

From the Chair:

The Heart of the Continent Partnership is about supporting and sustaining public lands and the communities that surround them in Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Ontario. Whether in Eveleth or Atikokan, Duluth or Thunder Bay we are working to introduce people to the region as an interconnected web: a place where communities sustain the public lands and the public lands sustain communities. Where boundaries don't stop us from working together and actually propel us to creative solutions to the problems our citizens, communities and the natural world confront. Autumn is coming. The birds are flocking, bears are knocking over garbage cans, and crispness is in the morning air. It is one of the great times to see the Heart of the Continent. You can walk the sidewalks of Grand Marais, paddle the lakes of the Quetico or simply drive any small road between two towns and see the beauty of the fall colors. Many of you who get this newsletter are already invested in supporting and sustaining this amazingly diverse and beautiful place. I invite you to invite a friend, a neighbor or a family member to join us in this effort and in telling the story of why you live here.



Frank Jewell—St. Louis County Board -Chair HOCP

Recap of Meeting in Fort Frances Ontario— Sunny Cove Camp: 50 year anniversary of the Noden Causeway launched the meetings in Fort Frances and the building bridges analogy was a theme that ran through the two days at Sunny Cove. Presentations from Coochiching First Nation Chief Sara Mainville, Paul Pirie of the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce, and Darryl Allen— former curator of FF museum were informative and entertaining.



Frank Jewell speaks at Sunny Cove Camp



The Heart of the Continent's National Geographic geo-tourism project has received the prestigious **Innovation Award** out of many nominations from across the province at the 22nd Annual Conference of the **Ontario Association of Community Futures Development Corporations**.

The highlight of the event was the generous tour and lunch at Kay Nah Wah Chi Nung Historical Centre from the people of Rainy River First Nations. It is an ancient gathering place on Rainy River known as the "place of the long rapids." The tour guides, facility ,and hospitality is world class and a "must see" on every tourists visit within the Heart of the Continent.



What's so special about your place?
We want to know!

The National Geographic Society has worked with partners to develop Geotourism MapGuides in several other regions around the world. MapGuide projects have been completed in regions such as Greater Yellowstone, the Crown of

the Continent (Alberta, British Columbia, Montana), Guatemala, Romania, Norway, Honduras, Peru, Baja California, Rhode Island, Vermont, Newfoundland and Appalachia.

The National Geographic Society is working with local organizations, businesses and residents to map the best of the Heart of the Continent. We invite you to recommend historic, cultural and natural landmarks; events, attractions and activities; businesses; trails; artists, artisans and storytellers as well as local legends to capture the region's unique character, heritage and beauty. <http://www.traveltheheart.org/>

"Those of us who are lucky enough to live with our U.S., Canadian and aboriginal cousins along this unique and wildly beautiful stretch of the world's longest undefended border are fiercely proud of our home and delighted to share it with you"
Paul Pirie—Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce

Next HOCP Meeting: October 22-23 2015—Caribou Highlands Lodge—Lutsen MN

Register online- <http://www.heartofthecontinent.org/2015/09/09/hocp-quarterly-meeting-october-22-23-at-lutsen/>



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