

FINE FOR UNAUTHORIZED ROAD WORK IN A PROVINCIAL PARK

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A Peterborough man has been fined \$1,000 for building a road in Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Provincial Park without a permit. In addition to the fine he must rehabilitate one section of road by installing a culvert at that location.

Ronald Nolan, 57, pleaded guilty to the charge under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act.

Court was told that on September 4, 2007, a park employee spoke with Nolan concerning loads of limestone that had been delivered to Tucker Road near the park boundary. Nolan assured the employee the limestone was going to be put on his own property, which he accesses through the park. The investigation revealed that eight tandem loads of limestone were illegally dumped on a road in the park the very next day. The dumping of this amount of limestone constitutes construction of a road and would have required the authorization of a work permit.

Justice of the Peace Carl Young heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on June 12, 2008.

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