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Dear Scouters,

Scouts Canada, Greater Toronto Council has sold a 101 acre parcel on the Haliburton Scout Reserve for \$1,250,000, scheduled for completion on June 19, 2009. This means we are able to move forward with the capital projects as planned to revitalize both Haliburton Scout Reserve and Woodland Trails.

Despite the slowing real estate market, the selling price is very close to what it was listed for, reflecting its market appraisal prior to the recession.

I wish to acknowledge the fact that some of our members did not agree with the decision to sell this piece of property. Let me express that I too have many fond memories of Drag Lake and feel sad to see it go. However, I am very excited about the new possibilities this will bring our young Scouts and the great memories that we will help create. I hope all of you will soon feel the same way about all the new possibilities at, what is still, Canada's largest Scout reserve.

Let me remind you that we have set up an email to receive feedback about our camps: yourcamps@scouts.ca. Tell me what sort of activities, features, or equipment you would like to see, or what else we can do to improve the camping experience. While I can't personally respond to each email, I will make sure the management committee hears your suggestions. Our number one priority is to create great outdoor experiences for youth so please ask your children or youth members what they want too!

Yours in Scouting,

Rick Blakely, GTC Council Commissioner