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CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A WORK PERMIT TO OPERATE A CAMP/LODGE IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

According to a letter from the Canada Border Services Agency dated February 22, 2006 a person will now have to provide evidence that their employment in Canada results in "significant benefit" to Canada before a work permit can be issued.

Examples of satisfying the "significant benefit" requirement could include:

- Evidence that your business is registered as a legal entity.
- Financial statement of the business indicating that the business is viable.
- Are Canadian residents hired in the course of carrying out business either directly or indirectly?
- Length of time the business has been in existence.
- In the case of new owners, a business plan.
- Evidence that the profits of the business remain predominately in Canada (i.e. receipts from local business providing proof of purchase of goods and/or services).
- Evidence that all appropriate federal, provincial and municipal taxes has been filed/paid.
- Written support from your local municipal or provincial government attesting to the positive contribution you have made to your local jurisdiction.

If the applicant satisfies the Canada Border Services Agency Officer (formerly known as Immigration Officers) that "significant benefit" exists, and the temporary resident meets the requirements, a work permit can be issued.

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Friday
May 5, 2006
Waldhof Hall

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SMOKE TRAILS NEWS

From the Kenora District Camp Owners Association

Your Local Tourism Lobby Association Representing the Federal District of Kenora.
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President's Message:

April 2006

TO: KDCA Members, Allied Members & Interested Readers:

The season 'tis upon us – the opening of the tourism season and the ANNUAL KDCA SPRING MEETING & "Spring Fling"! Our spring meeting will take place at the Waldhof Community Hall on May 5, 2006 (doors open at 9:00 a.m.).

Please be there!

The morning session is designed to address membership concerns while the afternoon session will be devoted, in part, to a series of presentation from various private and governmental agencies.

Discussions and/or presentations will revolve around such topics as the NOTO convention, land use permits (LUP), whitetail deer hunting, "statistical state" of tourism, customs & immigration, currency exchange, volunteer opportunities, donations/contributions, small water systems, The Mayor's Office (Dryden), and many, many other topics. As with each of our meetings this will be YOUR opportunity to speak "your piece" and "vent your spleen".

Shortly after the meeting we will kick-off the 2006 ANNUAL KDCA Social Dinner and Dance.

Get your tickets NOW!!! Call Pat at 807-755- 2434. Or, fax in your ticket order at 807-755-2416. Either way get your tickets - they are limited.

Great food, great company and a live band – it just does not get any better! Remember, this spring event is also the perfect opportunity for the tourism industry (this means YOU) to interact with other community businesses, politicians and your fellow citizens.

We will see ALL of you there!

Here is to a Grand Opening and a great 2006 season!

Harald Lohn, President

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The Big Event is Upon Us! Annual Spring Meeting & Social

**Friday May 5, 2006
Waldhof Hall**

Tentative Agenda

9:00 am Doors open, coffee served

9:30 am Business meeting begins
 Introductions
 Additions/Corrections to minutes
 Approval of Fall 2005 minutes
 Treasurer's report-Steve Hartle
 President's comments/observations

10:45 am Coffee Break

11:00 am Whitetail Deer update- Jim Buhlman
 NOTO Convention
 Customs & Immigration
 Land Use Permits (LUP)

12:00 Noon LUNCH

1:00 pm Darrell Wirch-Ministry of Tourism
 Bruce McGregor-World of Water
 Sheila Larmer-Ministry of Tourism
 Jim Grayston-OTMP
 Fall Meeting Schedule
 Wrap Up/Adjournment

This agenda is subject to change.

5:00 pm Happy Hour

7:00 pm Dinner and Dance
 (Tickets \$25.00 ea. Call Pat Tygesson to reserve your seat (807)755-2434)

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WATER TESTING LIKELY TO REMAIN IN PRIVATE HANDS/LABS

Exerpts from correspondence recieved by KDCA President, Harald Lohn on March 27,2006 from Garrett Klassen, The 3 Bears Bed and Breakfast ,Elora, ON

There have been ongoing discussions in recent months regarding the move of Regulation 252 (under the Ministry of Environment) to the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOH). In general this move has been applauded by the tourism industry, but concerns remain.

Officially, little is known at this point as legislation has not yet come before the House. Unofficially, however, the process appears to be devolving in a manner that may not prove satisfactory to everyone. Within the Ministry of Health itself, there are fundamental differences of policy between front line staff working in the field, and the public health policy branch at Queen's Park.

This much seems clear: Testing is likely to remain with private labs. Furthermore, testing frequency is likely to remain on a monthly basis for small systems, at least until a history of consistent results can be demonstrated.

What are the issues today?

Clearly individual sectors of the tourism community have their own concerns. But I believe the key point we have in common is whether testing should be done through private or Public laboratories.

Direct questions on this point are invariably met with vague answers, but there are clear indications that testing will remain private. Why? Because the system is already set up that way. A complete review of Public Health labs is taking place right now. There would, of course, be costs. But instead of attempting to build an economic model that raises the capacity of public health, liability is being downloaded to the private sector. Government says that charging for testing services would put them in competition with private enterprise. My point is, that's exactly what's needed. Competition is precisely what is missing in this regulatory environment.

What can you do?

If you are not sampling and testing your water, start now. It's the law. Besides, if you can show a consistent history of clean tests once the Risk Assessment process begins, you'll have a leg up on whatever happens next.

Secondly, if this affects you, it's time once again to speak up. Two years ago, the outcry from the tourism industry was so loud and long, that government abandoned much of Regulation 170 and introduced 252. An improvement, yes, but issues remain. Bed and Breakfasts, for example, face nothing short of a crisis of definition, putting us at odds with proposed rules on several additional fronts.

Speak up. Write to your MPP, your local newspaper. Contact the Ministry of Health.

NW REGION BED CAPACITY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND MNR MOVING FORWARD (Todd C. Eastman, MFC Lands & Forests Issues Manager)

After receiving the modified approach on January 30 th.,NOTO contacted MNR Region to indicate that despite the positive proposal of no bed reductions, 200 kg/bed as a flagging mechanism was a non-starter for the industry and until there was some movement away from this number, the industry would not be in a position to return to the regional task team discussion. Given our concern around the flagging mechanism, MNR asked for some additional time to circle back with their science staff to see what could be done to address our concerns.

Last week (end of February) MNR forwarded to NOTO their revised version of a DRAFT Interim Approach. The revised version is proposing a flagging mechanism of 147 kg/bed, no bed reductions and an action item for the task team to define a fisheries agreement template based on exemplary practices that industry and MNR can refer to if sustainability issues arise on outpost lakes. When industry representatives on the regional task team convened by way of conference call this week to discuss the interim approach, they agreed that even though they are not in a position to support the revised flagging mechanism, they do wish to get back to the table and focus on the more important exercise of developing a fisheries agreement framework that is based on exemplary practices (e.g. no fish out, conservation licenses only, eating only the smaller fish, etc.).