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Invitation to review and comment: Planning for Wasaga Beach Provincial Park

Ontario Parks, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, invites comments on two planning documents for Wasaga Beach Provincial Park.

Ontario Parks, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is writing a new park management plan for Wasaga Beach Provincial Park. This park is located in the Town of Wasaga Beach, on the shores of Nottawasaga Bay in southern Georgian Bay.

The new plan will guide protection, operation, and development in the park over the coming years. The plan will address the park's purpose, vision, objectives, and permitted uses. It will also outline actions for protecting the park's outstanding recreational, natural and cultural values.

This is the first of two opportunities for involvement in the development of the new park management plan. Two planning documents are available for review and comment:

1. The **Background Information Document** presents information that will be used as a basis for planning decisions. We are looking for input to ensure all relevant information has been identified to guide the planning process.
2. The **Management Topics and Options Document** describes planning topics and presents management options. We are looking for input on the topics and options presented.

Ontario Parks, MECP, invites your comments on these two planning documents for Wasaga Beach Provincial Park.

How to Get Involved:

We appreciate your participation in this planning process.

The background information and management topics and options documents will be posted on the Environmental Registry website at <https://ero.ontario.ca/> (search for notice # 013-4471). Copies are also available from the park planner listed below.

You are invited to comment on the planning documents for a period of forty-five (45) days.
Comments will be accepted from June 10 to July 25, 2019.

Ontario Parks released the Wasaga Beach Provincial Park beach management secondary plan in August, 2017 to provide direction for managing the park's beach while broader planning for the park is underway. The decision to approve the secondary plan is not being revisited and changes to the secondary plan are not being considered at this time. Comments received during the development of the secondary plan will be considered in the development of the park management plan.

For further information, or to submit comments, please contact:

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What's Next?

All comments will be considered during preparation of the preliminary management plan. The preliminary management plan will present draft policies and direction for the management of Wasaga Beach Provincial Park. It will be released for public review and comment in the second and final opportunity for involvement.

Comments received during both opportunities for involvement, and from the development of the beach management secondary plan, will be considered during the preparation of the final park management plan.

The MECP is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of Ontario's *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, however your comments will become part of the record of consultation and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the MECP to send you information about future MECP initiatives involving Wasaga Beach Provincial Park. If you have questions about use of your personal information, please contact the park planner listed above.

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation.



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