Notice of Completion

Replacement of Frood Lake Dam Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Sudbury District invites interested persons, government agencies and Indigenous communities to provide comment on the proposed replacement of existing Frood Lake Dam located upstream of Whitefish Falls and Highway 6, 68 km southwest of Sudbury (see figure on the right). The replacement of existing Frood Lake Dam would involve constructing a three-bay spillway dam combined with an ogee weir dam which is considered as the preferred alternative. This option offers comparable advantages in certain areas, including minimal or no requirement for upstream cofferdams, a favorable service life, and low long-term operation and maintenance requirements. The existing dam could also be used as a cofferdam for a separate diversion system.

This study has followed the approved environmental planning process for Category 'B' projects under the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects (RSFD). A public Notice of Commencement was previously issued in February 2026. The Notice included project information and an opportunity to comment on the project and alternatives being considered.

The Environmental Assessment Study has been completed, and a Project Evaluation Report has been prepared and made available for comment. The Project Evaluation Report documents the assessment and evaluation of alternatives and environmental effects, consultation undertaken, and the identification of mitigation measures. The Project Evaluation Report is available for a 30-day comment period from **November 5, 2026** to **December 4, 2026** on the Town of Espanola website at **www.espanola.ca**. You are invited to direct any inquiries, comments or requests regarding the Project Evaluation Report to:

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Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)
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e-mail: Jerry.Dussault@ontario.ca

Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which expires on **December 4, 2026.**

In addition, a request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order imposing additional conditions or requiring a comprehensive environmental assessment may be made on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests should include your full name and contact information.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), explain how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts, and can include any supporting information. The request should be sent to:

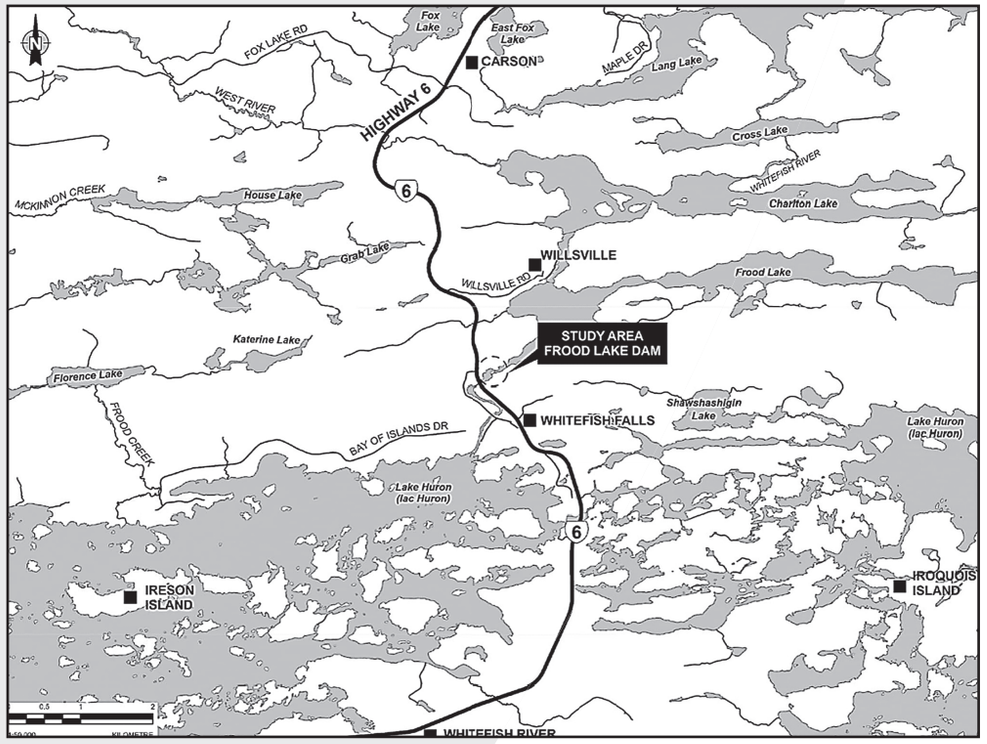
Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
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and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto ON M4V 1P5
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A copy of that request should also be sent to Jerry Dussault, MNR Project Manager, by mail or by e-mail.

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Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at:
https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order

Prior to making such a request, however, concerned parties are encouraged to speak with MNR to seek a resolution regarding their concerns. If no Section 16 Order request is submitted, MNR may proceed to implement the project, without further public notice, 30 days following the end of the comment period.

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected under the authority of section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

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