

# Information Byway

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## NON-RESIDENTS GUIDE TO PRE-ARRIVAL PROCESSING OF NON- RESIDENT FIREARMS DECLARATIONS

### (Fort Frances Border Crossing)

In order to reduce delays for Non-Residents who are temporarily importing firearms into Canada it is now possible to do pre-arrival processing.

**The Canada Customs in Fort Frances, Ontario is the only office in our region that can accept and process pre-arrivals.** If you are crossing at another port of entry you can still have your Non-Resident Firearms Declaration form filled out, BUT it CANNOT be signed until your interview with Canada Customs officials.

Non-Residents can visit the **Canadian Firearms Centre website** at <http://www.cfc.cg.ca> to print off a copy (print properties must be adjusted to 8½ X 14) of the Non-Resident Firearms Declaration (NRFD) form. If you do not have internet access you can call the **Canadian Firearms Centre** at 1-800-731-4000, to request that a NRFD form be mailed to you. (Please allow at least 10 days for delivery).

**Non-Residents will complete, date and sign the NRFD form.**

Prior to the Non-Residents arrival to Canada, he/she will send a **photocopy\*** or the pink copy of the completed/signed NRFD form to Canada Customs in Fort Frances, Ontario. (\*The Non-Resident will retain the original signed NRFD form for presentation to

Canada Customs on arrival.) Please allow enough time for processing, it is suggested to apply as soon as you know the dates you will be visiting Canada.

**The \$50.00 (CDN) annual processing fee must accompany the NRFD form. CREDIT CARD is the only accepted form of payment for PRE-ARRIVAL** (Visa, MasterCard and American Express)

**On a cover sheet accompanying the NRFD form, the following additional information is required:**

1. Name of credit card holder, credit card number and expiry date
2. Telephone number(s) where the Non-Resident can be contacted (daytime & evening)
3. Fax number that the Non-Resident can be reached, if possible
4. The estimated date of arrival of the Non-Resident, at the border

**Non-Residents can either FAX or MAIL**, their completed NRFD forms to the Canada Customs office in Fort Frances, Ontario.

### **BY FAX:**

Canada Customs – F/A REG Program

FORT FRANCES, Ontario

Fax: 807 274-8416

Fax: 807 274-4011 (alternate)

### **BY MAIL:**

Canada Customs – F/A REG Program

301 Scott Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

FORT FRANCES, Ontario

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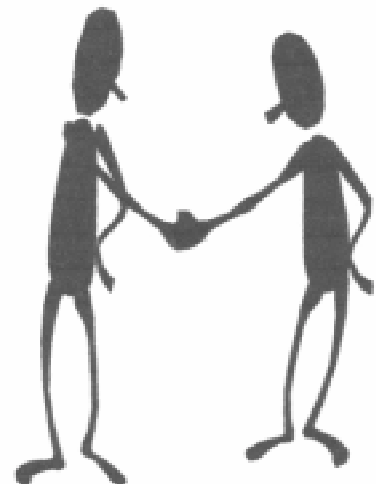
Upon receipt of the completed/signed NRFD form, Canada Customs will conduct a PRE-ARRIVAL review to determine:

1. If the declared firearm meets the "non-restricted" criteria
2. If the applicant has any criminal history that would prevent the confirmation of the NRFD form.

Depending on the outcome of those reviews, Canada Customs will either "Recommend Confirmation" or "Not Recommend Confirmation".

Regardless of the decision, the client will be advised of the status of their NRFD. (Legally, the official confirmation cannot happen until the Non-Resident presents himself/herself at the border; is found to be admissible at that time and has their firearm(s) pass inspection.)

If you have any questions or comments, contact Cathy Zin, Superintendent, Fort Frances, Ontario at 807 274-7341 ext. 226.



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### P.A.L. ANOTHER OPTION FOR NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS

If you have a group of hunters that frequents your lodge they are eligible to do the required testing to acquire a Possession Acquisition Licence. Steve Sopotuck is a trained instructor that is willing to set up appointments to train and test groups in the area. The test is once in a lifetime and the P.A.L. has to be updated every 5 years. This will be a substantial saving over purchasing a license at the border for a Non-Resident firearm(s) owner. Steve can be contacted by telephone at (807) 483-5569 or by email at [shunter@ff.lakeheadu.ca](mailto:shunter@ff.lakeheadu.ca).

### [www.nwota.com](http://www.nwota.com)

Updates to the NWOTA web site continues. If you have any information that you think is important to the tourist industry please forward documents to the NWOTA office for proofing.

Please notify the NWOTA office if you have any suggestions or comments to aid in making the web site a useful tool for all NWOTA members.

### RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENTS

NWOTA was assured, by MNR and NOTO representatives at the Annual Spring meeting that a new RSA is a process that will formalize the relationship between the resource-based tourism and resource industries, in other words an agreement between tourism, forestry and MNR. An RSA is reviewed every 5 years. There are various documents that will aid in RSA's, Managements Guidelines tourism values and help will be available for parties to interpret forest management plans and to negotiate RSA's. The more specific you can be about identifying your business the better MNR can identify your

needs. The Tourism Guidelines were available as of May 2<sup>nd</sup> at [www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/forestdoc/draftguidelinereview.html](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/forestdoc/draftguidelinereview.html) or [www.eco.on.ca/](http://www.eco.on.ca/)

Negotiations cannot do anything that may harm sustainability.

NOTO has contracted an independent forester to produce a "operators guide" to begin an RSA.

### Please make every effort to support members of NWOTA

#### 2001 Voting NWOTA Members as of July 23, 2001

Buena Vista Resort, Morson  
Campbell's Cabins, Fort Frances  
Camp Narrows Lodge, Fort Frances  
Canadian Wilderness Outposts Ltd.,  
Fort Frances  
Cascade Camps Ltd., Fort Frances  
Coutts Camp, Nestor Falls  
Floating Lodges of Sioux Narrows,  
Sioux Narrows  
Grassy Narrows Lodge, Morson  
Green's Barbecue Bar, Nestor Falls  
Hanson's King Island, Nestor Falls  
Hanson's Wilderness Lodges,  
Nestor Falls  
Heliar's Resort Ltd., Nestor Falls  
L & D Solar Systems, Emo  
L & M Sioux Lookout Fly-In Camps, Emo  
LaBelle's Birch Point Camp, Devlin  
Meline's Resort & Guide Service,  
Nestor Falls  
Mine Centre Resort, Mine Centre  
Moose Point Lodge, Fort Frances  
Muskie Bay Resort, Nestor Falls  
Mylie's Place, Morson  
Nestor Falls Fly-In Outposts Inc.,  
Nestor Falls  
New Moon Lodge, Morson  
Northern Wilderness Outfitters,  
Fort Frances  
Northwest Flying Inc., Nestor Falls  
Pier North Ltd., Morson  
Rusty Myers Flying Service,  
Fort Frances  
Sabaskong Bay Lodge, Morson  
Sportsmen Airways Ltd., Fort Frances  
T. J. Kaemingh & Sons Esso, Emo  
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Trail's End Lodge, Emo  
True North Outposts & Cabins, Emo  
Whitefish Bay Camp, Nestor Falls  
Young's Wilderness Camp, Nestor Falls

#### 2001 Allied NWOTA Members as of July 23, 2001

Alex Wilson Goldstream Ltd., Dryden  
Dalseg's Trading Post, Nestor Falls

Falls Hardware, Nestor Falls  
Fort Duty Free, Fort Frances  
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Fort Frances  
Fort Frances General Supply,  
Fort Frances  
Gillons' Insurance & Holmund Financial,  
Fort Frances  
R.V. Green's Furniture, Fort Frances

#### 2001 Associate Member as of July 23, 2001

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Canada Brokerlink (Ontario) Inc.,  
Kenora  
Chas. T. McCord, Jr., Nestor Falls  
Cloverleaf/Fairway Shop-Easy, Emo  
Drs. Lidkea, Elliott & Lidkea  
Optometrists, Fort Frances  
Howarth's Home Centre, Fort Frances  
J.N. Webb & Sons Ltd., Fort Frances  
Jim MacDonald Motors Ltd.,  
Fort Frances  
McTaggart's, Fort Frances  
Mudge Camps, Mine Centre  
Peter Allison, Accounting, Nestor Falls  
Rainy River & District Chamber of  
Commerce, Rainy River  
Rainy River Future Development Corp.,  
Fort Frances  
Toronto-Dominion Bank, Fort Frances  
Town of Fort Frances, Fort Frances

**\*If your membership has not been renewed please forward payment and completed membership form that is enclosed.**

#### 2001 NWOTA MEETING SCHEDULE

**August 15**, noon at Emo Inn

**September 5**, noon at Emo Inn

#### **ANNUAL FALL MEETING:**

**November 16**, Emo Legion, Emo, Ontario

**\*Please note changed date of Annual Fall Meeting.**

**December 5**, Emo Inn

**Fish & Wildlife Conservation Symposium, Fall 2001, Date & Location to be announced.**

#### NOTO Convention

October 25,26,27

Kenora, ON

Please note dates on your calendar, so that you don't miss out on discussions.

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