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LONDON, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - July 24, 2008) - The governments of Canada and Ontario today announced the signing of an infrastructure Framework Agreement worth more than \$6.2 billion under Building Canada, the Government of Canada's long-term infrastructure plan. The Plan will help address infrastructure needs and priorities in Ontario until 2014.

The Honorable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable George Smitherman, Ontario Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, and the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Ontario Minister of Finance, participated in today's announcement.

The governments of Canada and Ontario also identified improvements on Highway 11/17 in northwestern Ontario, expanding rural broadband coverage in southern and eastern Ontario, and rapid transit in the Waterloo region as initial priorities that the two governments will work together on under Building Canada. In addition, the Government of Canada has previously announced up to \$50 million to the HELP Clean Water (Huron Elgin London Project) and Ontario today also committed up to \$50 million for the project as well. Both governments have also previously announced up to \$50 million each towards the expansion of the Ottawa Congress Centre.

"The Building Canada infrastructure plan will help support economic growth, a cleaner environment and the overall prosperity of all Ontarians," said Minister Cannon. "Substantial infrastructure funding was long overdue in this country and we're getting it done. Clean drinking water, safer highways, expanded public transit and improved connectivity are all clear examples of the concrete results that Building Canada will deliver to the people, cities and communities of Ontario."

## ONTARIO TOURISM OUTLOOK 2008 - 2012

Forecast Completed in March 2008

Overall travel to Ontario in 2008 is expected to decline by -0.6%. Overnight travel will decline by -0.7% and same day travel by -0.5%.

For 2008, U.S. travel to Ontario is expected to be down by -0.8%, while overseas travel to Ontario is also expected to be down -1.6%. In 2009 travel to Ontario is expected to increase by 1.1%.

The outlook includes continued declines in U.S. visits as a result of the new WHTI document requirements. Over the period 2009 - 2012, U.S. visits to Ontario are expected to decline by 1.46 million visits per year, while visits from Ontario to the U.S. are expected to decline as well, but at a much lower rate and intra-provincial visits are expected to increase.

For more information visit:

<http://www.tourism.gov.on.ca/english/research/forecasts/index.html>

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## SMOKE TRAILS NEWS

KENORA DISTRICT CAMP OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

### NEXT MEETING:

**Wednesday**

**October 1, 2008**

**Evergreen Lodge,  
Eagle Lake - hosted**

**by Mal & Pat Tygesson**

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### President's Message:

Summer 2008

Dear Lodge Owners, Camp Owners, Allied Members & Interested Readers:

The topic utmost on each of our minds is the health status of Patty Tygesson. As of this writing Patty is "holding her own." Patty and Mal want to THANK each and every person who has offered help, assistance, encouragement, support and prayers during this very trying time. All of us continue to wish her well and a speedy recovery.

On a related note all of us want to wish, hope and pray for the very best as Mike and Marilyn Bilsbarrow face Mike's medical circumstances. Each of us extends our best to them.

As part of the community of tourism operators I find it extremely difficult to describe the economic trough we seem to be mired in. In talking with KDCA members, allied members, service personnel, government officials, and community residents I arrive at only one simple conclusion – this tourism season is a \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). Canada has dropped from the Top Ten World Tourism Destinations list and is also experiencing a 36 year low for Americans vacationing in Canada. NW Ontario? We are but a reflection of the very same phenomenon with all indications that 2009 will not be an improvement over the current 2008 season. For the tourism "veterans" this downturn is nothing new, but for new owners it can be quite heart wrenching and potentially disastrous. As a good friend of mine is quick to say "it is now time to hunker down" and hunker down we must in order to survive. We begin by controlling what we can (e.g., purchases, building projects, borrowing, credit cards, etc.) and talking with our neighborhood banker. Most importantly, we need to be upfront with our guests and let them know things are tight and projects will be deferred and new equipment purchases put on hold. Believe me what I say they will understand! Lastly, remember that this will pass, we will recover and things will be better.

On a semi-final note let me remind the membership that the Annual Fall KDCA Members Meeting will be held on October 1, 2008 at Evergreen Lodge, Eagle River.

**YOU NEED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.** Pat and Mal Tygesson have, again, agreed to be our hosts. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting to begin at 10:00 a.m. As usual, the conversation will be good, the discussion spirited and food exceptional. More importantly, however, is the **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR KDCA.** (As promised, I WILL retire this Fall). Call Gord Bastable at Vermillion Bay Lodge (807-227-2045) with your expression of interest in becoming the next President of KDCA. And, of course, on a final note – THANKS to each of you for sharing your love and concern for tourism in NW Ontario and your years of support.

Respectfully submitted,

Harald Lohn  
KDCA President



## WE SUPPORT OUR ALLIED MEMBERS

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## ETHANOL FUEL PRESENTS PROBLEMS FOR BOATERS

Boaters are now faced with a new problem - ethanol fuel. For years, gasoline contained MTBE, an additive which controls the fuel's octane properties. The additive is being phased out, and now much of the nation's fuel supply is a blend of 10% ethanol and 90% gasoline, commonly referred to as E-10 fuel.

Ethanol presents several problems to boaters. The immediate impact of the formulation is a loss of horsepower and fuel economy. Early indications show drops of 3-5 % in of both categories. The loss of range sounds small, but adds up on boats that are often already stretched to the limit in terms of fuel needs. Additionally, ethanol is a very effective solvent, and has a tendency to dissolve old coatings of varnish and dirt in existing fuel systems. This can lead to plugged fuel filters, and other mechanical problems.

The corrosive nature of ethanol can affect fuel lines and other components, causing them to crack and fail. Many older boats will require replacement of all fuel hoses and possibly other system components. Especially affected are boats equipped with fiberglass tanks. Many older vessels must have the fiberglass tanks replaced prior to using E-10 fuels, or face certain engine failures.

Fuel storage and winterization has to be handled differently when using E-10 fuels. Manufacturers are warning that fuels need to be stabilized if un-used for as little as 2 weeks. Not all stabilizers are known to be E-10 compatible. Non-alcohol based fuel stabilizer additives are a must for ethanol fuel.

## MEETING WITH PC CANDIDATE GREG BRICKMAN

by Gord Bastable V.P. KDCA

In July I represented KDCA at a fundraising luncheon for Kenora riding Conservative candidate Greg Brickman. In attendance was also the federal Minister of Labour (Blackburn). I was able to meet both individuals and pass along a letter to them from the KDCA / NWOTA working group outlining our concerns with border issues that are having a negative effect on our industry. Minister Blackburn indicated we would receive a response from his office.

What was accomplished? Candidate Brickman may be Member of Parliament Brickman in the next government. Contacts like this are good to have. Greg Brickman made a point of letting me know of an upcoming tourism forum to occur in September where he seemed to indicate an invitation to participate would be forthcoming to our associations. We'll see where that leads.

### Kenora District Camp Owners Association



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### NEXT KDCA MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008 EVERGREEN LODGE, EAGLE LAKE

### ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THIS MEETING

Agenda items for KDCA

Fall Meeting can be emailed to Harald at

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## ONTARIO PREMIER PLEDGES TO PRESERVE GIANT SWATH OF NORTHERN BOREAL FOREST

by Keith Leslie, THE CANADIAN PRESS

July 14, 2008, TORONTO- A massive swath of northern Ontario boreal forest, considered the world's largest carbon storehouse, will be off-limits to forestry and mining activities under a plan that will also guarantee First Nations a share of resource revenues, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Monday.

McGuinty offered few details, but said the government would consult industry, environmentalists, aboriginal communities and other local residents to develop a plan over 10 to 15 years that would protect half of the province's pristine boreal forest from commercial activities.

"It's home to the largest untouched forest in Canada and the third largest wetland in the world," McGuinty said of Ontario's boreal forest.

The area in question, north of the 51st parallel, measures 225,000 square kilometres - about the size of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island combined. Home to just 24,000 people, it comprises a whopping 43 per cent of the province's entire land mass.

"It's twice the size of the British Isles," McGuinty said. "It is, in a word, immense. It's also unique and precious."

The new plan would also require that mining and forestry companies consult early with aboriginal communities before starting any projects in the other half of the boreal forest, and give First Nations a share of revenues from new projects on their traditional lands anywhere in Ontario.

The opposition parties warned that McGuinty's announcement could discourage new investment in mining and forestry in the far north by creating uncertainty about what new rules could be developed - a concern echoed by industry associations.

"If you were a business right now looking at investing, you see this huge question mark - we won't know what we're dealing with for 13 to 15 years," said Jamie Lim, president of the Ontario Forest Industries Association.

"Wow, that's got to create a great deal of business uncertainty."

The Ontario Mining Association agreed it could take 15 years to map out the area's mineral potential, environmental features and vulnerable species, but also expressed concerns about the lack of details in the announcement.

**KDCA had two(2) barrels of oil (205 litres of 2 stroke motor oil & 205 litres of 4 stroke motor oil) up for bid.**

**Bids were accepted until June 15, 2008.**

**Highest Bidders were:**

**Harald Lohn- 2 stroke  
Mal Tygesson - 4 stroke  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

## SEASON TOUGH FOR FLY-IN CAMPS

FORT FRANCES TIMES

Rising fuel costs, border security, a low American dollar and recession are making it another rough season for fly-in fishing businesses in Northern Ontario.

"We've got what we consider a perfect storm," said Harald Lohn of Kabeelo Lodge and Airways in Ear Falls, and president of the Kenora District Camp Owners Association. There's been a 15 to 25 percent decline in numbers so far this season, he says, and that's following declines from previous years.

"The numbers are down. We have the groups, but the numbers are down," said Darlyss Kreinke of Rusty Myers Flying Services Ltd..

"A lot of the guests are tired of the border issues," she added, pointing to past confusions over passports being required, and tighter security.

Border crossing issues are a problem, agreed Vic Davis of Northern Wilderness Outfitters, especially since fly-in fishing is built around US customers.

"We've run into economic downturns before. We've dealt with economic downturns, but we've never had the border security," said Davis, who has been in the business for 40 years. "It's going to take some time for people to get used to.

"A lot of people who want to go [fly-in fishing], can't because they can't get across the border," added Davis.

One problem comes from the difficulties of crossing the border if someone has been charged with driving under the influence, he said. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, 500,395 motorists in Minnesota, or one in eight, have been charged with a DUI.

"You start doing the math, and it adds up, making our potential pool of people smaller," said Davis.

Dave Beauscene of Nestor Falls Fly-In Outpost Ltd. says he loses around 10 to 20 thousand dollars a year because of the border. So far he says he's had a good season, but that's due to 80 per cent of his clients being repeat business, and from increasing his advertising and promotion.

"The biggest thing that's killing me is the fuel prices," said Beauscene, a problem that has affected Davis and Lohn's businesses as well.

The low US dollar and economic recession has also cut into his profits, noted Beauscene, and he's continually had to readjust trip prices to try and make up for that.

"I'm as busy as I've ever been but just not making as much money," he said.

Government promotion of tourism is one way that the situation could be improved, said Beauscene, as well as developing smarter borders.

"Economically, it has a big dollar impact," said Lohn. "It's having a huge ripple impact."

Businesses that the fly-in fishing companies get their supplies from are affected, he explained, and there's been job loss. Decreased profits and job losses also mean a decrease in tax revenues for all levels of government.

"I'm just afraid these next few years are going to be tough for tourism," said Davis.