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KENORA DISTRICT CAMP OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday
October 5, 2011
Evergreen Lodge,
Eagle Lake

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President's Message:

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Dear Colleagues, Friends & Members,

"Success" can be defined as achieving an objective or goal.

Hopefully the summer of 2011 will have brought success to all of us in the tourism industry. Granted, the new definition of success these days is somewhat diminished, our goals and objectives may not be as lofty as they once were. Everyone would agree that working harder for less seems to be the new version of "success".

Even the goals and objectives of this organization, KDCA, seem to have been reigned in by the continued challenges of dealing with politicians and government regulations. Many months, years, and even decades of trying to create change have diminished the ranks of those willing to fight the fight. The "fight" is still critical, and, as an example, we hear rumours of positive changes to the border problem that may be in the works. It would be a bitter sweet measure of "success" to achieve this goal at this late stage, but better now than never. It is a reason to stay in the fight and a reason to strengthen organizations such as KDCA. To this end I am proposing a resolution, outlined in this newsletter, which hopefully will help to achieve this.

Involvement in our organization is critical if we want to set new goals and have success on key, important issues. At our Fall Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 5th, we will have an election for the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer. I invite you to participate in any way you can, whether you put your name forward, or by simply voting for another. Come out and help us set new goals. Your continued support for KDCA is more crucial now than ever. Let's set our objectives and work towards success in both this organization, and in our industry as a whole.

Here's to a successful remainder of 2011...and beyond!

Gord Bastable, KDCA President
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Whereas, Many of the duties performed and expected of the KDCA executive, on behalf of the membership, are often time consuming; and

Whereas, There is often a gap between the number of volunteers needed to carry on with the goals and objectives of the organization in any meaningful manner; therefore

Resolved, That a system of honorarium applicable to KDCA executive members and, if deemed appropriate, any special committees, be discussed and enacted upon to ensure all future goals and objectives of KDCA are fulfilled.

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TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA FOR OCT.5, 2011 EVERGREEN LODGE

- 9:00 a.m. Doors Open/Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 a.m. Call to order. Introductions-Gord Bastable, President
Corrections/additions to agenda.
Approval of KDCA spring meeting minutes.
Treasurers Report-Steve Hartle
Approval of NWOTA, Aug. 22 meeting minutes
NWOTA Treasurers report
- 10:10 a.m. Sunset Country/Patricia Region Update
- 10:30 a.m. Greg Rickford, MP -Fort Frances border issues
(Questions, answers, observations, Frustrations)
- 12:00 noon Lunch & Tranquility Break**
- 1:00 p.m. MNR-Dryden/Kenora/Fort Frances update
(Fisheries updates, Deer Hunt, any action & other pertinent topics)
- 1:45 p.m. KDCA/NWOTA session
(Issues to continue pursuing, ideas to do so and get results, new issues, joint efforts & meeting)
- 3:15 p.m. Election of KDCA President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Directors
- 4:00 p.m. New Business/Date of Spring KDCA Meeting to be decided.
Adjournment

Need directions to Evergreen Lodge, Eagle Lake?
Call any of the Executive or Directors listed in the newsletter.

KDCA ELECTION

If you are interested in putting your name forward for any of the positions please contact:

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Tourism Concerns Over The Deer Hunt Brushed Off By The Minister of Natural Resources!

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Mr. Gord Bastable, President
Kenora District Camp Owners Association
Mr. Tom Pearson, President
North Western Ontario Tourism Association
NWOTA/KDCA Working Group
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Dear Messrs. Bastable and Pearson:

Thank you for your letter and photographs about non-resident whitetail deer hunting in Ontario. I am pleased to respond.

It is highly unfortunate that a small number of irresponsible hunters are having a negative impact on the broader hunting community in our province. Although I appreciate knowing the views of the Working Group and have noted your comments, I believe that my Ministry's fundamental wildlife management approach is sound and effective. However, I assure you that I always appreciate hearing from stakeholders. Your valuable input is given a full and thorough review.

I am aware of concerns and Dan Ben-Aron, my Senior Policy Advisor, has been in touch with Doug Reynolds of NOTO to discuss this issue.

My Ministry and this government are deeply committed to maintaining a robust dialogue with Ontarians as we work hard to make sure that Ontario's natural resources will be available for the enjoyment of this and future generations. I appreciate that you took the time to let me know your perspective and have passed your correspondence on to Ministry staff for their consideration.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Linda Jeffrey
Minister of Natural Resources

c: Al Willcocks, Regional Director, Northwest Region
Greg Chapman, District Manager, Fort Frances District
Deb Weedon, District Manager, Kenora District
Bert Hennessey, District Manager, Dryden District
Howard Hampton, MPP, Kenora – Rainy River

Border Boondoggle: Is Pigeon River a punishment post?

Saturday, September 10, 2011 The Chronicle Journal

I SHOWED up at the Pigeon River border crossing, heading to a hotel bed in Thunder Bay on the weekend of Aug. 27, tired from travelling late and bleary-eyed from a bad cold, only to be delayed for an hour while my car was all but dismantled.

I am all for backing our brave men and women who defend our borders, who do so with a semblance of professionalism. Pigeon River must be where Customs sends greenhorns and those facing reprimand who have something to prove. Of the male-female team at Pigeon River that day I have the following to say: Alleging I had an "obsession with cocaine" made me wonder what they'd been sniffing. Why not ask me about my obsession with Cold-FX or Scotties Little Softies? Did they get a rush from running lab analysis on that pile of used tissues? They may need some R&R after helping themselves to my germs.

It must have been crushing to them to find absolutely nothing after their desperate attempt to put a notch in that belt. If the reward for getting a bust is an escape from Pigeon River to a real border crossing, they will have to harass a lot more weary North Shore tourists. With cold and flu season fast approaching, I fear the border may be shut down entirely by the process.

In future, I will bypass Thunder Bay and choose a vacation destination where tourists are welcome and the border crossing is known for decorum and professionalism.

Dave Toope, Edmonton

Other Border Crossing News

Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP John Rafferty and U-S Senator Al Franken have agreed to meet later this year to discuss ways of improving access across the Canada U-S border.

Rafferty met briefly with the Minnesota Senator in early July in International Falls. Rafferty says he and Franken will hold broader talks on such things the turn-back of American tourist with often decades old drunk driving charges, either this month or in the fall.

The Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation (OTMPC) and the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO) are co-hosting the 7th annual Ontario Tourism Summit at the, Hamilton Convention Centre in Hamilton from October 2 to 5, 2011.

2011 Theme: "Taking Care of Business"

Last year at the Summit, we took it to the next level. This year, we're ready to roll up our sleeves and "take care of business." We know that today's travellers are looking for authentic experiences. We know that our businesses have to transform from products and services to memorable experiences for our customers. And we know that our businesses must embrace a culture of service excellence to engage our customers.

The 2011 Summit program will focus on "taking care of business" with insightful strategies that will help us inspire and engage today's highly sophisticated and connected travellers. Learn from recognized business leaders how to reach consumers - from engaging online content anytime anywhere to orchestrated performances that increase the value of what you offer to celebrated international sporting events that draw millions of spectators.

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