

Skeena Region

**MANAGEMENT DIRECTION
STATEMENT**

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for Tarahne Provincial Park



**Ministry of Water, Land
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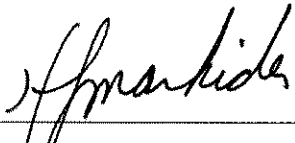
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Forward

This management direction statement for Tarahne Park provides management direction until it is revised. Ongoing consultation with First Nations may result in revisions as appropriate.

Approvals:



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Skeena Region



Assistant Deputy Minister
Environmental Stewardship Division

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Tarahne Park

Management Direction Statement

Introduction

Purpose of the MDS

Management direction statements (MDS) provide strategic management direction for all protected areas that do not have an approved management plan. Management direction statements do not negate the need for more detailed management plans in the future. Management direction statements also describe protected area values, management issues and concerns; a management strategy focused on immediate priority objectives and strategies; and, direction statements from other planning processes. While strategies may be identified in the MDS, the completion of all these strategies is subject to funding and funding procedures. In addition, all development associated with these strategies within the protected area is subject to the BC Parks' Impact Assessment Policy.

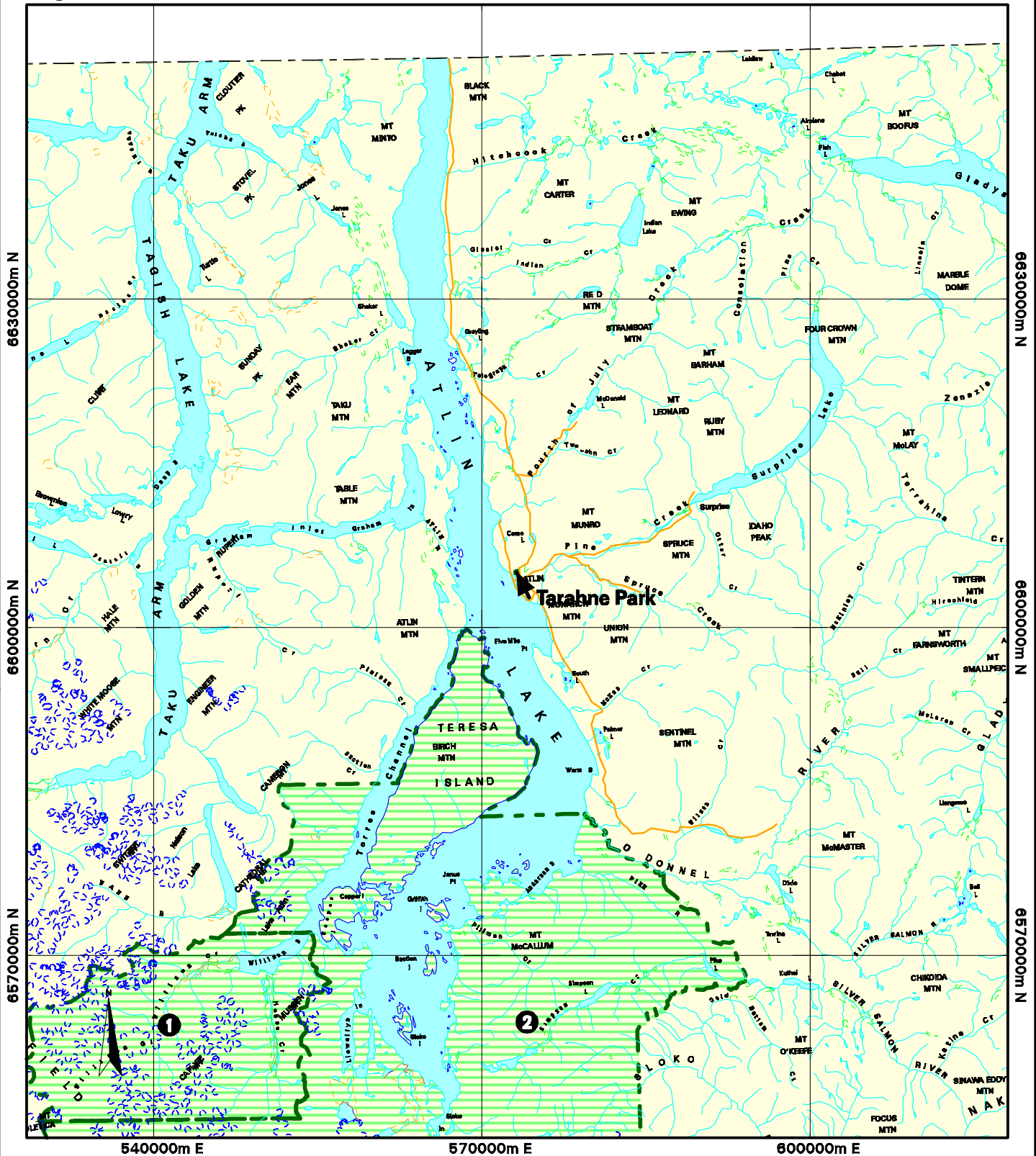
Context

Tarahne Park was established as a Class C Provincial Park on May 2, 1974 by the Provincial Government with Order-in-Council 1508 under the authority of the *Park Act*. The park covers 3 ha within the town of Atlin, and is mainly used for community recreation purposes. Community parks are not normally operated by the Environmental Stewardship Division; however, there is no municipal or regional authority in Atlin that could assume the responsibility for this park. Tarahne Park is within the traditional territory claimed by the Taku River Tlingit First Nation. Tarahne Park designation does not impact in any way upon existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of Aboriginal peoples guaranteed under Section 35 of the constitution.

Tarahne Park contains a number of recreational facilities that are important to the residents of Atlin, including a baseball diamond, bleachers and dugouts, 2 large playgrounds, gymkhana riding ring, concession stand, basketball court, volleyball court, BBQ shelter, walking/jogging track, and toilets. The park is occasionally used for camping, on a pre-arranged basis, by large groups that come to Atlin for special events. Tarahne Park is managed on a volunteer basis by the Tarahne Park Board, which is made up of local residents. New park facilities were constructed in 1991/92 with funds willed by a former Atlin resident for the construction of facilities in Atlin, and a GO BC grant. These funds were supplemented by volunteer labour and donated materials. Any profits from the concession stand or other activities are used to fund park operation and maintenance.

The community of Atlin is located in the northwest corner of British Columbia. Atlin is quite isolated, being 180 km from Whitehorse, 470 km from Watson Lake, and 700 km from Dease Lake. Atlin Provincial Park located immediately south of Atlin on Atlin Lake, and Tatshenshini-Elsek Park 160 km to the east, are large wilderness parks that provide wilderness recreation opportunities. Boya Lake Park located 75 km south of Watson Lake is the closest full service provincial park within British Columbia.

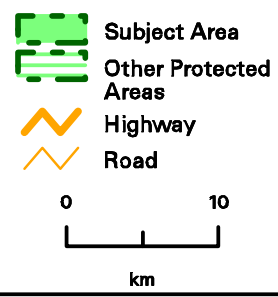
Figure 1: Context



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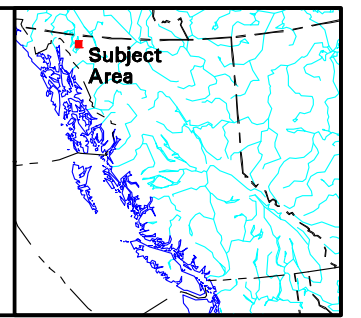
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Other Provincial Protected Areas

① Altin Recreation Area

② Atlin Park



Protected Area Attributes

Conservation

- The park contains few known conservation values.

Recreation and Tourism

- The park is important to the community of Atlin as it provides community recreational facilities, including a baseball diamond, bleachers and dugouts, 2 large playgrounds, gymkhana riding ring, concession stand, basketball court, volleyball court, BBQ shelter, walking/jogging track, and toilets.
- Provides a location within the community of Atlin for large groups to camp on special occasions, thus allowing these groups to stay in Atlin.
- The park is closed to hunting.

Cultural Heritage

- There are no known cultural heritage values

Significance in the Protected Areas System

- Tarahne Park is of local significance to the residents of Atlin as it provides a location for recreational facilities to be developed in the absence of a municipal or regional authority.

Land Uses, Tenures and Interests

Access

Tarahne Park is within the community of Atlin on the corner of First Street and Monro Avenue.

Existing Tenures, Alienations and Encumbrances

- There are no existing tenures, alienations or encumbrances.

Adjacent Patterns of Land Use

- Tarahne Park is within the community of Atlin; the adjacent land is used for residential and commercial purposes.
- Adjoining lands to the park, under reserve for park purposes, were proposed for addition to the park in 1990, but this proposal was not concluded.

First Nations Interests

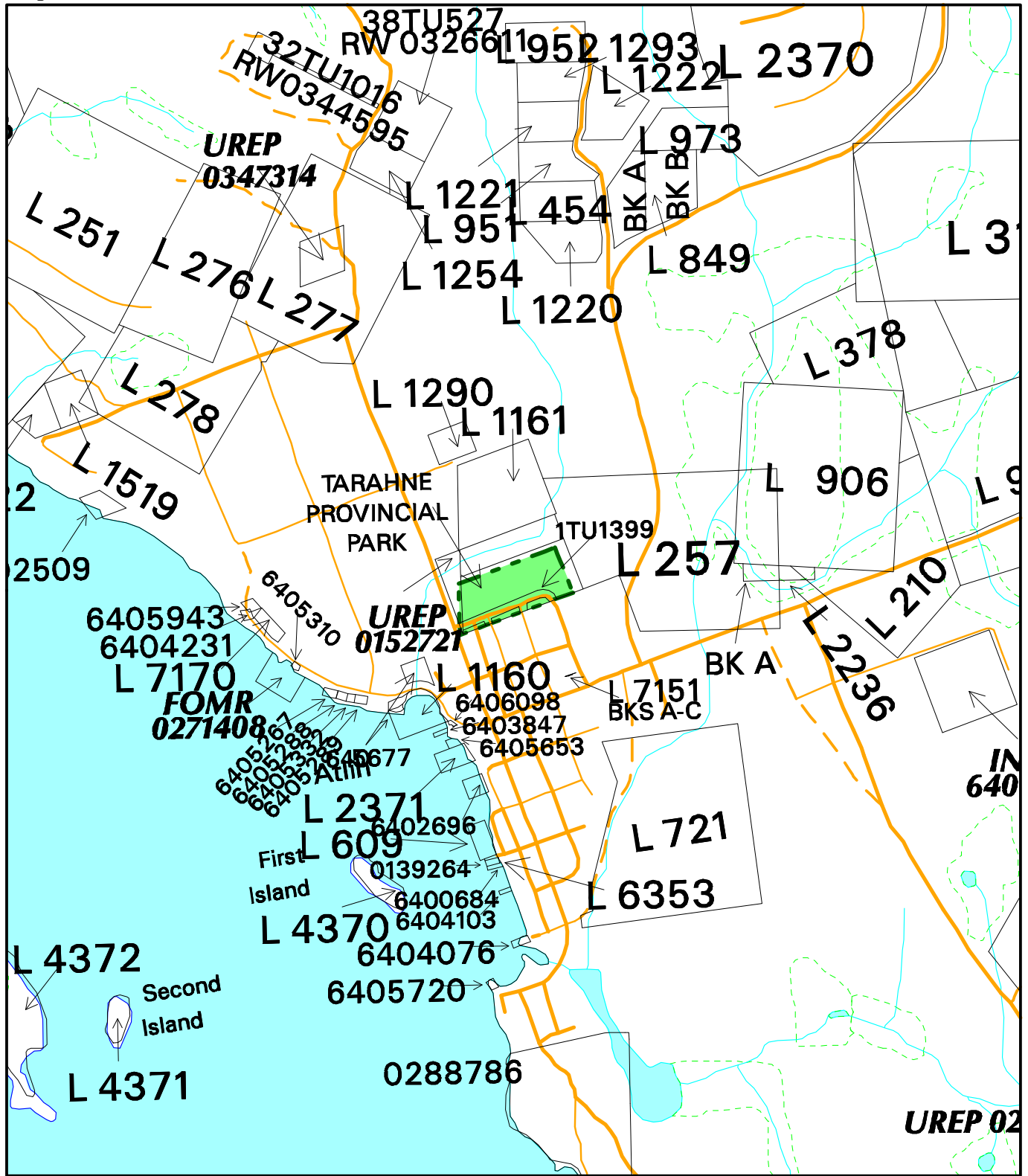
- Tarahne Park is within the traditional territory claimed by the Taku River Tlingit First Nation.
- The Taku River Tlingit First Nation supported the developments presently in place in the park.

Other Agency Interests

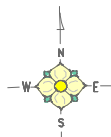
- There are no other agency interests in the park area.

Figure 2: Tenure

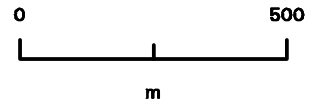
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(from CDMS)



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Private and Public Stakeholder Interests

- Residents of Atlin.
- Northern British Columbia Tourism Association
- Tarahne Park Board

Park Role Statement

Tarahne Park primarily fulfills a recreational role by providing community recreation facilities and opportunities for the residents of Atlin and visitors to the community.

Management Commitments and Issues

Management Direction from Previous Planning

There has not been any previous management planning for Tarahne Park.

Management Issues

Theme	Issue
Protecting recreational values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be ongoing expenses, as park facilities will need ongoing maintenance to keep them functional.
Visitor safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitor safety may be compromised if facilities are not maintained in an appropriate manner.
Park management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a community park, and community parks are not usually maintained by BC Parks, but there is no local government authority to provide this type of facility in Atlin.• The Tarahne Park Board and the Environmental Stewardship Division do not have regular communication regarding park management and membership of the park board.

Management Direction

Priority Management Objectives and Strategies

Objective	Strategy
To protect the park's recreational values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiate an agreement/understanding with the Atlin Park Board to provide maintenance and operations of Tarahne Park.
To protect visitor safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess park facilities to ensure there are no safety hazards that could endanger public health or welfare.
To ensure the park has continuing good management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to have the park managed on a volunteer basis by the Atlin Park Board, and consider transferring the park to a local government authority if one is formed at a later date, or another responsible organization.• Ensure that the Tarahne Park Board and the Environmental Stewardship Division have a yearly meeting and that the membership of the park board is updated annually.

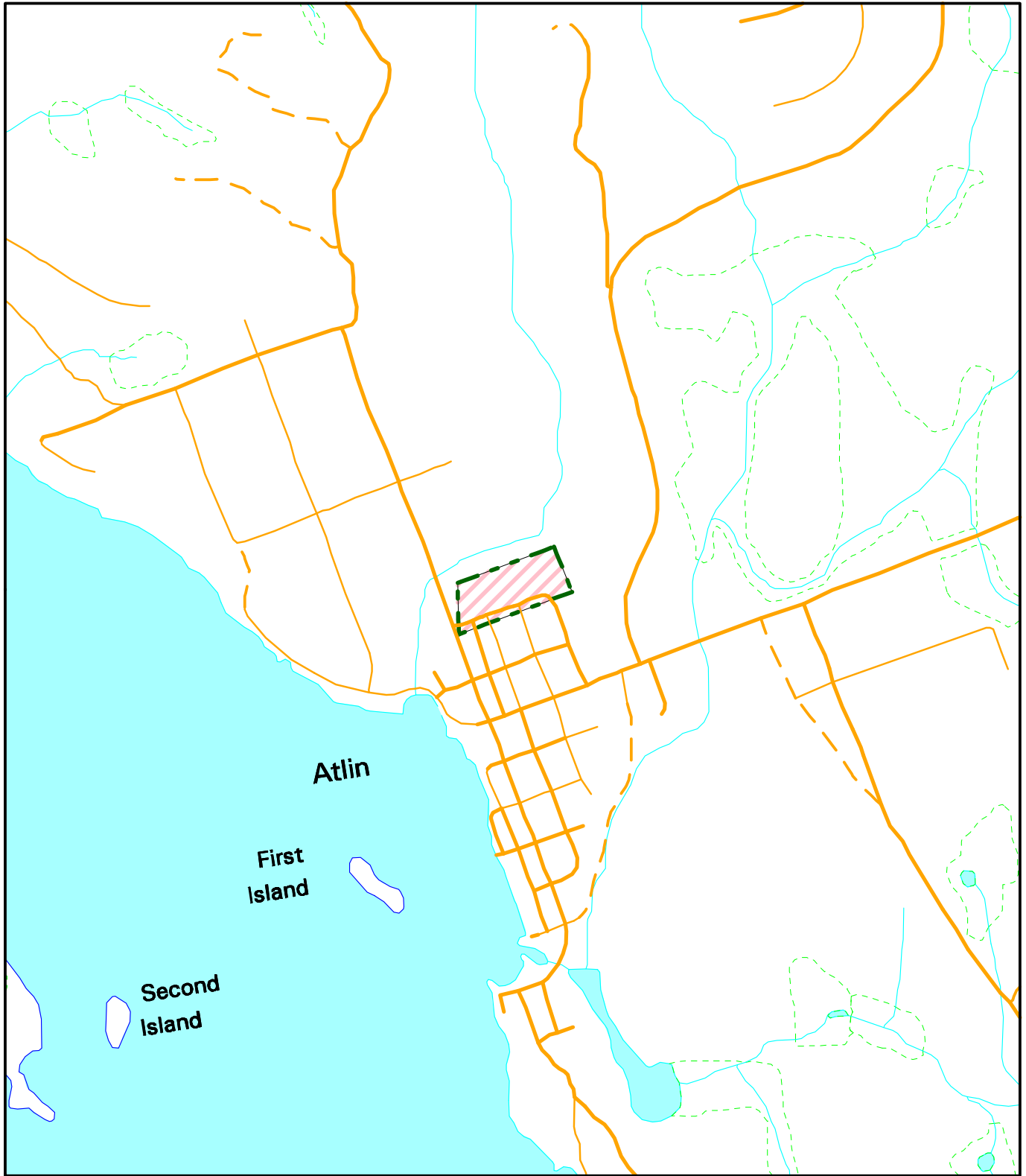
Consultation and Future Planning

The Environmental Stewardship Division will continue to consult with the Tarahne Park Board and interested First Nations groups regarding management of this park.

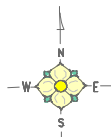
Zoning Plan

The entire park will be zoned Intensive Recreation because of the numerous recreational facilities present in the park, and the lack of significant conservation values.

Figure 3: Zoning



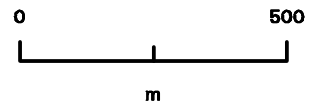
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Intensive Recreation



Protected Area Boundary



Appendix 1. Tarahne Park

Table of acceptable uses, activities and facilities.

Activity/Use/Facility	Acceptability
Aboriginal rights	Y
Hunting	N
Fishing	N
Trapping	N
Grazing (domestic livestock)	N
Recreational Gold Panning/Rock Hounding	N
Utility corridors	N
Communication Sites	N
Horse Use/ Pack Animals	N
Guide Outfitting (hunting)	N
Guide Outfitting (fishing)	N
Guide Outfitting (nature tours)	Y
Community recreation facilities and events	Y
Group camping and events	Y
Guide Outfitting (river rafting)	N
Cat-Assisted Skiing	N
Ski Hills	N
Commercial Recreation (facility-based)	N
Commercial recreation (non-facility based)	N
Backcountry Huts	N
Water Control Structures	N
Fish Stocking and Enhancement	N
Road Access	Y
Off-road Access (snowmobiling)	N
Off-road Access (motorized)	N
Off-road Access (mechanical activities)	N
Motorized Water Access	N
Aircraft Access	N
Fire Management (suppression)	M
Fire Management (prescribed fire management)	N1
Fire Management (prevention)	N1
Forest Insect/Disease Control	N1
Noxious Weed Control	N1
Exotic Insect/Disease Control	N1
Scientific Research (specimen collection)	M
Scientific Research (manipulative activities)	M

Y= allowed subject to conditions identified in the management direction statement or management plan
M= may be permitted if compatible with protected area objectives

N= not allowed
N1= allowed for expressed management purposes only
N2= present and allowed to continue but not normally allowed