

What is Crown Land?

Crown Land includes all or any part of land (including land covered by water) that is not privately owned in the Province of New Brunswick. Crown Land is managed by various New Brunswick Government Departments. This fact sheet refers to Crown Land administered and controlled by the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development.

How can I find out if a parcel of land is Crown Land or private land?

Property ownership information can be obtained at Service New Brunswick's web site at <http://www.snb.ca/e/6000/6905e.asp> or by calling 1-888-832-2762.

Is the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED) responsible for selling Crown Lands?

No. DNRED is not responsible for the direct sale of Crown Lands. The process of selling Crown Lands begins when DNRED declares land as surplus. The land is then transferred to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) who proceed with the sale.

Does the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development have a listing of surplus properties?

No. Properties which are no longer required for Government programs are listed by DTI and sold by tender. A listing can be obtained from the DTI web site at <http://www.gnb.ca/2221/index-e.asp> or by calling (506) 453-2221.

Will DNRED review a request to declare Crown Land as surplus land?

Yes. Once a completed "Declaring Surplus Crown Land" application is submitted, it is evaluated for completeness. Should the application meet the basic requirements, a comprehensive review will be conducted and you will be advised of the outcome. This review could take from 6 to 21 weeks. If approved and the property is declared surplus, it will

be transferred to DTI and sold by public tender, should no other government agency require it. DNRED may request that all those who had expressed an interest in the lands be notified by DTI of any tender call.

What you need to know:

The following points will be important for you to know:

- Properties must be less than 20 hectares in size to be declared surplus.
- Properties must be isolated from a larger block of Crown Land. i.e. surrounded on at least three sides by freehold land, the fourth side could be a road or other form of division from a larger block of Crown Land.
- Properties which possess significant resource features (such as forested lands scheduled for harvesting or wetlands), are required for Departmental programs or form part of a larger block of Crown Land will not be considered.
- All requests will be reviewed.

How can I purchase a Crown Land asset?

Upon a written request to purchase a Crown Land asset, the Department will conduct a review. If the recommendation to dispose is favourable the asset will be transferred to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and sold by tender.

How do I apply?

Toll free number: 1-888-312-5600

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Website: www.gnb.ca/naturalresources