



## Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Project Research Summary Management System

The *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention* require that each nominated property to the World Heritage List should have a management system that specifies how the outstanding universal value of a property should be preserved. It says, “The purpose of the management system is to ensure the effective protection of the nominated property for present and future generations”

The Pimachiowin Aki management system will be based on a governance study and a management plan that together will propose governance arrangements and management approaches to protect and maintain the cultural and natural heritage values warranting international recognition.

Governance, for the purposes of this study, means the interactions among structures, processes and traditions that determine how power and responsibilities are exercised, how decisions are taken, and how all parties will have their say. Governance encompasses power, relationships and accountability: who will have influence, who makes decisions, and how will decision-makers be accountable, to each other as cooperating partners, as well as to stakeholders and the public. An effective governance system will reflect the needs and aspirations of the Anishinabe people.

The management plan will further inform the governance approach and will complement, reinforce and support First Nations community plans and provincial park management plans that have been completed or are in the process of being completed. The management plan will be regional in scale, while community plans and provincial park management plans will cover traditional territories and parklands as larger scale sub-components of the overall area for the Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Site Nomination.

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