



Frank Jewell -Chair  
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*I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and was able to take in the many attractive locations, eat at unique establishments, enjoy our lakes and landscapes within the Heart of the Continent. With all the events that took place, from Bass tournaments to triathlons, bike rides on the Gitchi Gami, tall ships visiting our harbors, to the National Park Centennial Celebrations, there was no need to be sedentary this summer. Adventure can be found in the Heart within a day's road trip. But if solitude and seclusion you were looking for, there is no better place to find it. Only a canoe portage away one can often find a lake and island to themselves within our managed public lands. I invite you all to brand and celebrate the bi-national partnership and special area we call the Heart of the Continent.*

**Recap of 3rd quarter 2016—Voyageurs National Park—Centennial Celebrations**



Burgess Eberhardt, long time advocate of recreational trails and healthy activities, cuts the ribbon of the new paved Rainy Lake Recreational Trail during Voyageurs National Park's Centennial Celebrations. Following the cutting, visitors walked the trail and enjoyed interpretive historical events along the way



Mark Phillips, Commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board talked of collaboration and involvement of communities confirming that the Heart of the Continent was on the right road for continued success



John Cameron—Thunder Bay Tourism  
Lisa Radosevich-Craig—SNF  
Lynda Horman—Ont. Parks  
Aboard the Voyageur on Rainy Lake  
Voyageurs National Park



HOCP Chair Frank Jewell  
Koochiching County Commissioner Kevin Adee  
Park Ranger Jennifer Stromberg  
Enjoying the talks and tour of Rainy Lake aboard the Voyageur Tour Boat  
Voyageur National Park



Northern Lights  
Quetico

*"HOCP provides an opportunity to get to know a diverse group of people (Canadian and American) and to see and do new things in the area like the Atikokan Bass Festival and the Soudan Underground Mine State Park."*

Lynda Horman—former Superintendent Ontario Parks, and Steering Committee, Heart of the Continent Partnership

**Save the Date—October 13-14 2016 –Rendezvous Roundtable talks within the Heart of the Continent**

We'll celebrate the culture, communities and conservation of the region during a two day conference, which is attended by leaders in academia, local government, business, tourism and industry, government agencies and communities from within the Heart of the Continent.

More information and registration will be posted soon on :

<http://www.heartofthecontinent.org/>



Kawishiwi River  
BWCAW

**Recreation and Tourism Summit  
Oct -14 2016**

If you are in the **Thunder Bay** region of The Heart of the Continent we are heading your way! We will be hosting another workshop for businesses, outfitters, field expert-nominators to identify and map the region's special values places and stories. There are over 600 nominations featured on our National Geographic geotourism site [www.traveltheheart.org](http://www.traveltheheart.org) that visitors are using for vacation planning. If you are interested in promoting unique places and our area to the world, don't be left out. It's time to re-engage with the people and businesses to ensure we capture the special values, places and stories of our region. Get an insider's view on how to submit a nomination, navigate the website, and learn how geotourism benefits our communities.

**National Geographic Representative, Frank Biasi** will do a presentation via live video.



Detailed information for the Recreation Tourism Summit will be posted soon on [www.heartofthecontinent.org](http://www.heartofthecontinent.org). Add our thumbnail link picture to your web-site. Be part of the branding of the Heart of the Continent National Geographic geotourism area. Contact e-address below if you would like this sent to you.

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Heart of the Continent Gathering  
October 13-14  
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority  
Thunder Bay Ontario