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***Please Plan to Attend "Traverse City Tomorrow"  
January 18, 2010***

As we head into 2010, the City of Traverse City invites you to take part in "Traverse City Tomorrow" a special interactive event to be held Monday, January 25, 2010, @ 7:00 pm at the City Opera House, 112 ½ Front Street.

"Traverse City Tomorrow" is an interactive panel discussion of distinguished local leaders from diverse fields sharing their ideas on how to make Traverse City, more like Traverse City. "The evening will be a chance to think BIG about how we can shape the future," stated City Manager, Ben Bifoss, "with a focus on how local governments can contribute." Ideas and suggestions generated by the discussion will be used to drive priority setting in our community.

The panel includes:

- Derek Bailey, Tribal Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Don Coe, Managing Partner of Black Star Farms
- Michael Moore, Founder of the Traverse City Film Festival
- Ed Ness, President and CEO of Munson Medical Center
- Tim Nelson, President of Northwestern Michigan College, and
- Marsha Smith, Executive Director of Rotary Charities.

Mary Grover, of the League of Women Voters, will be our moderator for the evening.

There will be an extended opportunity for audience members to ask questions and provide comments. An informal reception will follow at 8:30 pm.

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