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OUTDOORS

VNP ICE AND TRAIL CONDITIONS REPORT

The snowmobile trails within Voyageurs National Park are not open at this time and travel is not recommended in any areas along the lake surface.

The current snowfall has slowed ice making and made for slushy conditions on the lake surface. Lake surface ice safety checks will continue early next week and an update on snowmobile travel status will be reported at that time.

The snowmobile speed limit within Voyageurs National Park is 45 mph on frozen lake surfaces and 25 mph on all overland portages. Speed limit signs are posted at trailheads and overland portages.

Weekly winter trail condition reports are available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya.

STAFF PHOTO BY LAUREL BEAGER

A sign at Voyageurs National Park's Rainy Lake Visitor Center shows visitors that the ice road is closed because of a lack of adequate ice. Park staff were expected to check Thursday the ice thicknesses below lake snowmobile trails, which are also not yet open.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

- International Falls to Kettle Falls (Purple Trail) – not open
- Black Bay to Kabetogama Lake to Ash River – not open
- Ash River to Crane Lake (Green Trail) – not open
- Chain of Lakes (Dashed Black Trail) – not open
- Ash River to Kettle Falls (Yellow Trail) – not open
- East Namakan Lake to Sand Point Lake (Blue Trail) – not open

ICE ROADS

- Rainy Lake Ice Road – closed
- Kabetogama Lake Ice Road — closed

SKI TRAILS

- Echo Bay Ski Trail – open, packed, not groomed
- Black Bay Ski Trail – not open
- Tilson Connector Trail – not open
- KabAsh Trail – open, not packed, not groomed

SNOWSHOE TRAILS

- Blind Ash Bay Trail – open
- Sullivan Bay Trail – open
- Oberholtzer Trail – open

AGENDA

City Council
Monday, December 16, 2013 • 4:30 P.M.
Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

MINUTES
- Approve minutes of the Monday, December 2, 2013 regular City Council meeting
- Approve minutes of the Wednesday, December 11, 2013 special City Council meeting

SPECIAL ACTION CLAIMS

TRANSFERS

TO	FROM	
1. City of Intl Falls - Fund #101 General Fund	City of Intl Falls - Fund #601 Water/Sewer Admin Costs	$15,952.00
2. City of Intl Falls - Fund #401 Permanent Improvements	City of Intl Falls - Fund #601 Water/Sewer Sanitary Sewer Projects	$16,668.00
3. City of Intl Falls - Fund #403 Reserve for Capital Outlay	City of Intl Falls - Fund #601 Water/Sewer	$15,271.25

REGULAR CLAIMS
- Regular Claims

AUDIENCE

OPENING BIDS AND/OR QUOTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA
- Approve/allow necessary expenses for Public Works Director to attend the MN Rural Water Association Conference in St Cloud, MN - March 4-6, 2014, as this is a budgeted item
- Year 2014 license renewals:
  - Cine 5 – restaurant, theater license
  - Fun Food Factory – itinerary restaurant license
  - Local Relief Massage Therapy – massage individual license

NEW BUSINESS
1. Allow expenses to place ad in official newspaper and radio to invite citizens to apply for two open positions on the Planning Commission
2. Year 2014 license renewal- BPO Elk's Club #1599, restaurant, club, and Sunday liquor license
3. Year 2014 license renewal- Border Bar & Pizza House, Inc., pool table, juke box, amusement games, restaurant, 3.2 off-sale, off-sale, on-sale, and Sunday liquor license
4. Year 2014 license renewal- Hanson's Outpost, Inc., amusement games, cigarette, restaurant, pool table, juke box, off-sale, on-sale, and Sunday liquor license
5. Year 2014 license renewal- International House of Bowling, LLC, bowling alley, pool table, restaurant, on-sale, and Sunday liquor license
6. Year 2014 license renewal- K-Mart #9689, fireworks, and restaurant license
7. Year 2014 license renewal- Lenards of International Falls, LLC, juke box, restaurant, off-sale, on-sale, and Sunday liquor license
8. Year 2014 license renewal- Loyal Order of Moose #1259, juke box, club, restaurant, gambling, and Sunday liquor license
9. Resolution #__-13 approving final budget and levy for 2014
10. Any other business

PUBLIC HEARING
- 6:00pm time certain – proposed 2014 budget and tax levy

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AUDIENCE – 2nd CALL

CORRESPONDENCE
- Koochiching Economic Development Authority meeting minutes – October 16, 2013
- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission meeting minutes–October 23, 2013
- North Koochiching Area Sanitary District meeting minutes – November 4, 2013

REMINDERS
- Next regular Council meeting is Monday, January 6, 2014 at 4:30 PM

The City of International Falls complies with the ADA. Individuals with disabilities requiring special aids should contact the City Administrator, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN 56649, 218-283-9484, 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

MDA: Stingless wasps are battling emerald ash borer

New wasp populations found two years after initial release

MDA STAFF REPORT

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has confirmed that stingless wasps are doing their job in attacking emerald ash borer.

Two years after releasing the wasps at Great River Bluffs State Park near Winona, MDA staff has found reproducing wasp populations. This is the first time this wasp species has been recovered in Minnesota.

The wasps are part of a biological control effort to naturally slow the spread of EAB. Since the emerald ash borer is not native to North America, it has no known enemies here. Scientists went to Asia, EAB's home, and found stingless wasps that feed on and kill ash borer eggs and larvae. The wasps do not attack humans.

On Oct. 23 and Nov. 1, MDA staff found wasp larvae in trees being sampled for EAB. After being raised to adulthood, the wasps were positively identified by the by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to be the same species initially released in Minnesota to combat EAB.

"This is a major step in our battle with EAB," said Monika Chandler, MDA Biological Control Program Coordinator. "First, this confirms the wasps are attacking the ash borers and reproducing in the field. Second, we know the wasps are traveling. These wasp larvae were approximately a half mile from the nearest release site."

MDA first released stingless wasps in Great River Bluffs State Park in September 2011. Wasps have also been released in Houston County and the Twin Cities, all areas known to be infested with emerald ash borer. These biocontrol efforts have been funded by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative Citizens-Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Emerald ash borer was first discovered in Minnesota in 2009. EAB larvae kill ash trees by tunneling into the wood and feeding on and disrupting the flow of tree nutrients. To prevent the spread of EAB during the winter months, MDA reminds Minnesotans to buy firewood locally from approved vendors and burn it where you buy it, and to be aware of current quarantine restrictions. If you live in a quarantined county, be aware of the special restrictions on movement of products such as ash trees, ash limbs, and firewood.

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