

- Preliminary identification of candidate protected areas sites for northern Manitoba will be undertaken.
- The establishment of a national park at Churchill will be pursued. Currently, the Memorandum of Understanding for this proposal is in development.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PROGRESS

1) New Sites

- No new protected areas were established in 1991-92.
- One Recreation Class park was deregulated following an assessment of the role and contribution it makes to fulfilling the objectives of the provincial parks system.
- 12 nature reserve zones were established in existing parks (4 km²)
- Logging was deferred on 10 old-growth forest sites.

2) Systems Planning Progress

- The Endangered Spaces Working Team has been established to determine the short and long-term program requirements inherent in achieving the Endangered Spaces goals.
- Release of A Natural Areas Strategy For Ontario: Responding to the Endangered Spaces Challenge (February, 1992, draft for discussion). This draft report describes the approaches to be pursued to protect natural heritage areas so as to accomplish systems completion by the year 2000.
- The Wetland Policy was released which is intended to stem loss of provincially significant wetlands in southern Ontario and in the Boreal Region of northern Ontario.
- Logging has been temporarily deferred on some old-growth pine sites in northern and central Ontario.
- Old Growth Policy and Scientific Advisory Committees have been established to identify significant old growth sites and determine methods of protecting these.