

PRINCIPLES

1. The Trent Severn Waterway represents an important Federal asset and should remain in the control and care of the Federal Government.
2. Commercial opportunities should be made available to the municipal and private sectors on a voluntary basis governed by the under-noted conditions:
 - Responsibility for the asset and its upkeep be maintained by the Federal Government
 - Any arrangement be governed by a time limited agreement which can be terminated without cause or penalty by either party with suitable notice
 - Parks Canada continues to enforce appropriate service standards
3. Costs of maintaining the waterways infrastructure should be borne collectively by all Canadians through appropriations provided by the Federal Government.
4. Parks Canada needs to ensure that all stake holders have a clear understanding which level of government and which departments have responsibility for various issues surrounding the operation and maintenance of the water way.
5. Costs of operating the system should be a shared responsibility of Canadians through their Federal tax dollars and user fees charged to those who directly avail themselves of the waterway.
6. In establishing fees, Parks Canada needs to ensure that accessibility is not restricted to people of means and that the establishment of fees includes a consultative process with users and potential users.
7. Protecting the ecological integrity of the Trent Severn asset should be paramount however the historic commercial uses of the waterway should be maintained and promoted.
8. Marketing the commercial opportunities presented by the waterway should be a mandate of the Trent Severn Waterway and one in which the Federal Government invests financially. There is an opportunity to undertake this activity in co-operative and cost share manner with commercial operators who wish to participate.
9. Parks Canada needs to enhance and further develop a robust consultation and communication protocol which ensures that all interested governmental and commercial partners are kept informed, and have an

opportunity to provide input to policy and management decisions which affect the maintenance and operation of the waterway.

10. Parks Canada should fund and undertake with community partners, a comprehensive marketing study of the canal with a mandate to:

- Understand the reasons for decline in lock usage
- Identify potential new markets
- Identify marketing partnerships
- Identify specific marketing activities