



DESCRIPTION

The Communauté atikamekw de Manawan occupies undivided lands of the province.

Its territory is about 5 kilometres wide and 2 kilometres deep. It is bordered north and east by lake Métabeskéga (formerly Madon), and on the other sides by undivided zones of the province.

It covers 773 hectares.

LOCATION

The territory of the Communauté atikamekw de Manawan is located 5 kilometres northwest of the township of Boullé, approximately 113 kilometres northeast of Mont Laurier and 120 kilometres west of La Tuque.

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 residing in the Portneuf county, near the Saint Maurice river or around La Tuque were allotted 14 000 acres. This land attribution was made for the benefit of the Têtes de Boule, Algonquins and Abenakis of Bécancour.

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.

August 29, 1906 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X14610

Order in Council provincial 532 - Control and administration are transferred to the Government of Canada, under the terms of 14-15 Victoria, chapter 106.

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.

CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS

- 1) **1906**: survey of the outer boundaries by Paul-T.-C. Dumais;
- 2) **1969**: resurvey of the outer boundaries by Gabriel Rioux;
- 3) **1986**: resurvey of the outer boundaries by Jean-Marie Chastenay;
- 4) **1994**: investigation of reserve boundaries by department team. The report recommends the replacement of some monuments from 1969 and 1986 surveys that had disappeared, plus the replacement of many wooden posts;
- 5) **1994**: boundary clearing and wooden post replacement by a Native company.