

All the World's a Circus



BOY SCOUTS Tavistock Cheese

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Proceeds to White Sand Lake Camp.

let your words
do the talking
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top, I rushed to what sounded like a punch line, any punch line and then waited for his hyena-like screams. Contagiously the laughter carried to the back of the room and up to the front again as Claude's head hit the table. Claude, upright and wiping away tears was my cue to start another.

Me (to the audience): "Yes, it's true I live in Wainfleet on Lake Erie and we get some pretty severe storms. Why just last week....."

Frank (stuttering to Claude): "Ok-k-kkay....cu...cu...cut'er loose!"

Me (rushing through a full page of material when Claude grabs his hair as his head starts its

descent): "WHITE CAPS IN THE TOILET BOWL!"

Claude (caterwauling to the heavens): ha, ha, ha, hee, hee, hay, hay, ho, ho, ho.

(Audience roars with laughter as Claude's head hits the table).

Me (when order is restored): Yeah Wainfleet's a real small town, why when the circus comes to Wainfleet the fat lady....

Frank (to Claude): ...because the sound of the zipper scares the sheep!"

Claude (hands to head, head begins to drop).

Me (rushing to a punch line) "...IS ONLY 140 POUNDS!"

(Audience roars as Claude's head lands in the baked Alaska a

waitress has just put in front of him).

Me: "Thank you very much. You've been a great audience. Goodnight."

Timing is everything.

Later as Claude, Frank and Daniel (all good ol' garcons from Montreal) and myself made a historic pub crawl of downtown Ottawa, the subject of Quebec separatism reared its ugly head.

Oddly enough it was three against Claude with me being the key spokesperson for Canadian nationalism because I was pouring the draft.

The debate continued until closing time and as we walked up the steps to the entrance of the Chateau Laurier, (honest, this actually happened) I heard Claude say to me: "We'll settle this in the hall!"

I thought, well in Ontario we use the phrase "settle this in the alley" but this is the beauty of bilingualism eh? I took two steps, got grabbed from behind and was thrown into the back of a taxi squeezed between three large Montrealers, all of us badly in need of a mint.

I guess I misunderstood Claude. We were going to settle this in HULL! where the bars stay open until breakfast.

And we did. Seated around a stage of strippers (see, I told you about guys claiming to work for "Procurement Services") we settled the whole damn problem of confederation.

The good news is, Quebec is coming back into the fold. The bad news is, Alberta's history. They're out. Nobody like red-necks in either language.

And my career as an after dinner speaker is really taking off. As a result of the Ottawa engagement I have however purchased a helmet, one with a sneeze guard and a food shield. It's not for me, it's for Claude. We're a team now.

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what's needed is a change in mindset, and if we can get a different mindset so we can think differently, then the actions and the structures that we need to address these new issues will emerge from people's new thinking. And that's really the purpose of the Forum."

Given this design, it's impossible to measure how effective the Forum was in achieving its objectives, since the inside of the participants' brains would have to be measured to gauge success. Nonetheless, the Forum left the participants with the feeling that economic and social changes don't have to take control of us - we can take charge of enough information to shape change in our own interest.

If THAT method of thinking spreads beyond northwestern Ontario to the population at large, forecasters like Vermeeren will have a new deck of cards to shuffle, every time they sit down to write their predictions. That deck will contain fewer wild cards, and be laid out before a much more activist, creative breed of card players - people who take the information they need and act on it, rather than being overwhelmed by it. In this "Golden Age of Information", I hope it works. If it does, then northwestern Ontario can chalk up one more contribution to a rapidly changing world.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Ministry of Natural Resources and James River-Marathon, Ltd., have initiated the Timber Management Planning process for the Big Pic Management Unit. The timber Management Plan will address new road locations, other users/uses of the forest, harvesting, regeneration, and maintenance to be carried out on the forest for the 1992-1997 planning period.

Production of the draft Timber Management Plan will occur during the winter of 1990/91 and into the spring of 1991. On February 13, 1991, an Open House will be held in Manitowadge to introduce the public to the planning team, Timber Management Stakeholders Committee, and plan author. Background information will be available for review and comments and/or concerns from the public are encouraged. On April 17 and 18, 1991 Public Information Centres will be held in Manitowadge and Marathon (respectively), where all proposed activities will be displayed for public review and comment. The draft Timber Management Plan will be available for public review and comment on October 23, 1991, and the approved Timber Management also on February 23, 1992. **Public involvement is encouraged early in the planning process.**

This is an invitation for all interested persons/groups to participate in the management planning process by providing information on the Big Pic Management Unit. Examples of useful information includes the following: any background information for the area, identification of specific area containing natural resource features, land uses or values that might be affected by timber management activities, and any issues or concerns which need to be addressed during the planning process. All comments or concerns should be submitted by December 27, 1990, to Mr. R.G. Running, District Manager (address provided below)

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will be held as follows:

February 13, 1991

15:00 to 19:00 hours

MANITOUWADGE RECREATION CENTRE
(Conference Room) - MANITOUWADGE

The purpose for the Open House is as follows:

- to provide an opportunity for interested persons to comment on or add to background information assembled to date for the Big Pic Management Unit;
 - to introduce members of the Timber Management Stakeholders Committee, a public advisory body representing a range and balance of interests, and the Chairperson of this committee (to be elected by members);
 - to introduce the plan author, Mr. R.D. Fry, Chief Forester of 686860 Ontario Limited, and to the planning team.
- Further information about the timber management planning process and known natural resource features, land uses, values for the Big Pic Management Unit, which must be considered in timber management plan preparation, is available on request from the District Office.

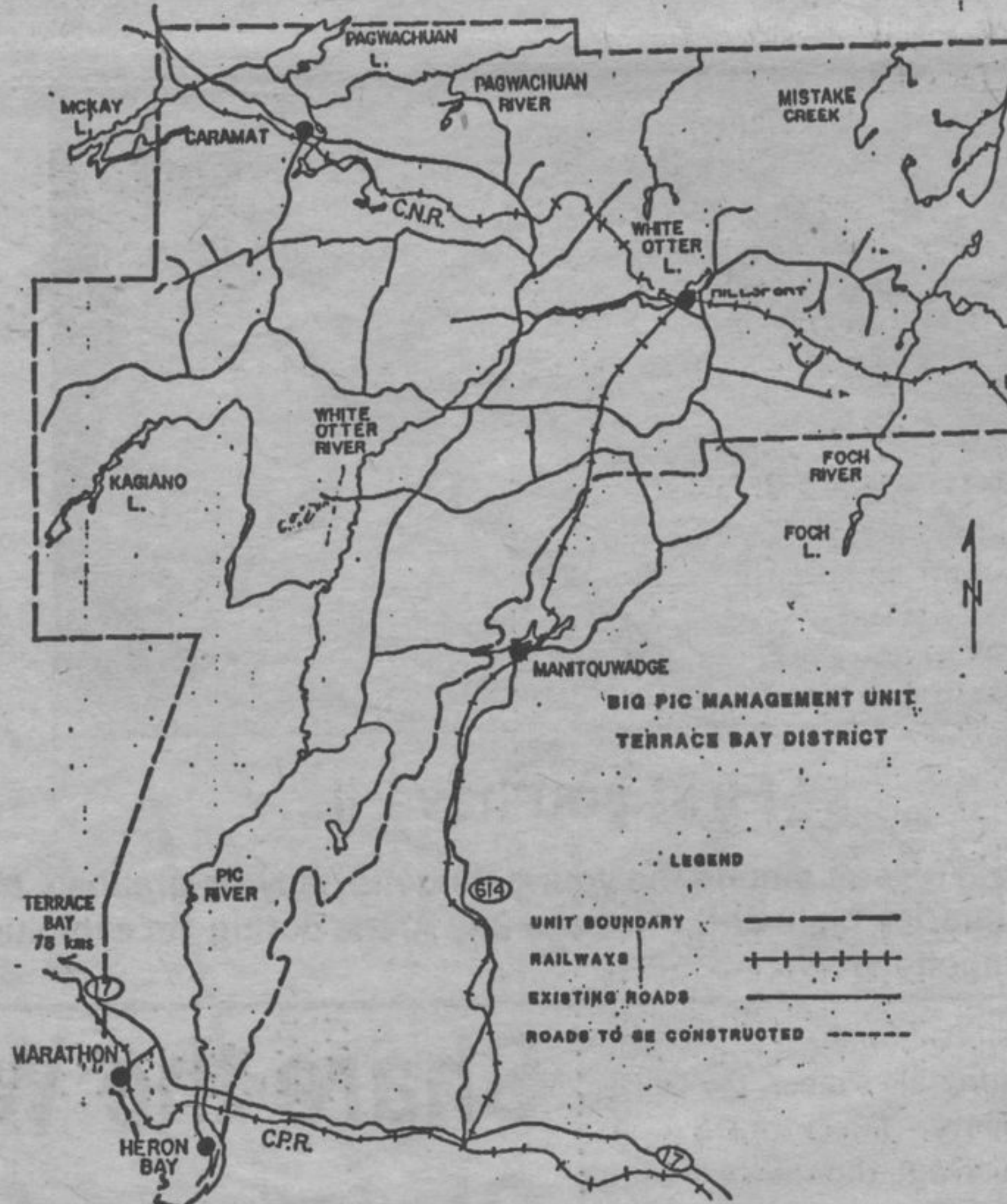
NOTE: The Open House occurs prior to the Information Centre and provides an additional early opportunity for public participation in the planning process. Interested persons are encouraged to state issues or concerns by attending the Open House or providing comments to the District Manager.

For more information, please contact:

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