



# DONCASTER

## DESCRIPTION

The Doncaster Reserve occupies lot 61 of the township of Doncaster.

This lot is bordered northwest by the front line of Range 7, in the township of Doncaster; northeast by the line between the township of Doncaster and the township of Chilton; southeast by the line between the township of Doncaster and the township of Wexford; and southwest by the central line of the township of Doncaster.

The reserve covers 7 900 hectares.

## LOCATION

The Doncaster Reserve is located approximately 16 kilometres northeast of the municipality of Sainte Agathe.

## LAND TITLE HISTORY

**August 30, 1851** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 3751-105

14-15 Victoria, chapter 106 (*Statutes of Canada*)

This act authorized the setting apart of lands in Lower Canada for the use and benefit of several Indian tribes residing on that territory. The overall area allotted to the different tribes would not be in excess of 230 000 acres.

**June 8, 1853** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 15565

Distribution of the lands set apart according to the 1851 Act

A distribution list for the lands set apart was proposed on June 8, 1853 by John Rolph, Commissioner of Crown Lands. According to that list, the Indians of Caughnawaga (Kahnawake) and lake Deux Montagnes (Kanesatake) were allotted one quarter of the township of Doncaster, behind the township of Wexford. The area indicated is 16 000 acres.

**August 9, 1853** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 15565

The Governor General in Council approves the distribution list submitted two months earlier by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

**July 1, 1867** - REGISTRATION NUMBER X14591

The *British North America Act, 1867* (currently known as the *Constitution Act, 1867*) confirms the jurisdiction of the Canadian government over the Indians and the lands reserved for them.

**June 10, 1854**

The Commissioner of Crown Lands gives instructions for the surveying of the outer boundaries of the township of Doncaster and the Indian lands in Doncaster.

**November 23, 1920** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 299989

Privy Council judgement ordering that the lands reserved for the Indians under the terms of 14-15 Victoria, chapter 106, and no longer used for that purpose, shall become the legal property of the Province of Québec.

**December 31, 1925**

1925 Act - *Reservation of lands not exceeding 330 000 acres for the benefit of the Indians by the transfer of usufruct.*

## CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS

- 1) **1854:** delimitation of the township of Doncaster by François-Joseph-V. Regnaud. The south-east quarter of that township was the reserve boundary;
- 2) **1904:** restoration of the center line over the whole depth of ranges 1 to 7 of the township of Doncaster, which constitutes the southeast boundary of the reserve;
- 3) **1935:** restoration of the center line of the township of Doncaster; part of that line is a boundary of the reserve (according to a plan by the Surveying Service of the Québec Natural Resource Department);
- 4) **1936:** restoration of southeast, northeast boundaries, east portion of the north west boundary of the township of Doncaster and northwest boundary of the reserve by Guillaume-J. Papineau. The surveyor renews ipso facto the south east, northeast and northwest boundaries of the reserve (plans available at the Surveying Service of the Québec Ministry of Natural Resources);
- 5) **1971:** resurvey of the reserve's outer boundaries by Jacques Poulin;
- 6) **1993:** boundary cleaning by logger team hired by the Kahnawake band;
- 7) **1994:** wooden reference post and marker laying on the outer boundaries by a team from the Legal Surveys regional office.