



PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A SUMMER CAMP WITHIN FRENCH BAY PROVINCIAL RECREATION AREA

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is being proposed?

Alberta Parks is considering a proposal to lease 2 hectares of land within French Bay Provincial Recreation Area (PRA) to the Lakeland Centre for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) for the development of a summer camp.

2. What is the Lakeland Centre for FASD proposing?

The Lakeland Centre for FASD is proposing to lease 2 hectares of land from French Bay PRA in order to build facilities that would allow children with FASD to participate in a summer camp with camp coordinators.

The summer camp would be designed to meet the specialized needs of children with FASD, and would offer opportunities to encourage new hobbies and positive experiences, learn social skills and build positive support systems. These camps would be expanded to camps for clients' families, adult FASD camps, winter camps as well as camps for community FASD training.

The proposed development on the 2 hectare lease includes a log cabin structure, ropes course, small parking area, and the installation of a septic tank and water holding tank.

The Lakeland Centre for FASD would also rent the facility in off-season months to provide services to the City of Cold Lake and surrounding Northeastern communities. These community organizations would be able to use the facility for meetings, workshops, team building exercises, organizational retreats and lodging for those skiing at Kinsoo Ridge Snow Resort.

To learn more about the Lakeland Centre for FASD, please visit their website at www.lcfasd.com.

3. Where is French Bay PRA located and where would the summer camp be located within the park?

French Bay PRA is 449.37 hectares in size, located on the southeast shore of Cold Lake in northeastern Alberta about 8 kilometers south of the community of Cold Lake and on the southern shores of Cold Lake.

The proposed summer camp would be located just west of Range Road 11, approximately 1 km inside the park and approximately 700m south-east of the current park campground.

4. Why is this proposal being considered?

Alberta Parks has received a proposal from the Lakeland Centre for FASD to lease land from French Bay PRA for the development of a summer camp. As a first step in the consideration of the proposal, Alberta Parks is asking the public for their input on the proposed lease and development.

The purpose of a Provincial Recreation Area is to provide for a variety of nature-based recreational opportunities. Provincial recreation areas allow for the development of facilities to support recreational opportunities, such as the development of campgrounds, summer camps, or lodges.

The proposal is in line with Strategy 3 (Provide Recreation Opportunities) in Alberta's [Plan for Parks](#). One aspect of this strategy is to encourage innovative private sector involvement in parks to enhance diversity and visitor opportunities.

The results of the public consultation will be reviewed along with input from First Nations, the results of historical resource assessments and the results from environmental reviews. Once all information has been reviewed, a final decision will be made.

5. How can I comment on the summer camp proposal?

Alberta Parks encourages public input on this initiative. Please send in your comments and suggestions 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 August 30th, 2013.

Online: [Online Feedback Form](#)

By Email: ParkNews@gov.ab.ca

By Mail:

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation
FASD Summer Camp Proposal, French Bay PRA
BeaverHill Road
2nd floor, Provincial Building
Lac la Biche, Alberta

6. What happens after the consultation period ends?

A decision regarding the proposal will be made after the 60-day public consultation period is over and all comments have been considered. Public feedback gathered during this consultation will be considered along with site management, historical and environmental reviews before making a final decision on this proposal.

A summary of public comments and the resulting proposed action(s) will be posted on our website after August 30th, 2013.