



Press Release

City of Kenora Fire Station No. 1 – Back to the Future

KENORA, Ontario November 29, 2010– City of Kenora Council passed a resolution today to accept a proposal from the Lake of the Woods Brewing Company Inc, to re-develop Kenora’s historical Fire Station No. 1 into a brewing operation and brewpub.

The Lake of the Woods Brewing Company’s response to the City’s Request for Proposals reflects the City’s strategic direction and helps realize the goals set forth in its Economic Development Plan – namely job creation, increased assessment and the potential for population increase. The concept brings a new business dimension to Kenora’s commercial landscape—craft brewing in a local microbrewery.

The City of Kenora issued a Request for Proposals for the redevelopment of the building, which is being vacated when the fire department moves into its new home on Barsky’s hill. City Council wanted to be sure that the new building owners would make the best use of the downtown building.

“This project will keep our community moving towards its goal of becoming a tourist destination and a great place to live” stated Mayor Len Compton. “We wanted to make sure that the successful project had the same vision for the future of Kenora and the downtown that we did. The fact that this project will bring back the concept of the old Lake of the Woods Brewing Company to a historical building makes it even better.”

The original Lake of the Woods Brewing Company was owned and operated by George Drewry in the early 1900’s. The project concept will bring a historic company back to Kenora in a historical building.

It is expected that, after a ninety day opportunity for due diligence, the property transfer will occur and that the Lake of the Woods Brewing Company will commence operations in late 2011.

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