

- The Provincial Parks Act is under review to enable the strengthening of the existing legislation to reflect current policy.

3) Action Planned for 1992-93

- The Minister of Natural Resources has announced his intention to represent 5 further site districts with new protected areas during the 1993 Ontario Provincial Parks Centennial. Consultations will be undertaken with Aboriginal peoples and the public regarding candidate sites.

QUEBEC GOVERNMENT PROGRESS

1) New Sites

- 18 provincial park reserves north of the 50th parallel, encompassing a total area of 57,372 km² were announced in the summer of 1992.
- 11 new Ecological Reserves were established in 1991-92.

2) Systems Planning Progress

- The moratorium on the creation of new provincial parks in Quebec was lifted.
- A 5-year plan outlining an implementation strategy for provincial parks based on natural areas representation was announced.

3) Action Planned for 1992-93

- Four parks will be created south of 50th parallel over the next 5 years: Mont Megantic, Reserve de Plaisance, Riviere Vasureal (Anticosti Island) and Massif du Mont Valin (at Saguenay-Lac Saint-Jean).
- 4 new parks north of the 50th Parallel will be created over the next 5 years: lac Albanel/rivière Temiscamie, cratère du Nouveau-Québec, monts Otish/monts Torngats, and rivière Koroc. These parks will be established after consultation with the local communities to ensure that they integrate with the James Bay Convention and Quebec North.
- Public hearings on the establishment of Mont Megantic Provincial Park will be completed by summer 1993.