

Low portion of Government print contracts going to Northern Ontario companies

A report on the printing industry in Northern Ontario was released today, and, as an outcome of the study, steps are already being taken to ensure that printing companies in Northern Ontario are aware of opportunities to do business with government.

"In the 1988-89 fiscal year, nearly 100 print shops in this part of the country received only \$235,000 in sales from the \$183 million that the federal government spent nationally on printing," said the Honourable Tom Hockin, the federal Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism).

"That's a little more than one-one thousandth of the federal

printing expenditure," he added. "This is out of proportion, and I have put steps in motion for special seminars under the auspices of the Fed Nor/Supply and Services Canada special procurement initiative. These seminars are being held to familiarize members of the printing industry in Northern Ontario in the methodology of obtaining government contracts."

The report was Commissioned by FedNor, the federal economic development initiative that encourages small business and industry in Northern Ontario. The study embraced the period since 1984, and forecasts trends in the printing industry to 1991. The study, called "A Report to Fed

Nor on the Printing and Allied Industries of Northern Ontario" was done by Alphalink of Ottawa.

As well as pointing out the low portion of government work going to Northern Ontario printers the report recommends that the problem of skilled labour shortages in the printing industry be addressed, together with an upgrade of industry management skills. It also suggests that a survey be taken to determine the interest of Northern Ontario printers, and those in allied businesses, in forming an industry association.

Copies of the report may be obtained from the Fed Nor offices in Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

Travel tips

Book vacations soon to avoid disappointment

By Joe Mykietyn

The Christmas season is now over and with the coming of January 1, 1990 a whole new set of holidays is upon us. Most people who have made plans for spring travel are all set; ticking off the days until departure, and for the ones who haven't and are still planning I urge you to book very soon, like in the next 2 to 4 weeks to avoid disappointment.

Aside from spring travel we have the rest of the year and what better time to start planning than in the first month.

There will be lots of bargains, some to watch for will be England, Scotland and Ireland, Greece, Portugal and Spain on the European scene.

Down under of course is Australia and New Zealand or how about a cruise to Alaska in June or July?

Aside from all this I plan on doing an article in February or March on "Contiki Travel for 18 to 35 year olds. this is a bus tour to Europe varying in length of

time from 2 to 8 weeks (a must for first time travellers to Europe).

I also plan on doing a sporting tour and Christmas shopping trips to either Los Angeles or San Francisco in late Nov. or early Dec. for a 1 week period.

This will depend on the direct amount of people interested. Eight of us just returned before Christmas from a Los Angeles trip, so I have lots of back-up in saying that we had an excellent time.

In the travel industry there is always lots of new and exciting places to see and enjoy.

So wherever you choose to travel in 1990 I would like to wish you a very safe and enjoyable holiday and remember when in another country - Thou art a guest in other lands and he that treateth his host with respect shall in turn be respected - To learn to speaketh "please" and "thank you" in thy host's tongue will make thee thy hosts friend.

Have a good one.

Health survey

A major survey of about 50,000 people will begin on Jan. 8, 1990, to provide a more complete picture of the health of Ontario residents.

The survey will provide a snapshot of the health of residents today for the health planning needs of tomorrow.

The survey is funded by the Premier's Council on Health Strategy and will be completed by November 1990. Data collected will be available in the spring of 1991.

The information gathered will provide the Ministry of Health and other agencies, such as local health units, with a better understanding of the social, medical and psychological factors that contribute to health. It will help planners identify health needs and develop programs including health promotion activities.

It is the intention of the Premier's Council on Health Strategy that the survey be repeated every five years to document changes in the population's health status and monitor progress of the government's health goals, which are:

- shifting the emphasis to health promotion and disease prevention;
- fostering strong and supportive families and communities;
- ensuring a safe, high-quality physical environment;
- increasing the number of years of good health for residents of Ontario by reducing illness, disability and premature death; and
- providing accessible, affordable and appropriate health services for all.

The survey will be done by 100 Statistics Canada interviewers who will all carry and display photo identification badges.

Response to each question is voluntary and respondents not wishing to provide their names need not do so.

Respondents are protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, which guarantees that all information collected will remain confidential.

Information will be checked by staff of the Ministry of Health's Freedom of Information Office before it is sent outside the ministry to ensure that no individual can be identified.

Therefore, information that will be used outside the ministry, for example, by public health units, will be screened to prevent any individual from being identified.

The survey will be based on an interview with one member of a household and on a self-completed questionnaire that will be left behind for all family members 12 years of age and older.

The survey was pre-tested during the spring in Hamilton and Peterborough, where 1,200 residents were surveyed.

This is the first time such an extensive health survey will be done in Ontario. Quebec did a similar survey in 1987 and Statistics Canada and Health and Welfare Canada conducted a joint national survey in 1978.

Several major reports, such as the report by the Ontario Health Review Panel, headed by John Evans, and the report of the Panel on Health Goals for Ontario, headed by Dr. Robert Spasoff, recommended an Ontario health survey.

A toll free hotline (1-800-387-5558) has been set up to answer questions about the survey from the public.

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AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FOR THE STEEL RIVER CROWN MANAGEMENT UNIT FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (1986-1991 PLANNING PERIOD)

The Ministry of Natural Resources is proposing an amendment to the Forest Management Plan (1986-1991 planning period) for the Steel River Crown Management Unit. This amendment would include additional area (approximately 50 hectares, in the Beaverdam Lake and Jackfish Flats areas, to those previously approved during plan preparation.

This being a minor amendment, the public response period is 15 days. If further comment is not received by January 25, 1990 this amendment will be automatically approved. Further public consultation may be required if objections are received.

Your comments and concerns should be submitted to:

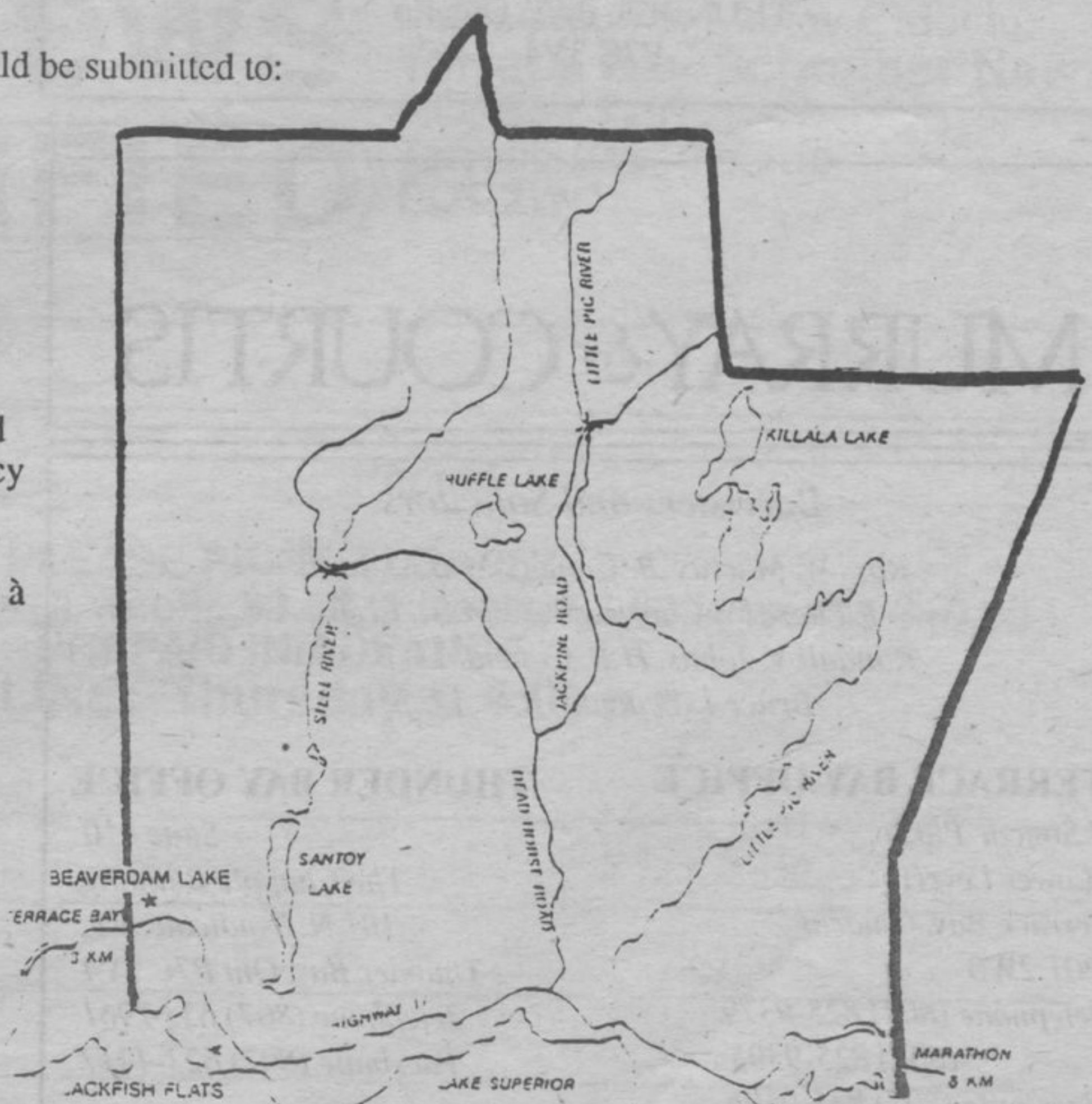
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