park that limits development and preserves our park for future generations rather than working with corporations for further development.

More protected areas that have already been broadly unaffected by human activities that could serve as the camp site. Imagine using part of a clear cut site. Imagine the potential if generations of campers could document the reemergence of a clear cut to become a climax population. Think of the potential for an underprivileged child to see that new beginning are possible, and that carefully nurtured growth can heal old wounds. The proposal removes the existence of the Seven Sisters Dam. The proposed location of the Camp is on a pristine, untouched section of the Whiteshell. Important species that breed in the area can be threatened, breeding species of wildlife disturbed, opening a road may lead to certain development. Public Consultations should be conducted in Pinawa. Concern regarding the influx of people to the community.

To all those who will be working to give a chance to those who don't have the privilege we have worked for, "Welcome!"

History is abundant on the Winnipeg River. One day we will appreciate having protected areas that we can look upon in our history. I applaud Tim Horton's for its work and fully support their concept of a camp in my neighborhood. For those who oppose this idea, "what is new?" There will always be those among us who are afraid of the unknown or want to keep their environment under a fictitious bubble titled "NIMBY".

To all those who who are working to give a chance to those who deserve it, welcome. Please ensure the Sylvia Lake Camp does not disturb the wilderness.

I wanted to email you to let you know that I think the proposed location for the Tim Hortons Leadership Camp needs to be placed at a more accessible and still pristine section of the Whiteshell. This proposal does not address the concerns of the aboriginal communities. It only addresses the concerns of the non-aboriginal communities. The proposed location is immediately adjacent to some of the strongest and most unpredictable currents in the Whiteshell due to the influence of the Seven Sisters Dam. The proposed location of the Camp is on a pristine, untouched section of the Whiteshell. Important species that breed in the area can be threatened, breeding species of wildlife disturbed, opening a road may lead to certain development. Public Consultations should be conducted in Pinawa. Concern regarding the influx of people to the community.

Once reseeded

I believe that this development will allow the Whiteshell area to become a more prosperous area. This can only benefit the local aboriginal community in this part of the province. The idea of a camp (for the underprivileged youth who show signs of leadership potential) is a great one! I have researched how Tim Hortons's design and the other camps established by the Tim Hortons. There is an awareness of the ages of their charges, a realization that they need to be in a secure environment but at a place that allows them to use nature in all its phases. I applaud Tim Hortons for its work and fully support their concept of a camp in my neighborhood. For those who oppose this idea, "what is new?" There will always be those among us who are afraid of the unknown or want to keep their environment under a fictitious bubble titled "NIMBY".

Here are other locations that have already been broadly unaffected by human activities that could serve as the camp site. Imagine using part of a clear cut site. Imagine the potential if generations of campers could document the return of a clear cut to become a climax population. Think of the potential for an underprivileged child to see that new beginning are possible, and that carefully nurtured growth can heal old wounds. The proposal removes the existence of the Seven Sisters Dam. The proposed location of the Camp is on a pristine, untouched section of the Whiteshell. Important species that breed in the area can be threatened, breeding species of wildlife disturbed, opening a road may lead to certain development. Public Consultations should be conducted in Pinawa. Concern regarding the influx of people to the community.

It is absurd that the agreement is going to continue to exploit the inherent reserve rights in a corporation take over part of our provincial park. Destroying the wilderness is the only plan for forward. Manitoba Government is behind in updating management plan for the Whiteshell.

No deposed areas used by the caribou who were pushed out of there habitat?

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I wanted to email you to let you know that I think the proposed location for the Tim Hortons Leadership Camp needs to be placed at a more accessible and still pristine section of the Whiteshell. This proposal does not address the concerns of the aboriginal communities. It only addresses the concerns of the non-aboriginal communities. The proposed location is immediately adjacent to some of the strongest and most unpredictable currents in the Whiteshell due to the influence of the Seven Sisters Dam. The proposed location of the Camp is on a pristine, untouched section of the Whiteshell. Important species that breed in the area can be threatened, breeding species of wildlife disturbed, opening a road may lead to certain development. Public Consultations should be conducted in Pinawa. Concern regarding the influx of people to the community.

Please check out the area where you want to put the camp - it is very dangerous with the fast current. You cannot canoe, kayak or swim there - not suitable at all for children.

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Safety conscious proposal for Backcountry site that was established in the 60's - yes would ideally block boat traffic. There is a eroded male at the mouth of this channel when you come out of Sylvia Lake. The channel is also very fast (move with care) with sites on the sides. What will happen to the archaeological sites on this part of land?
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As a resident of the community of Pinawa I am very concerned about the proposed Tim Horton’s Youth Leadership camp being built on the shores of Sylvia Lake. While I admit that some of my concerns may be due to ignorance and lack of information, I believe it is very difficult to find accurate information as to how this will affect our community. This issue has come up not too long ago and has not given us enough time to properly formulate our public comments. As this has the potential to have a very negative effect on our community, I believe that a public information session should be held in our own community. Anger notice should be given to the residents of Pinawa for this meeting. In the meantime I would request that you postpone the March 22nd deadline date for public comments, and set the deadline to a time after we have had enough time to properly take in and properly formulate our comments. This issue has come up not too long ago and has not given us enough time to properly formulate and process our views on this topic so that can come from a well informed position.

It belongs to LGD of Pinawa, public protection of river (and therefore zone - affects people and animals; destruction of habitat - affects animals; too many people in one location, and travelling around the area at once) 

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Sylvia Lake Camp: Results of Public Review

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How do you use Whiteshell Provincial Park?

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Sue Atkin contacted Mr. MacLean and requested Mr. Newnham to respond as well.
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How might your concerns be addressed?

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I think having a youth camp in the area is an excellent idea. I have a couple of reservations about the location though. I haven't seen any information regarding the environmental impact of building the camp. I fear that major construction inside a Provincial park should not be allowed. The Provincial park should be there to conserve the area. Have other location been considered? What about areas of if Pit IP? This would give better access for services to staff at Pinawa or Lac du Bonnet, while still keeping the camp in a remote area. I enjoy the outdoors (hiking, canoeing, mountain biking, trail running), you name it and I personally find the trail system in this area much better than what is available in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. It would also put the camp in closer proximity to the old Pinawa dam (provincial park), so there is still an opportunity for learning. My second concern is regarding the water safety. I think the proposed area is too close to strong current and is not suited for a camp that attracts people with little previous experience on the water. I myself am not a strong paddler, and avoid this area unless with someone who is very experienced.

114 CR, C, BC

I am not against the idea of an underpriveledged children's camp in Manitoba however I am against the proposed location. Park should be protected and no more development take place. Already 5 accredited camps in the Whiteshell. Water current at proposed location is very strong and water very cold.

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The concept of establishing a camp for underpriveledged youth is a good one but the Sylvia Lake location is a bad one. The current at the proposed location can be very high, creating dangerous addtices. Lake Sylvia is one of the few pristine locations downstream of Lake Winnipeg that does not have camping developments. New access road would encourage further development.

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I have concerns with the proposal of a camp by a very large corporation being set up in a Provincial Park. Camp is a great idea but not in a Provincial Park, leave the pristine land for all to enjoy.

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Park is already at capacity and receives some of the largest amount of visitor traffic as well as campers compared to any of the other provincial parks. Sewage lagoon at capacity, government is cutting services but willing to pay for new infrastructure? Until a new park management plan is performed any development within the park would be imprudent.

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I do not agree with the proposed development. While the Tim Horton's camp is a valuable experience for youth, I strongly believe that the camp should be situated on a more developed piece of land. We need to leave our provincial parks alone - free of more development than they already endured.

120 PR

I support the idea of establishing a camp for underpriveledged youth. We need to leave our provincial parks alone but at Sylvia Lake.

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I have changed from being opposed to the proposal. However 3 things need to be rectified; public information and input must be solicited in the closest town, Pinawa. Public access to the "jumping" rock must be maintained and the current, wind shadows and the rocks at the current location are very dangerous for sailors. The location must be moved to a safer, closer spot such as the South End of Sylvia Lake.
Hummelt, Cathy (CON)

From: David Long
Sent: March 2, 2010 11:15 PM
To: +WPG1212 - Management Plans (CON)
Subject: Opposition to Sylvia Lake development

I am writing because of a concern I have with the location of a Tim Horton's camp on Sylvia Lake in the Whiteshell.

A Park like the Whiteshell is a place where people can receive the benefits of nature. Indeed, there has been clear-cut logging in the park, and the economic spin-offs from tourism benefit local populations and the people of Manitoba as well. Through custom, people expect to use Whiteshell Park. I myself have had the opportunity to visit the Whiteshell many times in my youth, and as an adult, and I have benefited from the access to this magnificent region. I cannot then in conscience, wish to deny others the same pleasures I have had. Nonetheless, I have to record my opposition to the particular location of Sylvia Lake. Previous history of use of a park does not imply that all parts of it are equally "For Sale".

My concern is not with with the worthiness of the idea. As a teacher, I am a strong proponent of opportunities for children, and I appreciate the opportunities that a camp may make to the lives of children who do not often have the chance to see wilderness. I am not a cottager in the Park, and my opposition is not a case of NIMBYism, nor of elitism. Rather my concern regards safety and ecological issues, and the philosophy of parks.

There are some safety concerns in the area. Especially, there are very strong currents near the entrance to Sylvia Lake and even for experienced boaters and canoeists, caution is advised. Deliberately building a camp nearby may not be the wisest course. Think of the negative publicity for both Tim Horton's and the people who grant approval to the project a child should die when the dangers were known before ever the camp was built.

There is another, less prosaic reason for opposing the development. A vital role of parks is to retain some of the wilderness and spirit of the land that shapes us all as Canadians. Sylvia Lake is not 'remote', but it remains very largely undeveloped. Sylvia Lake is currently an oasis in the midst of the development of the Park, and creating a road and a camp will degrade still further the very thing we are trying to preserve.

Roads lead to increased access, habitat fragmentation and increased ecological pressure. The area nearby is habitat for the Great Grey Owl, the Provincial bird, and there are wetlands and undisturbed areas all around the lake. These are the areas that provide the buffer for water purification. These are the areas that provide a repository of genetic diversity that may serve to mitigate against some future environmental or human caused catastrophe. This is one of those regions that may serve as a carbon sink; sequestering for some time the carbon dioxide we release. Sylvia Lake is one of the areas that provides a testament to humanity's capacity to think long-term. Its very presence sends the message that people can overcome, sometimes at least, the lure of instant gratification. The preservation of regions like Sylvia Lake are essential not only to the workings of nature, but the spirit of us all.

There must be other locations that have already been heavily influenced by humans that could serve as the camp site. Imagine using part of a clear-cut site. Imagine the potential if generations of campers could document the return of a clear-cut to become a climax population. This is no stale text; this could be a living laboratory with the documenting of the regrowth linking campers across the decades. Think of the potential for an underprivileged child to see that new beginnings are possible, and that carefully nurtured growth can heal old wounds. The children benefit in the connection to themselves and to previous campers, creating the key links that cohere a society. A little bit of the wilderness of Manitoba is preserved, and the wisdom of our thought can serve as a message to the future.

Please oppose the Sylvia Lake location, and help this worthy cause find a better home.

Sincerely,

2010-03-03
Dr. S.C. Sheppard

Dear Dr. Sheppard:

This is in response to your email to the Honourable Bill Blaikie, regarding the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation Youth Camp proposal at Sylvia Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

There were two public information sessions held to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposal. Many residents of Pinawa attended and provided individual comments at these meetings. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in the Whiteshell Provincial Park and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg.

I appreciate the concerns that you have brought to our attention. Your letter will be included with comments received at the public information sessions, as part of the review process, before a decision is made.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

John Irwin, Director
Eastern Region

Cc: Honourable Bill Blaikie
Bcc: Fred Meier
     Bruce Bremner
     Barry Bentham
We, a group of environmental scientists living near the Whiteshell Park, are writing about the proposed Tim Horton’s Youth Camp, recently announced for development on the west shores of Sylvia Lake, Whiteshell Provincial Park. We foresee many specific issues that we believe must be addressed; the most likely place for doing so will be through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process that will no doubt be necessary before the proposed project could receive regulatory approval. We are writing now so that the proponent and their assessment team have time to adequately address these issues, hopefully before the public meeting and the hearings so that the public can be fully informed. We ask that you require this to be an open process that will solicit and respond to stakeholder input and will deal specifically and quantitatively with the issues. There is some concern about due process at the moment.

Before listing these issues, we should like to go on record that we are completely supportive of the idea of the proposed camp inasmuch as we recognise the potential societal and personal benefits to those youths fortunate enough to attend the Tim Horton’s Camp. We find the issues regarding the proposed location focus on three areas.

1. SAFETY

The site of the proposed camp has some steep cliffs leading into fast moving water. The currents exceed the maximum burst swimming capacity of most people. In all three inlets/outlets to Sylvia Lake, the fast water moves a swimmer to the middle of the channel, far from help. As a result, there is a water safety issue that is more significant here than at many other sites along the river. Indeed, in recent years there have been capsizing and sinking of several smaller-sized watercraft due to these high velocities (one was an RCMP officer and her young son). Additionally, because of a submerged rock shoal, fast motorboat traffic is restricted to and occurs within 10 m of the north shoreline of the proposed Camp.

2. SOCIAL

Pinawa is the nearest community to the proposed site, ~600 m across the water. Public consultation in Pinawa prior to approval is necessary. Further, the access road to this area of the shore will open the potential for cottage and other development downstream from the Camp site, either immediately, as a revenue source in a few years, or as the outcome of closure of the Camp. This has social, economic and environmental implications, but of course could be mitigated with a clear and formal Park policy restricting such future development. In terms of archaeological heritage, there have been artefacts found along the shore that are now at The Manitoba Museum.
3. ENVIRONMENTAL

Sylvia Lake is untouched by shoreline development with the exception of an overall increased water elevation more than 50 years ago. As such, this site is relatively pristine. Eagles, loons and osprey are present, and their use of the lake would be impacted by a permanent facility. There is an issue about fish habitat, which is administered under the Federal Fisheries Act so that DFO may need to be involved as a Responsible Authority. The only beach site available for the camp hosts significant nursery habitats for many species of fishes and the site is probably close to the downstream home range of the Winnipeg River population of Acipenser fulvescens – Lake Sturgeon. Pinawa finds it must chlorinate its beach, and the Tim Hortons Camp may have to do this too, which is an impact planners may not foresee.

Phosphorus loading must be avoided: the river has experienced markedly elevated algae growth in recent years, as suspended filaments, floating 'blobs' and adhering masses. The impact is notable in the filtration requirements in Pinawa. It would appear that present P mitigation upstream is inadequate. As a result, the sewage management system for the Tim Hortons' Camp should approach zero emission.

In summary, many of these issues can be mitigated, but only if properly indentified and quantified. We expect this to be part of an open, consultative and transparent environmental hearings process before licensing.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

S.C. Sheppard, PhD, CCEP

On behalf of a group of scientists of the Pinawa region

cc. Mr. Greg Selinger Premier of Manitoba
Mr. John Trueman
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Dear Mr. Trueman:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children's Foundation Youth Camp proposal at Sylvia Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Two public information sessions were held to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in Whiteshell Provincial Park, and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg.

I appreciate the concerns that you have brought to my attention. They will be included along with the comments received at the public information sessions as part of the review process, before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Blaikie
Minister

Bcc: Fred Meier
     Bruce Bremner
     Barry Bentham
     John Irwin
Hon/M. Bill Blaikie, MLA
Conservation Minister of the Manitoba Government
330 Legislative Building, 450 Broadway
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Dear Sir,

I am writing you in regards to the Manitoba Government Conservation Department announcement of a new development (Tim Horton Park) at Sylvia Lake within the Whiteshell Provincial Park, Manitoba, Canada. We do not believe that you made the right choice for the “Tim Horton Park” location. As with your first proposed site, at Meditation Lake (and subsequent commencement of a new road construction before any public consultations), there are many environmental issues that have not been considered with this location on Sylvia Lake. We do support the need for a camp location for “underprivileged Manitoba Youth”; however the proposed Sylvia Lake site is not a good match for the camp’s requirements.

As you are aware Sylvia Lake is located within the Whiteshell Provincial Park on the Winnipeg River system. The Lake is small, approximately 2 kilometers long by 1 kilometer wide. There is no development of any kind on Sylvia Lake, although the summer time boat traffic is beyond its capacity, with boat users from the cabin owners/campgrounds upstream of Sylvia Lake, Pinawa campground and Pinawa residents. River currents are very strong at the proposed site, any future water activities at this location will be potentially dangerous.

Your proposed Sylvia Lake location would include a new 4.5 km road to the new site. Why would you plan for a new road that will cost + $5 million (based on know current road construction costs) + the environmental impacts of such a road. An alternate location in close proximity to an existing highway would save plenty of tax payer’s money. Money that can better spent by either put back into the project or spend on the highway system within the area (most of the highways in the area are in dire need of repairs especially highway # 307).

An alternate location (within the Whiteshell Provincial Park) to be considered would include Eleanor Lake by the Seven Sisters Conservation Office. This site would be very suitable with the close proximity to highway # 307, hydro power availability and water source. This location would be just as close to a hospital than your Sylvia Lake location proposal. We hope that you do not intend to have an emergency preparedness plan to transport any of the future injured camp guests to the hospital by boat? There are many other areas of the Whiteshell already developed that would be better suited to the camp.
I understand that the Pinawa LGD mayor and counsel support this idea and have led you to believe that the residents of Pinawa also support the Sylvia Lake location. On the contrary, the citizens of Pinawa that I have been speaking to are not supportive of the Sylvia Lake location, in fact there are a lot of unhappy people concerned about building this development on a untouched lake (protected by the Manitoba Government?), building a + 4.5 km road into this proposed site, environmental impacts associated with the road and site development, increased boat traffic in an already busy Lake. The new road brings the possibility of future development at this site and at any access point from the new road. Although the present intent for this site is the “Tim Horton Park”, we all know that Governments change and future development is likely around this new road. What happens to the site, say 15 years down from now, and Tim Horton’s pull their program (bought out by a larger company?) and the site sold and turned into Condo’s plus cottages. Lets keep this pristine Lake the way it is for all of Manitobans and future Manitobans to enjoy.

With the contents of this letter to consider, we trust that you will take our concerns seriously and reconsider the Sylvia Lake location for the new “Tim Horton Park”.

Sincerely,

John Trueeman

Cc: Gerald Hawranik, MLA, 330 Legislative Building,
450 Broadway
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Blair Skinner, Mayor of Pinawa
Local government District of Pinawa
Box 100, 36 Burrows Rd..
Pinawa, Manitoba
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Mr. Jeff Simpson
ROE 1L0

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation Youth Camp proposal at Sylvia Lake within the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Two public information sessions were held to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in Whiteshell Provincial Park, and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg.

I appreciate the concerns that you have brought to my attention. They will be included along with the comments received at the public information sessions, as part of the review process before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Blaikie
Minister

Bcc: Fred Meier
     Bruce Bremner
     Barry Bentham
     John Irwin
Jeff Simpson

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February 3, 2010

Right Honourable Bill Blaikie
Minister of Conservation
330 Legislative Blvd.
450 Broadway Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Sent via fax only: 204 945 3586

Re: Tim Hortons Camp Proposed Sylvia Lake Location

Dear Sir,

I am writing to confirm my disagreement with the proposed location of the Tim Hortons Camp on Sylvia Lake. Sylvia Lake is a Jewel in the Whiteshell Provincial Park with its undisturbed shoreline.

I am a strong supporter of giving children exposure to leadership training and outdoor activities. There are many alternative locations, which would have existing roads and safer waterway.

As a resident of Pinawa I would like to ensure that you know that many residents are not in favour of this development.

Personally, my concerns can be divided into personal, safety and environmental areas.

Personal Issues

On a personal level our house is one of the closest to the camp location. With 260 campers and 70 staff the noise level in my backyard will be significant. Similar to a zoning variance, I think the nearest neighbours should be asked for input?

With the new road I would assume the province intends to lease adjacent land for cottages? Furthermore when Tim Hortons decides they do not want the location will it be sold to a developer?

Safety Issues

The fast flowing water in the region does not lend itself to a camp with safe swimming.
Bill & Maureen Macdonald

Dear Bill & Maureen Macdonald:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation Youth Camp proposal at Sylvia Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Please be advised that there were two public information sessions held to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in the Whiteshell Provincial Park and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg.

I appreciate your concerns regarding cottaging development along the proposed road. The department has no plans for cottage development in this area. If cottage development should be considered in the future, the department will propose this in a public forum prior to making a final decision.

Your comments have been noted and will be included with comments received at the public information sessions as part of the review process, before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Blaikie
Minister

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY,
BILL BLAIKIE

Bcc: Fred Meier
Bruce Bremner
Barry Bentham
John Irwin
Vandenbogerd, Kathy

From: Monday, February 08, 2010 7:46 PM
To: Conservation, Minister
Cc: ghawranik@leg.gov.mb.ca
Subject: Tim Horton's Camp - Whiteshell Provincial Park

Hon. B. Blaikie,

Regarding the Tim Horton's camp on the Winnipeg River system.

We have great regard for the intentions of Tim Horton's and the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation to provide a camp environment for children from economically disadvantaged homes.

What we would like addressed by the Minister of Conservation is the access to Sylvia Lake and the possibility of future cottage lots built on that side of Winnipeg River. We find the river already handles too much water traffic and have noticed a marked increase in noise and pollution.

What assurances will the Minister give that this isn't the 'thin edge of the wedge' to future development of cottage properties in the natural habitat on the east side of Winnipeg River.

Sincerely,

Bill and Maureen Macdonald

Pinawa, MB

c. G. Hawranik
Michelle Long

Dear Michelle Long:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation youth camp proposed for Sylvia Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Sylvia Lake is being considered for the camp proposal because of the location, the operational requirements and programming vision, as well as, limiting the impact on park natural and cultural resources, and minimizing conflicts with existing park users.

Your comments will be included with others received as part of the review process before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

BILL BLAIKIE

Bill Blaikie
Minister

Bcc: Fred Meier
     Bruce Bremner
     Barry Bentham
     John Irwin
Vandenbogerd, Kathy

From: Michelle Long
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 1:07 PM
To: Conservation, Minister
Subject: proposed camp on Sylvia Lake

Dear Minister Blaikie,

I was very dismayed to learn of the proposed development of a Tim Horton's camp on Sylvia Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Could you please tell me how this particular site came to be chosen, and specifically, what criteria were used?

Sincerely,
Michelle Long
Mr. T.H. (Terry) Neplyk, B. Sc., MBA

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Dear Mr. Neplyk:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation youth camp and your executive summary outlining your proposal to have the camp located at the Grand Beach Entertainment Centre.

We will share your suggestion with the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation for their consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Yours sincerely,

cc. Fred Meier
    Bruce Bremner
    Barry Bentham
    John Irwin

Bill Blaikie
Minister

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
BILL BLAIKIE
March 6th, 2010

Honorable Bill Blaikie
Minister of Conservation
Government of Manitoba
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8
Phone: 945-3730 Fax: 945-3586

Re: Tim Horton’s Youth Camp

I wrote you and your replied late last year about an excellent location for the Tim Horton’s Youth Camp. Since Meditation Lake did not work, and it looks like Pinawa is striking out too why not look north instead of east. This site has already been used as a campground and has much of the infrastructure in place.

Congratulations once again on your election and your appointment as Minister of Conservation Mr. Blaikie. I was born raised and educated in North East Winnipeg. I realize from recent press information today that the Pinawa site hit a snag. Can your office consider another site suitable for a Youth Camp develop plan. How about the plan I sent you previously. I have not contacted Tim Horton’s directly, I am sure you can forward this again to them please. I will repeat the narrative from what I sent you late last year.

There is a site just a few minutes north of Birds Hill Park, near Balsam Hill called the Grand Beach Entertainment Centre.

I believe this can be the last piece of the puzzle, so to speak, to complete making the Tim Horton’s Youth Camp a reality. My cousin actually spent a few years working in the southern Ontario Tim Horton’s Youth Camp. Just think of site improvements that have already been made.
I am a little selfish; this site is under utilized, and being the former President of the Grand Beach Cottage Owners Association, and member of the Grand Beach Area Development Corporation, I want to see this site up, running, vibrant and busy all summer long.

What a perfect idea, the Youth Camp and what a perfect location.

Minister Struthers who is familiar with our cottage owners association and area development corporation has publicly asked for public input, well here it more than just input, here is the solution.

I have attached this Executive Summary prepared by the primary shareholder.

Should you be interested in more information, to speak with the primary shareholder and/or have your deputy minister view the site, please feel free to contact myself at the phone number or email address on this letterhead. You may wish to visit the web-site at www.qbec.ca and click on the video box to view the site electronically.

There is much more valuable information we can share with you and your ministry, including the appraisal and a number of reports and plans that were prepared for the current owners a number of years ago.

Just for further information, the asking price is significantly lower than a recent appraisal indicated its value was.

Regards

T.H. (Terry) Neplyk B.Sc., MBA
Management Consultant

c.c. Lawrence Hadiken, Grand Beach Entertainment Centre
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Grand Beach Entertainment Centre (GBEC) is a multi-use recreational facility comprised of two distinct, but supporting operations.

1. The Grand Beach Campground and RV Park

2. The Grand Beach Amphitheatre

The Campground and RV park can operate from the May long weekend to the September long weekend, with final closure in early October. Concurrently, the Amphitheatre can host a variety of professionally promoted festivals, Pow-Wows, concert and summer music festival events.

The Campground has been designed specifically to provide the additional demand surge for accommodations created by the events held in the amphitheatre.

The GBEC facility occupies approximately 600 acres of land with an option for additional 700 or more acres of land. Upon completion the campground will have 1,000 permanent fully serviced lots and over 11,000 festival style lots (tent accommodations) created for support of
the Amphitheatre. The Amphitheatre will be the only naturally treed amphitheatre in central Canada, and the site is able to accommodate parking for over 10,000 vehicles.

The location of GBEC is within a 10-minute drive of Grand Beach Provincial Park, and the South Beach Casino and Hotel. Grand Beach Provincial Park is the largest summer attraction for the population of Manitoba since it opened in 1887.

Grand beach itself, located within the Provincial Park is a 4.3 km long strip of powder sand, along the east coast of Lake Winnipeg, which was rated one of the ten top beaches in the world, by a leading men’s magazine (Playboy Magazine). The region itself, is the centre of cottage country for the province.

There are 5 major beaches running along a 25-kilometer (15 Mile) length of the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg.

GBEC is located 70 kilometers (50 Miles) north east of the city of Winnipeg. Since GBEC is built on sand and sandy soil, there is excellent drainage such that water runoff is almost instantaneous, so that the site is inhabitable regardless of the weather.

Already GBEC has met the demand for campground space in the most popular summer tourist attraction area in the province. The sole campground in the immediate area, the Grand Beach Provincial Park, has over 300 campsites that historically are fully booked most weekends each season. Therefore, unless an individual has the financial means to purchase a cottage
(average price $100,000 CDN) or fails to book early enough for space in the Provincial Park, the ability to spend a weekend up in the Grand Beach region is not possible. The proposed 650 RV sites, 1,500 seasonal spaces and up to 10,000 festival spaces will provide families the opportunities to spend a week or two or a full season, or enjoy the simple pleasure of a weekend camping trip. The natural beauty of the Grand Beach region, coupled with first-class facilities, makes GBEC an attractive and affordable destination.

What makes GBEC facility so unique is that in addition to the strong economic base built on the campground facility, a second revenue producing operation, the Amphitheatre, creates a destination in and of itself. The Amphitheatre is designed to hold up to 60,000 people, although it is believed it will be a number of years before a major event of that scale is held.

**Existing Infrastructure**

a. Ten buildings for food and beverage services, including VIP Lounge, Corporate Boxes and a restaurant. These buildings will be leased out to private individuals willing to run their stands on a profit sharing basis.

b. Five buildings for washrooms, showers and change rooms

c. Five concession Booths

d. Marshalling area to facilitate traffic in and out of the site
Environmental Issues

This area of the Whiteshell Park is a wonderfully well preserved ecosystem. The addition of a road and power line will involve the clearing of land. This is existing habitat for 4 Bald Eagles, Falcons and Golden Eagle. The locations are chosen for their secluded nature.

The development of a campground with a new road and power line will have dramatic effects on the ecosystem. The immediate impacts will include increased erosion and runoff. As this is a tributary to Lake Winnipeg it will only exacerbate the issues with turbidity upstream in Lake Winnipeg.

My understanding is that the waste will be trucked away. Undoubtedly much will land in the river adding to the ongoing eutrophication of the river.

As the Minister of Conservation I think your lasting legacy should include protecting the environment. No one is against the children’s programs it is simply the wrong location.

Kindly advise therein.

Sincerely,

Jeff Simpson
e. Parking for over 10,000 vehicles per event

f. The Amphitheatre area is fenced off to facilitate security

g. Approximately 50% of the Amphitheatre site has been left in its naturally treed state, making it the only treed amphitheatre in North America

**Market Overview**

GBEC has deliberately structured itself to appeal to two complementary markets, the camping sector—ranging from the back to nature tent types, to the growing RV demographic (especially as the baby boomers and active retired people wish to see the country or visit other countries—while taking their bedroom with them; and the Summer Festival Goers, interestingly, this second group consists of many of the RV/camping types—hence the complementary, reinforcing nature of GBEC.

Overshadowing both groups are the real-time considerations of safety and security that are directly impacting the tourism industry—in Canada, the United and Europe. The continued Al Qaeda terrorist threat continues to shape the airline and tourist industry. Post 9/11 coupled with the recent Bali resort bombings, has impacted destination tourism, especially when that destination can only be reached by air. Those who do decide to travel to resort destinations are expected to make their destination of choice a country that is considered relatively safe,
and preferably a destination that can be reached without use of air travel. While foregoing is
unfortunate, the reality is that these events work in the favour of GBEC.

It is anticipated that Canada's Attraction as a destination vacation country will grow, especially
within the US Market. With a common language, similarities in culture, and the relative safety
and stability inherent in Canadian Society, Canada is a safe destination for US vacationers. A
camping trip in or to Canada is perhaps one of the safest tourism trips that a Canadian or US
family can take. The key is access by road, with the only challenge being the border crossing
line-ups. The negatives for other destination resorts are in fact, the exact factors that are
positive for GBEC.

The RV crowd and the more rustic traditional campers all expect hot showers, clean rest
rooms, laundry facilities, convenience stores, and playgrounds. Situating these amenities in a
naturally forested setting, within 15-minute drive of five of the finest beaches in the province
and 10-minute drive from the South Beach Casino, means that GBEC is a natural camping
destination. Presently, due to the diminishing number of campsites in the Grand Beach region,
most of the citizens of Winnipeg are forced to rely on day trips.

For the local market, GBEC provides a destination for the Winnipeg bound family to spend five
days on a camping vacation only one hour from home. GBEC provides instant relief from the
“are we there yet?” whine in the back seat of the car, for those less hardy campers who just want to take their children to the country for a couple of days, once a year.
Dear Mr. Spiers:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation youth camp proposal at Sylvia Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Two public information sessions were held to allow the public the opportunity to discuss the project and provide comments on the proposal. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in Whiteshell Provincial Park and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg. I hope you were able to attend.

Sharing your knowledge of the area is appreciated and your comments will be included with others received, through the review process, before making a final decision.

I will forward your concerns regarding the safety aspects of this location to Dave Newnham, Vice President And Executive Director of Tim Horton Children’s Foundation.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Blaikie

cc: Mr. Dave Newnham

Bcc: Fred Meier
     Bruce Bremner
     Barry Bentham
     John Irwin
Vandenbogerd, Kathy

From: James Splers
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 12:11 PM
To: Conservation, Minister
Subject: Tim camp

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to express opinion on the Tim Hortons camp. My wife and I recently moved to Pinawa and are concerned at the lack of information for and against the camp this creates friction when there shouldn't be. Our council has spoken in favor but our mayor admits that he has only seen the same information as the rest of us. As the camp strives to be self-contained and approx 80 of the jobs are part time therefore could be students the financial gain to our area could be minimal, also a large % of the food is donated or brought in bulk.

The area chosen is a very beautiful prominent spot no doubt good advertising for Tim Hortons, but due to the converging flow of the river there is a very strong current and under tow that is not so apparent and is avoided by small boats and canoes. Definitely not suitable for swimming. As we have a large camp ground there is a concern that teenagers will try to sneak backwards and forwards this could be fatal. Some residents are also concerned about noise.

Also we need to know what plans would be in place if the camp was ever closed as there would be pressure to simply develop the area and a busy river would become a circus. I believe Pinawa needs to grow to survive all though the proposed campsite is on the other side of the river we need an updated management plan. There is considerable concern that the camp would be more safely situated around the side of Sylvia lake unless existing sights could be used. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Splers.
Bonnie Minnick

Dear Ms. Minnick:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children's Foundation youth camp proposal at Sylvia Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Public information sessions were held to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in Whiteshell Provincial Park and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg.

I appreciate the concerns that you have brought to my attention. They will be included along with the comments received at the public information sessions, as part of the review process before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Blaikie
Bill Blaikie
Minister

Cc: Dave Newnham

Bcc: Fred Meier
Bruce Bremner
Barry Bentham
John Irwin
To Bill Blakie and Dave Newnham,
As the key players to forward the proposed Tim Horton’s Youth Camp at Sylvia Lake, it is my responsibility to communicate with you.

As a Mother with three children, spending all summer for twenty years at Jessica Lake in the Whiteshell park of Manitoba, I earned the Bronze Cross in lifesaving. Even though the land locked lake had no currents or ebb tides and Jessica Lake is relatively shallow, there was no doubt in my mind that children, even with a parent supervising, was still in danger near water.

Now retired and residing on the waterfront of Pinawa, I am one of the few swimmers who will jump off our dock into the Winnipeg River System. There is a good and logical reason why there are so few who are strong enough to cope with the sometimes raging currents and ebb tides.

The Tim Horton’s Children’s Foundation could not have completed adequate research regarding water safety when they chose the proposed site for a new camp at the Sylvia Lake location.

It is true that Sylvia lake often is host to many pontoon and pleasure craft boats who stop to swim in the quiet waters. There is a logical reason why very few swimmers brave the dangers of the Winnipeg River System that surrounds most of the property line of the proposed camp.

Even though Pinawa, within a half kilometer from the proposed camp boasts of canoeing as a pastime, you do not see canoes and very few kayaks, along the river system; again due to the real hazard of the turbulent waters.

For this one reason alone, the proposed camp on Sylvia lake needs further analysis for the safety and sake of the children, who will have no savvy or knowledge of the Winnipeg River System.

Respectfully,
Bonnie Minnick
Mr. Kevin Edwards

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Thank you for your email regarding the Tim Horton Children's Foundation youth camp proposal at Meditation Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park. Public concerns and issues pertaining to water quality caused the site at Meditation Lake to not be considered for the Youth Camp development. Meditation Lake will remain as a remote hike-in lake for backcountry recreational uses. Further review by Manitoba Conservation has identified Sylvia Lake as an alternate site for the proposed camp.

Two public information sessions were held to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in Whiteshell Provincial Park and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg. Information on the current proposal is available at www.manitobaparks.com.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Blaikie
Minister

Bcc: Fred Meier
Bruce Bremner
Barry Bentham
John Irwin
Meditation Lake is a cherished destination for Whiteshell Provincial park users. It is one of only a handful of walk-in lakes, and located in one of the few roadless regions in an overly developed park. In addition, the health of the lake is in question. I do not support development at Meditation Lake. The lake should remain as a remote access-lake. Intensive research observations should be conducted at this lake to learn more of the troubling algae blooms occurring in Manitoba. In addition, THERE SHOULD BE NO SECRET PARK DEVELOPMENTS AHEAD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS! Please register my opinion and let me know where you stand on this issue.

kevin edwards

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Jesse Tottle

Dear Jesse Tottle:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation youth camp proposal at Sylvia Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Two public information sessions were held to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in Whiteshell Provincial Park and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg.

I appreciate the concerns that you have brought to my attention and hope you were able to attend the information session to discuss your views with staff. Your comments will be included along with the comments received at the public information sessions, as part of the review process before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Blaikie
Minister

Cc: Rob Altemeyer, MLA

Bcc: Fred Meier
     Bruce Bremner
     Barry Bentham
     John Irwin
Hi Boyd,

I will forward to Kathy so she can log it as correspondence.

Thanks,
Jess

Jess Irvine
SA to The Honourable Bill Blaikie
Minister of Conservation
945-1670

Hi Jess

Can we get the department to send a written response to Jesse Tottle's concern about the development of the Tim Hortons camp in the Whiteshell?

Thanks
Boyd

From: Jesse Tottle
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 1:20 PM
To: robalttemeyer@mts.net
Subject: Tim Hortans

Hi Rob,

My name is Jesse Tottle. I live at _______ and am hence one of your constituents. I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the new proposed Tim Hortons camp to be established in a pristine lake in an undeveloped part of the Whiteshell Provincial Park. I think that this land should simply be conserved so that it can be protected for wildlife. The corporate camp should be set up in an area that is already developed. In other words, for the same reason that Meditation Lake was not worthy of this camp, the new area should be nixed. I would really appreciate your representations on this as we only have government to rely on when it comes to conservation. Corporations can only see their self-interests as you know and not the collective public interest.

Thanks,
Jesse Tottle
Winnipeg
D. & M. Owen

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Owen:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation youth camp proposal at Sylvia Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Two public information sessions were held to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal. These sessions were held on February 16th, 2010 at the Pinewood Lodge in Whiteshell Provincial Park and on February 17th, 2010 at the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg.

I appreciate your concerns and insight relating to the fast water in the area and your views on planning. Your comments will be included along with the comments received at the public information sessions, as part of the review process before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba provincial parks.

Yours sincerely,

BILL BLAIKIE
Bill Blaikie
Minister

Bcc: Fred Meier
    Bruce Bremner
    Barry Bentham
    John Irwin
Attention Bill Blaikie

Proposed Tim Horton Campground at Sylvia Lake

It seems everyone wants a piece of waterfront property! In the last few years here in Pinawa we have had two new campgrounds established, one along the Winnipeg River west of town, the other on the Pinawa Channel just north of town. Both times waterfront access was lost to the inhabitants of the town. Both of these areas are now gated private property, barring public access. On another occasion, a resident asked the town council to sell him, for one dollar, a couple of acres of riverside on the east side of the town, so that he could build a bed and breakfast establishment there. This was supposed to be ‘good for the town’. The town council at the time was stupid enough to go along with this idea, and would have done so, had a group of citizens not taken the issue before the Manitoba Municipal Board. Permission for the project was denied. The reason given was that this was an ad hoc development, and the Municipal Board was not going to support it unless a new town plan was put in place.

I bet you can see what I am going to say next! It seems another plan is afoot to grab some important waterfront property in the immediate vicinity of the town, but this time, just within the boundaries of the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Again this will become private property, and most of us will be denied access. Many will say this land is not being used, and therefore is unimportant or even worthless, so develop it. (I might add that, since the town’s beginning, the cliffs of this area have been used by the local youth as a swimming and diving spot, whenever conditions are favorable.)

I make the argument that the Whiteshell Park has been developed enough. This was recognized as early as 1981 in a draft version of the Whiteshell Master Plan of 1983, the most recent version of the plan. The 1983 plan specifically prohibits further building of all weather roads anywhere in the Winnipeg River Zone of the park, except for forestry and mining. The required all weather road for the Tim Horton Camp at Sylvia Lake is a non conforming use of the land in question. The choices are clear. Deny permission, or put a new Whiteshell Master Plan in place, and have the plan pass public review.

A word about local water conditions. The flow of the Winnipeg River at Pinawa varies widely from an all time low of less than a 100 cubic meters per second, to an astounding 2800 cubic meters per second. At the higher rate, the water goes up a few feet, depending on location. The higher level is not a concern, but the dramatic increase in speed is. The uneven lake bottom makes for turbulent upwellings and powerful down draughts, and this is a very deep lake. Whirlpools the size of a house can suddenly appear, seemingly out of nowhere. Under these conditions a life jacket is no guarantee of safety.

These are not unusual or rare conditions. Last summer the flows were just below the 2800 cubic meters per second rate from early spring to September. One could not paddle a canoe into Sylvia Lake from the Pinawa side. This lake is no place for novice canoeists. The Tim Horton people either do not understand this, or they are dismissive. One of their posters shows several sail boats in front of the proposed camp. The fast water is conveniently photoshopped out. These boats would be flushed down the river even at the average flow of 900 cubic meters per second. Another poster shows a dock sticking out from the cliffs at one of the fastest spots. This dock would be unusable and a dangerous obstruction.

If this project is approved, and the province builds a road at public expense, then the citizens of Pinawa and Manitoba will be paying, through our taxes, to have another piece of the public domain taken away from us and turned over to the private sector. There are places outside the park that would serve Tim Hortons’ purpose just as well.

D. Owen

Martha Owen

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