



# MASHTEUIATSH

## DESCRIPTION

The Mashteuiatsh Reserve includes Ranges A, B and C of the township of Ouiatchouan, excluding the railway crossing the reserve.

It covers 1 522 hectares.

## LOCATION

The Mashteuiatsh Reserve is located 6 kilometres west of Roberval, on the shore of Lake Saint Jean.

## 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 of lands was proposed on June 8, 1853 by John Rolph, Commissioner of Crown Lands. According to that list, the Indians residing near the Péribonka river, north of Lake Saint Jean, were allotted 16 000 acres; the Indians residing in the township of Métabetchouan, south of Lake Saint-Jean, were allotted 4 000 acres. This land allocation was for the benefit of the Montagnais Indians of Lake Saint Jean.

**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.

**September 6, 1856** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 3752-105

Order of Privy Council 738 - The Order approves the surrender of lands near the Péribonka river and in the township of Métabetchouan. The Indians are allotted the lands of Ouiatchouan (Pointe Bleue), covering an area of about 23 000 acres.

**March 19, 1858**

Land survey for the Ouiatchouan Reserve, in the township of Ouiatchouan. The area is of 23 040 acres.

**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 25, 1869** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 3753-105

Surrender 113 by the Indians to Government of Canada - The Indians cede to the Crown in right of Canada Ranges 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 as well as a portion of Ranges 4, 5 and 6 of the township of Ouiatchouan, according to the plan established in 1866 by P.-Horace Dumais. The area indicated is 15 012 acres.

**August 17, 1869**

Government of Canada Order in Council - Official recognition of Surrender 113 dated June 25, 1869.

**December 19, 1895** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 3756-105

Surrender 374 by the Indians to the Government of Canada - The Indians cede to the Crown in right of Canada the parts of Ranges 4, 5 and 6 of the Ouiatchouan township that were not surrendered in 1869, i.e. an area of 2 416 acres.

**February 11, 1896**

Government of Canada Order in Council accepting Surrender 374 of December 19, 1895.

## 1899-1901

The Government of Canada sells lots 13 to 21 of Range IX, in the township of Ouiatchouan (these will be sold by the Government of Québec between 1935 et 1970).

### **September 27, 1911** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 3758-105

Order in Council 2106 - Pursuant to 1-2 George V, chapter 14, section 46, the Government of Canada surrenders to the *James Bay & Eastern Railway Company* the land required for the purpose of a railway. The area mentioned is 61.68 acres.

### **October 12, 1911** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 3759-105

Letters Patent 16 448 granted to the *James Bay & Eastern Railway Company* pursuant to the Order in Council of September 27, 1911.

### **December 14, 1933** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 3760-105

Order in Council 2456 - The Government of Canada authorizes the *Duke Price Power Company* to raise the water elevation levels of Lake Saint Jean between 15.0' and 17.5' (by reference to the zero water mark of Roberval).

## 1938-1952

The Government of Québec sells to private persons lots 1 to 12 of Range IX, in the township of Ouiatchouan. Total area: 1 336 acres.

### **August 30, 1968** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 4482

The Government of Canada purchases a portion of lot 42 belonging to the *Canadian National railway company*. The lot area is 39 324 square feet (0.36 hectare).

### **January 28, 1969** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 8024

Order in Council 1969-171 - The Government of Canada sets aside, for the use of the Indians, a portion of lot 42 purchased from *Canadian National*.

## April 1985

Specific claim by the Lake Saint Jean Montagnais Band to obtain compensation for, and recovery of Range 9 lots, in the township of Ouiatchouan.

## February 1986

Specific claim by the Lake Saint Jean Montagnais Band to:

- a) regain ownership of the lands lost and surrendered in 1869;
- b) recover their rights over the lands surrendered on December 19, 1895, which are located in Ranges 4, 5 and 6 of the township of Ouiatchouan and cover an area of 2416 acres.

## September 1990

Claim by the Mashteuiatsh Montagnais Band to obtain compensation relative to the construction of the "Kinogami road" (Provincial Highway 169) on its territory.

## February 28, 2000

Referendum by the members of the Mashteuiatsh Montagnais Band approving the settlement agreement convened with the Government of Canada following the band's specific claims.

## March 20, 2000 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 280996

Government of Canada Order in Council 2000-439 sanctioning the settlement agreement signed with band on February 28, 2000.

## CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS

- 1) **1866:** P.-Horace Dumais surveys the boundaries of the township of Ouiatchouan, including the front of Range 1, which is the back boundary of the reserve;
- 2) **1880:** resurvey of the reserve boundaries by Paul-T.-C. Dumais;
- 3) **1940:** laying of monuments on some outer boundaries of the reserve by Claude Rinfret;
- 4) **1950:** resurvey of the boundary between Range C of the reserve and Range A of the township of Ashuapmouchouan, by Pierre Landry;
- 5) **1975:** resurvey of the reserve's outer boundaries by Gilbert Simard;
- 6) **1975 to 1982:** survey of interior subdivisions by a team from the regional office, Legal Surveys Division, with connection to the outer boundaries as well as to the geodetic network;
- 7) **1991:** clearing of the outer boundaries, blazing and wooden post replacement by the Band Council;
- 8) **1999:** resurvey of the outer boundaries by Daniel Fortin.