



Heart of the Continent Partnership

Working together to sustain and celebrate the lakes, forests, and communities on the Ontario/Minnesota border

HEART OF THE CONTINENT PARTNERSHIP

Fall 2010 Meetings: October 6 & 7, 2010

Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario

- **Design Team Meeting: Gateway Community Initiative**
Wednesday, October 6th (8:30 am - 4 pm)
- **General Meeting: Heart of the Continent Partnership**
Wednesday, Oct 6th (4:30 pm - 9 pm), public lecture and conversation
Thursday Oct 7th (9 am - 2 pm), general meeting
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Details:

October 6th, 2010

Design Team Meeting: Gateway Community Initiative

Wednesday, October 6th (8:30 am - 4 pm)

*Room ATAC 5035; Advanced Technology and Academic Centre,
Lakehead University ([map](#))*

For those involved with the design team, this is a full day of planning for the Heart of the Continent's Balancing Nature & Commerce summit/workshop. Facilitated by Kris Hoellen, Director, Conservation Leadership Network, The Conservation Fund, Shepherdstown, WV.

Public Lecture:

Earth, Wind, Fire, and Climate Change: What's the Future for Our Northern Forests and Communities?

Wednesday, October 6th, 4:30pm

Atrium of the Balmoral Centre, Lakehead University. ([map](#))

Dr. Peter Reich, Regents Professor, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota will discuss his work on the Boreal Forest Resilience Project. The question is how the forests and people of the "northland" might be affected by current climate change. Dr. Reich will talk about key ecological issues today and in the future. The focus will then turn towards human communities, and how their future and that of the natural areas are interlinked. More questions will be raised than answers given.

Oct 6th 2010 continued.

Public Conversation: Balancing nature and commerce in communities that neighbor public lands

Wednesday, October 6th, 2010. 7 pm – 9 pm

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Lakehead University ([map](#))*

Join other community members and the planning team of the sustainable gateway community initiative to share ideas about balancing nature and commerce in communities that neighbor public lands. Paul Danicic, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, and Lisa Radosevich-Craig, Superior National Forest will host and facilitate this informal discussion to generate thoughts and feedback from organizations and individuals interested in how sustainable public lands and community economies can thrive side by side.

Overnight Lodging

Participants are on their own for lodging in Thunder Bay. Three suggestions:

- Days Inn, Golf links Rd: 807-344-3297 (this is very close to the university)
- Days Inn, Sibley Dr: 807-344-3297 (pool and whirlpool)
- Best Western, Crossroads 807-577-4241

These three choices have complimentary continental breakfast so that might help with costs.

Oct 7th, 2010

General Meeting: Heart of the Continent Partnership

Wednesday, October 7th, 8:30 am – 2 pm.

Room 1029, Balmoral Centre, Lakehead University. ([map](#))

Agenda:

8:30- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions (Doug Franchot, Chair, Heart of the Continent Partnership Steering Committee)

9:00 am – 10:45 Ongoing Science in the Heart of the Continent. Presentations from researchers, and conversation on opportunities for collaboration among organizations and regions on these and other projects, and how science research and local communities connect. Topics might include:

- a. Report from HOCP science committee, research protocols, etc-- Brian McLaren, Lakehead University
- b. Work with invasives—Ann Schwaller, Superior National Forest, Robin Reilly Quetico Provincial Park, Brian McLaren, Lakehead University
- c. Sturgeon in Rainy Lake—Brian McLaren, Lakehead University
- d. Moose research in Quetico Provincial Park—Robin Reilly, Quetico Provincial Park
- e. Rainy Lake/Lake of the Woods task force--per Steven Challis, Rainy Lake Conservancy
- f. Summary of Active Research in the Heart of the Continent –Betsy Daub, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness presenting the HOCP Science Committee's spreadsheet of ongoing research
- g. Boreal Forest Resilience Project -- Review of Peter Reich's talk from the previous evening.
- h. HOCP as Dark Sky Preserve-- Robin Reilly, Quetico Provincial Park

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10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Update from Design Team that is planning the 2011 International Community Congress (as needed))

12-12:30 HOCP Organizational Housekeeping

- Conversation: Looking ahead the next 18 months, how do all the efforts work together
- Decision: Steering committee turnover, next chair, etc.
- Organizational dues update

12:30-1:00 Lunch (in Lakehead University cafeteria)

Please Register Online:

One place for registration: We'd like to know if you are planning to attend. For those involved with the design team meeting, as well as those attending the general meeting events, both can register on the HOCP Website.

(for those involved with the design team)

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**[HOCP General Meeting, October 6 & 7,
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We look forward to seeing you next week.

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