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ISSUE: History and status of the transfer of 28 recreational lots in Indian Arm Park to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNR) for administration under the *Land Act*.

BACKGROUND:

In 1995, Indian Arm Park (Park) was established as a Class A Park. 28 Crown recreational lease lots were included within the Park boundary in error. These Crown land leases were converted to Park Use Permits (PUPs) in the late 1990s. Some of the documents were converted to standard PUP wording as they expired, while others retained the *Land Act* lease wording.

Since 2003, a small group of permittees have persistently pursued the removal of their cabin sites from the Park through requests to Ministers and by contacting MLA offices with the goal of being able to purchase the leasehold interests. In 1998, BC Parks entered into a Collaborative Management Agreement with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN) for the collaborative management of the Park.

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In May 2012, permit holders were apprised of the results of a recent geotechnical hazard assessment of each of the recreational lots. They were also advised that a process was underway to consider transferring the administration of the lots from BC Parks to FLNR.

On July 17, 2012, the Honourable Ministers Terry Lake and Steve Thomson gave direction to proceed to undertake the remaining steps in the process of removing the 28 recreational lots from the Park, transferring the lands to FLNR to administer as recreational lots under the *Land Act*, consistent with the three conditions agreed to with the Board. Accordingly, the lots would not be offered for future sale and the lots would be returned to the Park, if the leases were cancelled in the future. In a letter dated November 5, 2012, the Board advised that it was satisfied with this approach.

DISCUSSION:

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