



PROPOSAL TO NAME AN UN-NAMED ISLAND WITHIN SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL PROVINCIAL PARK AFTER MR. TOM MACCAGNO

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is being proposed?

Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park is made up of a number of islands located in Lac La Biche. The park is located in northeast Alberta, located approximately 11km northeast of the town of Lac La Biche.

With the long and colorful history of Lac La Biche and the use of the islands on the lake, Alberta Parks is proposing to name one the islands within Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park after the late Lac La Biche resident, Mr. Tom Maccagno. While the name of the un-named island is proposed to change to Maccagno Island, the name of the park itself would not change.

2. Who was Tom Maccagno?

Mr. Maccagno was a Lac La Biche-based lawyer who was an avid ecologist and advocate for parks and protected areas in the Lac La Biche region. He was born in Lac La Biche, and retained a life long zeal for maintaining ecological integrity and protection of rare species. Mr. Maccagno sat on the Lakeland Provincial Park Public Advisory Committee, was a member of the Lac La Biche Birding Society, provided much of the information for the Alberta Parks book *Orchids of Lakeland*, and was instrumental in lobbying the Provincial government to include all of the islands in Lac La Biche as part of Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park. Mr. Maccagno was recognized for his environmental stewardship by the Province of Alberta and was awarded an Emerald Award in 1998, the Canadian Environmental Conservation Gold Award in 2003, and several other national level recognition awards. Mr. Maccagno passed away on January 7th, 2012.

3. Why this island and not another island in Lac La Biche or on another lake?

All of the islands in Lac La Biche, except for this proposed island, have an official name. Due to the long history of settlement and use around the lake, there is a rich history and many local connections tied to the islands' names. Please see the [proposal map](#) for information on where the proposed island is located.

4. How was this proposal developed?

Alberta Parks became aware of the proposal to rename an un-named island within Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park after local MLAs received letters of support from several community members. Given the community interest in the islands within Lac La Biche, this consultation period was developed to allow local community members as well as all Albertans to have a say in the proposed name change.

Once the consultation period closes and all comments have been considered, Alberta Parks will make a decision on the proposal, and if supported, will forward a recommendation for renaming to the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation Board of Directors.

5. Who has the final say in naming land-base features?

The decision for naming geographical features, such as mountains, islands, etc., are made by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation Board of Directors, with the concurrence of the Minister of Culture, as provided for in Section 18 of the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*. As the owner of the island, Alberta Parks (Tourism, Parks and Recreation) would make the recommendation to the Board of Directors based on the outcome of the consultation.

6. How can I comment on the proposed re-naming?

Public input is encouraged and important. Send in your comments, questions and concerns by clicking on the online comment button below, or by sending an email. You can also mail in your feedback to the address below. Feedback must be submitted by December 12, 2012.

Online: [Online Feedback Form](#)

By Mail:

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Northeast Region
2nd fl Provincial Building
9503 Beaverhill Road
Lac La Biche, AB
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Attention: Ms Cara Gill

7. What happens after the public consultation has ended?

All comments will be considered and a decision will be made on whether to proceed with the recommendation to re-name the island. A summary of public comments and the resulting decision will be posted after December 12th on www.albertaparks.ca/consult.

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