

Declaration of State of Local Emergency
Whiteshell Provincial Park
and Closures at Betula Lake Area

WHEREAS: Rising river and lake levels within Whiteshell Provincial Park are causing deteriorating road and highway conditions within the park. Prompt action to prevent harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of persons located within the boundaries of the Whiteshell Provincial Park and to prevent damage to property within those boundaries is required.

WHEREAS: These flooding condition present such an urgency within the Whiteshell Provincial Park that this emergency compels me to respond to immediately on behalf of Manitoba Parks.

THEREFORE: pursuant to subsection 11(2) of *The Emergency Measures Act*, Cap. E80 of the Continuing Consolidation of the Statutes of Manitoba, I, Rob Nedotiafko, Director of Parks, declares that a state of local emergency exists in Whiteshell Provincial Park from May 20, 2022 to June 19, 2022.

Be it further resolved that it is imperative that an issuance of a Director's Order, as Director of Parks, by way of section 27(1) of *The Provincial Parks Act*, is necessary to implement a specific closure to all public and private developed areas at Betula Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park, including all cottage subdivisions, commercial area, campgrounds, group use, day use, recreational and picnic areas, playgrounds, trails, and beaches.

During this time no person should reside in or enter the Betula Lake closure area of the park. All persons within the closure area may be issued evacuation notice to vacate no later than 5PM CST on May 21, 2022.

This Director's Order under *The Provincial Parks Act* is in effect until such time as it is rescinded.

Dated the 20th day of May 2022



Rob Nedotiafko
Director, Manitoba Parks