



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 into Algonquin Park from the west.

Highway 60 leaving Algonquin Park heading west.

The Achray Road, west of Algonquin Portage.

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 that goal.

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

While significant progress was made during our more than 17 years of participation, we were unfortunately unable to achieve the positive management changes that we felt should be progressively instituted, particularly with regard to the protection of headwaters and old growth forest 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, (**Note:** click on “Important! Please See Recent Critical Issues”).

While we have always avoided political intervention, we suggest that this is the time to contact your local MPP, requesting a much-needed and overdue review of the “Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act”. In this way it should be possible to achieve sustainability within the Algonquin Park Forest.