

Barriers to growth in NW Ontario

Help with the Border issue

1. ***Unfortunate, but true!*** “Canadians ... have shown themselves to be intolerant of tourism development strategies that compete with the quality of life. CTC May 2006
2. If enforcement consistency and professionalism is not tightly maintained at a port of entry, both anti tourism and anti Americanism biases can have a very negative impact on NW Ontario’s economy.
3. Canada’s minor criminal policy will have a devastating economic impact on the economy of NW Ontario.
4. 2001 Fort Frances Freshwater Sport Fishing Centre identified the border as a real or perceived concern with potential visitors. Can be seen on www.NWOTA.com
5. 2002-2006 loss’s reported through an on-line survey of Resourced Based Tourism industry in excess of \$10m.
6. There are many world and local destinations Americans have to choose from that do not have this border hassle to deal with.

Recommendation #1

- We need Ontario to call for a review of CBSA procedures and requirements for entering Canada.
- Ask the question “When has a visitor **paid their debt to society?**”