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**Sustainable Thunder Bay
2010 Official Delegate Information
February 24-27, 2010**

January 13, 2010

Duluth Sister Cities International (DSCI) has scheduled the "Sustainable Thunder Bay" Official Visit for February 24-27. Last fall, a delegation of Duluthians and one Thunder Bay delegate traveled to our Sister City, Växjö, Sweden, which has been given the title "The Greenest City in Europe". The Delegation learned about the sustainability practices of Växjö. As a result of that exchange, the interest of a delegation going to Thunder Bay to learn about their sustainable practices evolved.

DSCI is very excited to offer this opportunity to Duluthians as DSCI sees the potential benefits to the City of Duluth and our entire community.

DSCI and the City of Thunder Bay look forward to this collaboration, during which delegates will participate in the following activities:

Seminars/Presentations:

- ❖ **Presentation on Earth Wise**
The Earth Wise Thunder Bay Community Environmental Action Plan is the City's first Integrated Community sustainability Plan (the creation of ICSPs have been mandated across Canada by the federal government). Developed with extensive public participation and in partnership with the municipality, the plan was adopted by Council in 2008. www.earthwisethudnerbay.com
- ❖ **Active Transportation in Thunder Bay**
The City of Thunder Bay has recently adopted an AT (Active Transportation) plan. An AT Coordinator has been hired to work on implementation of the plan and our first bike lanes and sharrows will be painted this summer.

- ❖ Presentation on EcoSuperior
EcoSuperior is a local non-governmental organization that provides environmental education, programming and services. Many of the City's environmental programs related to water conservation or waste management such as the rain-barrel program, or toilet rebates are provided in partnership with EcoSuperior. www.ecosuperior.org
- ❖ Well Aware
Well Aware is an award-winning program that encourages Ontario's residential well owners to protect their wells and our common groundwater supplies. Well Aware is a project of Green Communities Canada and has received funding support from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Locally, the program is delivered by EcoSuperior and supported by the City of Thunder Bay and Thunder Bay District Health Unit. You can find more details at www.wellaware.ca
- ❖ EcoSuperior provides home energy evaluations as part of the Federal and Provincial Government's rebate program. An ecoENERGY residential energy efficiency evaluation provides an objective review of the energy use in a home and determines a rating for the house based on scientific assessment. It provides independent advice on how a home uses energy and where it is being wasted. Advisors show how to improve the comfort of a home, cut heating and cooling costs, and ensuring adequate, healthy ventilation. For more information on the program, visit: <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca>

Study Visits:

- ❖ Bare Point Water Treatment Plant Introduction to Lake-to-Lake Concept
The City of Thunder Bay has adopted a "Lake-to-Lake" concept in the treating of its drinking water at its Bare Point Water Treatment Plant intake on Lake Superior, and the subsequent return of the water to the Lake after treatment at the Atlantic Avenue Water Pollution Control Plant. Through state of the art plant upgrades the City has been able to drastically reduce the use of chemicals in water treatment, remove chlorination from the disinfection process, and produce its own energy from biogas.
- ❖ WPCP Travel to Atlantic Ave. WPCP – Tour History of Duluth relationship with WPCP (Darrell Matson) Stop at OFW Sign, stop at Mission Marsh (overview of planning exercise Mission/McKellar Islands)
- ❖ Lakehead University Sustainability North Conference Keynote and tradeshow
- ❖ Community Economic Development Corporation – presentation on Economic Development

The approximate cost of the Duluth Sister Cities “Sustainable Thunder Bay” official delegation includes the following:

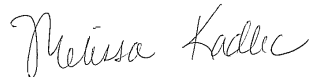
Hotel Room (3 nights)	\$ 300
Miscellaneous (ie: travel expenses -gas, etc)	\$100
Duluth Sister Cities International Delegate fee (for administration of visit)	<u>\$ 100</u>

****Total \$500**

*****Please note: this does not include passport cost and spending money.***

An official agenda is currently being developed by DSCI and the City of Thunder Bay. Once the delegation of up to 10 people has been identified, a meeting will be held to discuss the delegation trip in more detail. To learn all the details about this trip, please contact me. You’ll enjoy a world of opportunity!

Sincerely,



Melissa Kadlec
Executive Director