



# NÉMISCAU

## DESCRIPTION

The territory of Nemiscau includes:

- a category 1A land, i.e. lot 1 of the Rupert river basin, which covers an area of 97.4 square kilometres;
- a category 1B land, i.e. lot 2 of the Rupert river basin, which covers an area of 55.4 square kilometres;
- category II lands are also granted to the Nemiscau territory.

**NOTE** - Only Category 1A lands fall under federal jurisdiction.

## LOCATION

The territory of Nemiscau is located inland, on the northwest shore of lake Champion, 160 kilometres east of Waskaganish.

## LAND TITLE HISTORY

### **December 31, 1941**

Québec proclaims the *Lands and Forests Act*, which provides for the reservation of lands not exceeding 133 550 hectares (330 000 acres). This legislation has been amended a number of times since. See sections 51 and 52 of the *Act respecting the lands in the domain of the State*, R.S.Q., chapter T-8.1.

### **November 11, 1975**

Signing of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement - Crees-Inuit-Naskapis* by the Governments of Québec and Canada.

### **July 14, 1977**

The Government of Canada enacts the *James Bay and Northern Québec Native Claims Settlement Act*.

## June 1, 1979

The Government of Québec proclaims the *Act Respecting the Land Regime in the James Bay & New Québec Territory*.

## June 27, 1979 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 65618

Order 1851-79 - The Government of Québec transfers, as a provisional measure pending final transfer, the administration, management, and control of 3 299 square kilometres of category 1A lands (Cree), and of 41.93 square kilometres of category 1A-N lands (Naskapi), for the exclusive benefit of local governments, i.e. of the Cree bands or the Naskapi band, as applicable. Québec retains bare ownership of these lands. The order became effective on June 1, 1979.

## August 16, 1979 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 65619

Government of Canada Order in Council 1979-2178 accepting the transfer of category 1A lands according to the preliminary territorial descriptions, as stated in Québec Order in Council 1851-79 of June 27, 1979.

## June 23, 1981

Government of Québec Order in Council 1761-81 concerning the transfer, by provisional deed, of category 1B lands to the *Nemiscau Landholding Corporation*.

## February 25, 1981

Government of Québec Letters Patent 34 686 to the *Nemiscau Landholding Corporation* concerning lot 2 of the Rupert river basin. The Crees may dispose of these lands only in favour of Québec. The area indicated is 55.4 square kilometres.

## February 1, 1995

Government of Québec Order 152-95 concerning the transfer, by final deed, of category 1B lands to the *Nemiscau Landholding Corporation* pursuant to section 22 of the *Act Respecting the Land Regime in the James Bay & New Québec Territory*.

## **October 22, 1997**

Government of Québec Order in Council 1388-97 transfers by final deed to the Government of Canada the administration, management and control of category 1A lands (Cree) of Nemiscau. The order modifies Order in Council 143-95 of February 1, 1995.

## **May 5, 1999** - REGISTRATION NUMBER 273763

The Government of Canada accepts the final transfer of the administration, management and control of the category 1A lands (Cree) of Nemiscau.

## **CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS**

**1978:** survey of category 1 lands by Michel Samson. The lot 1 is a category 1A land, and thus falls under federal jurisdiction.