



WÔLINAK

DESCRIPTION

The Wôlinak Reserve consists of:

- lots 488, 489, 574, 580 (part), 581 (part) and 582 (part) of the parish of Notre Dame de la Nativité de Bécancour, in the seigniory of Bécancour.

It covers an area of 80.4 hectares.

LOCATION

The Wôlinak Reserve is located alongside the Bécancour river, 20 kilometres southeast of Trois Rivières.

LAND TITLE HISTORY

April 30, 1708 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X23453

Donation by Pierre Robineau to the Abenakis of a part of the Bécancour seigniory. Approximate area: 810 hectares.

1760

The Abenakis sell all the lots they own in the seigniory of Bécancour, except for lots 488, 489, 574 and 582. It was impossible to refer to the sale deed, as we could not find it.

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 of Bécancour were allotted an area of 2 000 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.

January 27, 1873

Development of the cadastre of the Bécancour seigniory. Lots 488, 489, 574 and 582 of the parish of Notre Dame de la Nativité de Bécancour are mentioned as belonging to the Abenakis. The area indicated is 150.13 acres.

November 17, 1913 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X16949

Government of Canada Letters Patent 17 034 - Sale to the *Quebec, Montreal & Southern Railway Company* of a portion of lot 582, parish of Notre Dame de la Nativité de Bécancour, for railway construction purposes. The area indicated is 13.23 acres.

January 14, 1946 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X16951

The Government of Canada repurchases the land (portion of lot 582) sold in 1913 to the *Quebec, Montreal & Southern Railway Company*, which has become the *Canadian National Railway Company*. The area mentioned is 13.23 acres.

May 29, 1946 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X16951

Government of Canada Order in Council 63/2148 approves the repurchase of January 14, 1946 and authorizing its payment out of the Band's funds.

January 18, 1972 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X11193

Government of Canada Order in Council 1972-28 adds the lands repurchased on January 14, 1946 to the territory of the Bécancour Indian Reserve.

April 28, 1972

Government of Canada letters patent provides for the sale, to the *Canadian National Railway Company*, of a portion of lot 582 of the parish of Notre Dame de la Nativité de Bécancour. The area indicated is 5.09 acres.

September 19, 1972

The Government of Canada purchases from the *Canadian National Railway Company* a portion of lots 580 and 581 of the parish of Notre Dame de la Nativité de Bécancour. The area mentioned is 27.71 acres.

October 4, 1973 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X18832

Government of Canada Order in Council 1973-2946 adds the lands purchased on September 19, 1972 to the territory of the Bécancour Indian Reserve.

June 30, 1983 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 88374

The Bécancour Indian Reserve changes its name to "Wôlinak Indian Reserve".

CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS

- 1) **1964:** survey of lots 488, 489, 574 and 582 of the cadastre of the parish of Notre-Dame-de-la-Nativité of Bécancour (i.e. all the lands of the seigniory of Bécancour which the Abenakis, until then, had not surrendered) by André-D. Tétreault;
- 2) **1969:** resurvey of the outer boundaries of lot 582 by André-D. Tétreault;
- 3) **1973:** survey of a portion of lot 580 and of two portions of lot 581 (to be added to the reserve) by Donald Noulard.
- 4) **1979:** partial resurvey of the outer boundaries by Régis Lévesque;
- 5) **1981:** partial resurvey of the outer boundaries of lot 582 by Yvon Sanfaçon;
- 6) **1994:** partial resurvey of the outer boundaries by Josée Bastien.