Process of Acceptance and Evaluation in the Canadian Geoparks Network

5 Phases - 14 Steps

Becoming a Geopark project | **Maintaining active status** | **National Evaluation** | **Nomination to UNESCO** | **UNESCO review, evaluation and revalidation**

Phase 1 — **Phase 2** — **Phase 3** — **Phase 4** — **Phase 5**

Year 0 — Year 1-3 — Year 4 — Year 5-6

Step 1: Determine eligibility and preparedness of proposed project

Step 2: Letter of intent & proposal summary is submitted to the CGN

Step 3: CGN accepts or rejects the proposal as a Geopark project

Step 4: Developing Geopark Project
- Annual Progress Reports (short form)
- CGN provides feedback and recommendations

Step 5. The Project submits the National Geopark dossier
- Form A, Form B
- Progress Report

CGN conducts a desktop review and determines project status:
- YELLOW
- RED
- GREEN

Step 6: National Field review
- YELLOW
- RED
- GREEN

Step 7: CGN endorses Geopark project for UNESCO designation

Step 8: Letter of intent is submitted to UNESCO

Step 9: Finalizing the application

Step 10: Review of the dossier

Step 11: UNESCO field evaluation

Step 12: Decision of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council

Step 13: Designation

Step 14: Maintaining Designation

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