

**Lac Opasatica, Lac des Quinze, Forêt Piché-Lemoine and Réservoir Decelles
Biodiversity Reserve projects in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region**

**ADDITION OF TWO SESSIONS TO THE SCHEDULE OF THE SECOND PART
OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Québec, May 15, 2007 – The commission in charge of the exam of the *Lac Opasatica, Lac des Quinze, Forêt Piché-Lemoine and Réservoir Decelles Biodiversity Reserve projects in the natural province of the Abitibi and James Bay Lowlands* announces that two sessions will be added to the schedule of the second part of the public hearing. These sessions will be held on May 22nd, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Lac-Simon and on May 25th, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Winneway.

In the course of this second part of the public hearing, the commission will hold sessions at the following locations:

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 2:00 p.m.	Lac-Simon Salle communautaire 1007, rue Wenecec
Tuesday, May 22, 2007 7:30 p.m.	Val-d'Or Hôtel Forestel, Salle Cuivre 1001, 3 ^e Avenue Est
Wednesday, May 23, 2007 7:30 p.m.	Rouyn-Noranda Centre de congrès de l'hôtel Gouverneur de Rouyn- Noranda, Salle La Capitale 41, 6 ^e Rue
Thursday, May 24, 2007 7:30 p.m.	Angliers Salle de l'Église 14, rue de la Baie-Miller
Friday, May 25, 2007 1:30 p.m.	Winneway Community Hall 110, Kakinwawigak

This second part will be devoted to hearing the briefs of individuals, municipalities, organizations and groups wishing to express their opinion to the commission as well as to the oral suggestions and opinions of the public.

To ensure the smooth planning of the unfolding of the public sessions of the hearing, every individual, group, organization or municipality wishing to make known its point of view by either presenting a brief or giving an oral presentation is asked to inform, as soon as possible, **Ms. Anne-Lyne Boutin**, by calling 418 643-7447 or, toll-free, 1 800 463-4732, extension 420. The tabling of a brief without public presentation is also possible.

To allow the commission to read the brief prior to the public session, the document that will be presented must be sent, **no later than May 18, 2007**, to the secretary of the BAPE, at 575, rue Saint-Amable, bureau 2.10, Québec (Québec) G1R 6A6, **to the attention of Ms. Anne-Lyne Boutin**.

Persons wishing to submit their brief by e-mail can address it to: 4reserves-abitibi-temiscamingue@bape.gouv.qc.ca and an original copy will have to follow by mail. As soon as the briefs have been made public, they will be tabled in the consultation centres and disseminated on the BAPE's website.

Individuals wishing to obtain more information can get in touch with Ms. Anne-Lyne Boutin, coordinator of the commission's secretariat, or Ms. Rosemary Al-Hayek, communications advisor, by calling the 418 643-7447 or, toll-free, 1 800 463-4732 or by e-mail at the following address: 4reserves-abitibi-temiscamingue@bape.gouv.qc.ca.

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