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## ***Point Grondine Park Celebrates Major Milestone with Opening of New Lake Access Road and Waterfront Development***

**Point Grondine, ON – October 10, 2025** – Point Grondine Park, a premier Indigenous-led eco-tourism destination owned and operated by the **Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory**, is proud to announce and welcome visitors to the official opening of its **new lake access road and waterfront development** on **October 10 at 11:30 AM**.

This new infrastructure marks a significant phase in the continued development of the **Point Grondine Eco Resort and Campground**, a project envisioned to blend Anishinaabe ecological preservation with sustainable tourism. The development opens access to future **eco cabin sites**, a **lakefront recreational area**, and a planned **Outdoor Learning Center of Excellence**.

The event will take place at **Point Grondine Park, 675 Highway 637**, beginning with welcoming remarks from **Ogimaa Tim Ominika** and **Tourism Manager Luke Wassegijig**, followed by a traditional **blessing and honour song**, lunch, and a guided tour of the **campground and waterfront**.

*“The Point Grondine Park vision is coming to life. This current phase of construction was crucial in creating access to the waterfront, discovery center and expanding our eco cabins. This new development surely will create a safer and more enjoyable user experience.”* said Luke Wassegijig, Tourism Manager, Wikwemikong Development Commission.

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### **A Vision Rooted in the Land**

Since its opening in 2016 as a **backcountry wilderness park**, Point Grondine has stood as a testament to Anishinaabe stewardship, cultural preservation, and environmental responsibility. In 2022, the Park began development of its eco resort and campground, with **12 campground sites** and **1 eco cabin** officially opening in 2024.

Construction of the new lake access road and waterfront area began in winter 2025, led by the **Wikwemikong Development Commission** with support from:

- **FedNor**
- **Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC)**
- **SITES Grant** (administered through the **National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association - NACCA**)
- **Indigenous Services Canada**
- **Wii'ni n'gutchtood LMS,**
- **Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory**

This community-driven project reflects the long-standing vision of past leadership to establish a thriving Indigenous tourism experience on ancestral lands. The park's mission is to **preserve and protect the rich ecological diversity** of the area while creating opportunities for **economic development, employment, and the respectful sharing of traditional knowledge.**



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## Looking Ahead


The next phase of development, targeted for completion by **2026**, will include:

- 28 non-serviced **campground sites**
- 8 Serviced RV Sites
- 5 sustainable **eco cabins**
- **Gatehouse/Comfort Station**
- **Outdoor Learning Center of Excellence**


A full opening of these features is expected by **2027**, further solidifying Point Grondine Park as a **signature Indigenous tourism experience** in Northern Ontario.

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## Event Details

 **Location:** Point Grondine Park – 675 Highway 637

 **Date:** Friday, October 10, 2025

 **Time:** 11:30 AM – Welcoming Remarks

 Remarks by: Ogimaa Tim Ominika, Luke Wassegijig (Tourism Manager)

 Blessing and Honor Song & Ribbon Cutting

 Lunch provided By Chef Joseph Shawana


 1:00 PM – Guided Tour of Campground and Waterfront

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