

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS HIGHWAY SIGN?

Algonquin Eco Watch (AEW) has placed 4 highway signs, similar to that shown on the reverse, in the following locations:

Highway 60 heading east into Algonquin Park.

Highway 60 heading west leaving Algonquin Park.

The Achray Road, west of “Algonquin Portage” heading west into Algonquin Park.

Highway 17, heading east approximately 1 km west of the Highway 630 turn-off to Kiosk.

Algonquin Eco Watch believes that proper forest management within the Algonquin Park Ecosystem can lead to sustainability of the Algonquin Park Forest. Since our inception in 1996, we have worked closely with Ontario Parks and the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) to achieve forest sustainability.

We had representation on both the Local Citizens Committee (LCC) and the Algonquin Forestry Authority Certification Committee for extended periods, because the AEW Board of Directors thought that sustainability could be best achieved through cooperative and constructive discussion.

During more than 17 years of participation in public discussion, we were unable to achieve the positive changes in forest management that we felt should be progressively instituted.

Algonquin Eco Watch is particularly concerned with the protection of headwaters as well as old growth pine and hemlock stands, with associated bird habitat, in upland areas within the Park.

We were subsequently removed by the AFA from the Certification Committee. In addition, since we felt that our continued membership on the Local Citizens Committee was no longer productive, we withdrew from that body.

A brief history of our recent attempts to achieve sustainability within the Algonquin Park Ecosystem is presented on our website [www.algonquin-eco-watch.com](http://www.algonquin-eco-watch.com), (**Note:** click on “Important! Please See Recent Critical Issues”).

Since its passage in 2006 the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act has been not been reviewed, in spite of the fact that a review should have been conducted 5 years after passage. Meanwhile the world has changed and ecosystems throughout Canada and the world have deteriorated. Algonquin Park is one of the few places left in Canada where we can sustain natural ecosystems in the face of other losses.

This is a good time to contact your local Member of the Provincial Parliament (MPP), and request a much-needed and overdue review of the “Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act”.

Algonquin Eco Watch will continue to work toward sustainability, always with the welfare of the Algonquin Park Ecosystem as our top priority. Your continued support is requested and appreciated.