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KENORA DISTRICT CAMP OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Your Local Tourism Lobby Association Representing the Federal District of Kenora.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday
October 6, 2010
Evergreen Lodge

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President's Message:

Fall 2010

Dear Colleagues, Allied Members, Friends, Customers,
KDCA Executive & Directors:

Greetings all! I hope the season has progressed to the point where your bank balance and optimism for next year are both at a positive level. The U.S. economy has taken a toll on us that will only improve given the time. While we can cope with this by being creative and riding out the storm, there are nagging issues that seem to fester and drag us down mentally and financially.

One in particular is the problem of our guests being turned back at the Fort Frances border crossing. While we have worked on this for years the consensus is "we have reached the bottom, it can't get any worse". Can it? With the current economic climate, the loss of tourism revenue by those turned back is significant to many individual businesses. This loss of revenue is further compounded by the bad publicity generatedpublicity that tars all of us with the same brush.

At the Fall KDCA meeting, we will have in attendance Greg Mercure, manager, and Kevin Begin, supervisor, CBSA representatives from the Fort Frances border crossing. We also hope to have Gary Flanagan, the CBSA NW Ontario district director from Sault Ste. Marie in attendance to hopefully address our concerns on this long standing problem.

As the fishing season begins to wind down I hope you will be able to take the time and make the effort to join us at Evergreen Lodge on Wednesday, Oct. 6th. It is essential that we represent our industry on many of these important issues by showing up, and speaking out.

If you need directions on how to get to Evergreen Lodge contact Mal Tygesson (755-2434) or myself (227-2405).
Look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Sincerely,
Gord Bastable, KDCA President
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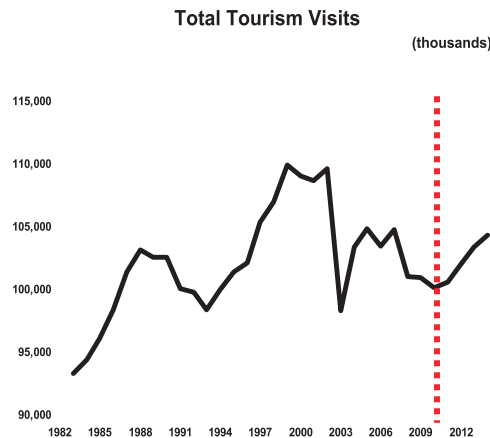
Tourism Outlook Summary

Source	Market share in 2010 (%)	2010 Growth Rates (%) over 2009	2011 Growth Rates (%) over 2010	2010/2014 Growth Rates (%)
Total Visits		-0.8	0.5	4.2
Domestic Visits		-0.2	0.5	3.7
Ontario	95.0	-0.1	0.4	3.5
Canada	5.0	-1.2	2.3	8.6
International Visits		-5.1	0.4	7.5
U.S. Border States	67.0	-6.5	-0.8	4.9
U.S. Non-Border States	18.0	-5.5	1.7	11.8
UK	2.6	-0.1	3.0	10.1
France	1.0	0.9	2.6	14.5
Germany	0.9	0.7	2.2	10.0
Japan	0.8	-7.2	-1.3	13.7
Other Overseas	10.0	2.9	5.4	14.3

Source: Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture

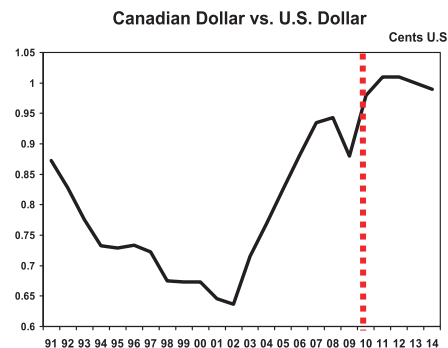
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- Tourism visits will continue their downward trend from 2009, decreasing 0.8% in 2010, and will rebound 0.5% in 2011. Visits will then increase at an average annual rate of 1.2% for the rest of the forecast period.
- Total tourism visits will reach pre-recession (2007) levels by 2014, reaching more than 104 million visits.



The Canadian Dollar Hits Parity

- The Canadian dollar will keep parity or close to parity with the U.S. dollar starting in 2010, after a drop in 2009.
- According to the Conference Board of Canada, it is expected that the Canadian dollar will rise from an average of 88 cents U.S. in 2009 to 98 cents U.S. in 2010 and then stay at the parity level from 2011 to 2014.
- The rising Canadian dollar will likely have further impacts on inbound travel, especially from the U.S. At the same time it will increase Ontarians' outbound travel.



Source: Bank of Canada; The Conference Board of Canada

I. Key Drivers & Highlights

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EFFORTS CONTINUE TO PROTECT FARABOUT PENINSULA - EAGLE LAKE



Background

Lakeshore residents from the Townline Rd. area near Eagle River formed a coalition in 2008 after learning of a proposed plan to build a road across the narrow isthmus connecting the peninsula to the mainland to harvest timber. Residents were opposed to this plan and have been working hard to preserve the 1,000 hectare landmass as a conservation area.

Successes To Date

- ★ Harvesting plans have been removed from the MNR Forest Management Plan
- ★ An ecological assessment of the peninsula was done in 2009 by Thunder Bay based field naturalists
- ★ A 48 page life science inventory documenting rare plant and bird species was compiled. This inventory demonstrates that this area has species from the prairies, alpine, or arctic species as well as boreal

Some Findings

Strong breeding population of Canada Warblers (a threatened species)

Eagles, Eagle nests and American Pelicans

Rare Yellow Ladyslipper Orchids have been found on the peninsula as well as White Adder's Mouth and Hooker's Orchids

The Farabout Coalition of Eagle Lake recently received a grant from Bird Studies Canada's James L. Bailie Fund to help group members recoup costs from the volunteer-drive conservation efforts.

NOTO & GOVERNMENT AGREE TO BED CAPACITY SOLUTION

by Doug Reynolds

The Resource Based Tourism Working Group (RBTWG), which is a committee consisting of NOTO representatives and staff from Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forests and Ministry of Natural Resources, have agreed upon a solution to the issue of attaching bed capacity conditions to Commercial Outpost Camp Land Use Permits.

There are two main parts to the agreed upon solution. First, MNR will no longer use bed capacity conditions as a fisheries management tool. Second, bed capacity conditions on permits and leases for multi-operator lakes will remain as an interim measure to support industry competitiveness while alternative approaches are considered and implemented. On single operator/single lake COC Land Use Permits bed capacity conditions will be removed from the permit.

The RBTWG will be meeting in the near future to develop a strategy to implement the changes that will be required and to explore ways that can be used to ensure that everyone who needs to know what is changing (Tourist Operators, MNR Policy and Regional/District staff, etc.) understands this new direction. There will be more information coming to you in the coming months that will explain this new way of managing COC Land Use Permits and how you might be affected.

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AND REVIEW A DRAFT CONTINGENCY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE KENORA FOREST 2011-2012

October 14, 2010 - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Kenora Best Western Lakeside Inn

October 15, 2010 - 4:00pm to 8:00 pm
Sioux Narrows Community Centre
Can't make it?

The Draft Contingency Forest Management Plan will be available on MNR website:
<http://ontario.ca/forestplans>

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TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 6, 2010 EVERGREEN LODGE

9:30 a.m.	Call to order. Introductions- Gord Bastable, President Opening remarks. Corrections/additions to agenda. Approval of spring meeting minutes. Treasurers Report-Steve Hartle
10:10 a.m.	Sunset Country/Patricia Region "What have Gerry & Mike been up to?"
10:25 a.m.	Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Fort Frances border issues: "Questions, answers, observations and frustrations"
12:00 noon	Lunch & tranquility break
1:00 p.m.	MNR - Dryden/Kenora update. "Fisheries updates, any action on the deer hunt, other pertinent topics... bring your questions!"
1:45 p.m.	KDCA/NWOTA brainstorming session. "Issues we need to tackle. Issues we need to drop." "Combining our efforts." "Future of Fall meetings."
4:00 p.m.	New business. Elections? Adjournment



NOTO's 83rd Nature & Outdoor Tourism Conference Best Western Motor Inn-Dryden

Oct. 27th & 28th, 2010

Tues., Oct. 26-Welcome Reception

Best western (8pm)

Wed., Oct. 27-Breakfast-Best Western

-Hop on the "NOTO Bus"
to The Centre for the days
agenda as well as lunch
& allied exhibits.

-Hop back on the bus to the
Best Western for evening
festivities and the Annual
Dinner & Awards.

Thurs., Oct. 28-Breakfast followed by a
number of presentations,
NOTO's Annual General
Meeting.

- Networking Lunch followed
by information sessions &
practical workshops.