



YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg's Statement on the Nature Conservancy of Canada's Efforts to Maintain Town Island on Lake of the Woods

For many decades, Camp Stephens has made considerable use of campsites on Town Island as part of its overnight tripping experiences. These trips serve to introduce younger campers to overnight camping and help them to gain independence and a sense of freedom, feel a sense of accomplishment, experience nature and appreciate its natural state. These overnight excursions have a very profound and dramatic impact on our young campers.

Since 2019, when we learned of the Town of Kenora's plans to sell Town Island, we have been actively involved with the Friends of Town Island group, supporting its mission to preserve the Island as a wilderness area.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has stepped forward to purchase Town Island and keep this land intact. We support NCC's bid to preserve Town Island's natural state and unique biodiversity and we applaud them for taking this on. We are also actively supporting their efforts to raise the necessary funds to preserve Town Island.

How You Can Help

Register for the Webinar to Learn More

Protecting Town Island, Now and Forever, is a webinar which will explore why it's critical to keep this piece of land in its natural state, and how the Island's unique biodiversity can be conserved while still allowing public access.

When: March 25, 2021 at 5:30 pm CDT

How to register: Online [here](#).

Donate to the Nature Conservancy of Canada

[Make a donation](#) to the NCC to support their purchase of Town Island and protect its natural state.

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