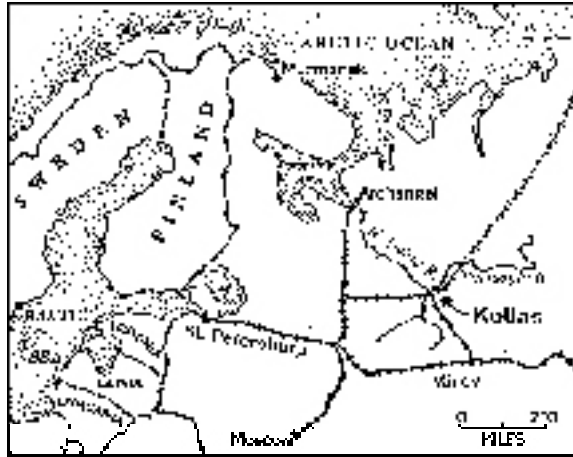




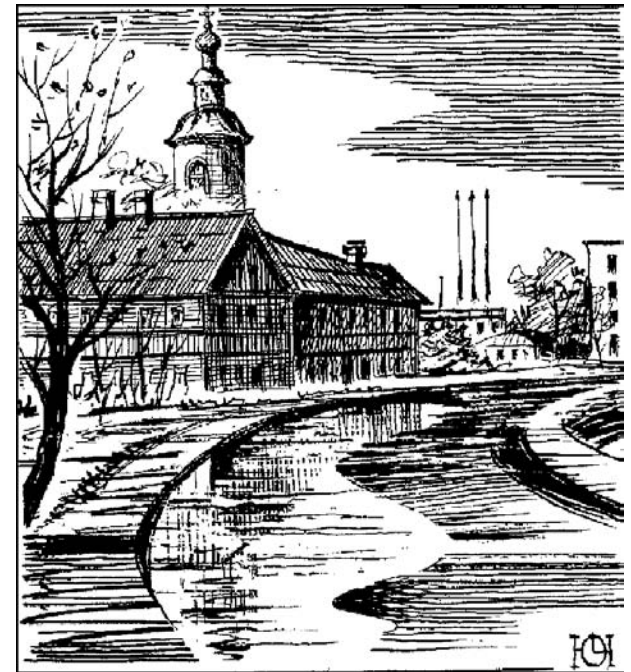
About Kotlas



Incorporated in 1917, Kotlas (61° 15' N, 46° 35' E) is a city of 82,000 people at the southern tip of the Archangel Region, a province in north-western Russia. Kotlas lies at the confluence of two wide, navigable rivers, the Northern Dvina and the Vychegda. The city has a river port, a shipyard, a rail junction, an airport, a timber-processing combine, a clothing and furniture factory, a brick factory, and an electromechanical factory. A nearby town has a paper mill complex, the largest in all of the former Soviet Union. These similarities to the Waterville area—the northern location, the rivers, the railroad, and the prominence of paper and wood products industries—led organizers in Waterville to choose Kotlas as the target of their sister city aspirations.



The Kotlas– Waterville Area Sister City Connection



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Front panel: sketch by Yuri Chirkov

Greater Waterville's
Russian Sister City Organization

About the Kotlas Connection

The Kotlas-Waterville Area Sister City Connection strives to develop friendship and understanding between the peoples of Central Maine and Kotlas, Russia. *(See the back panel for more information about Kotlas.)* To that end, the Kotlas Connection sponsors educational and cultural programs in the Waterville area to raise awareness of Russia and Kotlas. It also sponsors exchanges of people and ideas between Greater Waterville and Kotlas.

The first meeting between our two cities occurred in April 1989, when three Waterville area residents journeyed to Kotlas. This meeting was the culmination of five-and-a-half-year effort to establish a sister city relationship. In June 1990, the mayor of Kotlas led a four-person delegation to Waterville. During that visit, he signed a proclamation with Waterville's mayor, declaring Kotlas and Waterville sister cities.

Since then, the Kotlas-Waterville Area Sister City Connection:

- Maintains relations with the Kotlas city government and the Waterville Committee in Kotlas
- Sponsors visits by Kotlas-area high school students
- Invites Kotlas-area teachers to visit our schools
- Organizes, each March, a day of workshops about Russian history and culture for Maine's middle school students
- Matches pen pals for both adults and children
- Sends humanitarian aid to agencies such as the Kotlas Orphanage
- Sponsored a visit by two Kotlas artists
- Sponsored a four-month visit by a Kotlas-area teacher

- Sponsored a two-way student exchange on the theme of two rivers, the Kennebec and the Northern Dvina
- Sponsored, with the Open World Program, an economic-themed visit led by the mayor of Kotlas
- Sponsored, with the assistance of the local hospitals, Rotary, and the American Legion, a medical delegation from Kotlas
- Participates in community activities

The Kotlas Connection relies on its members and volunteers for their donations of time and money. Annual dues are \$10 per person. We also have \$25 and \$50 membership levels and welcome additional donations to support specific programs. Members receive our newsletter and announcements of upcoming events and may vote at our annual meeting.

The Kotlas Connection is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization; dues and donations are tax deductible. To join, just complete and detach the membership form and send it, along with your dues, to P.O. Box 1747, Waterville, ME 04903-1747. Please make checks payable to "Kotlas Connection."

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If you have any questions about the Kotlas Connection or its programs, please contact Carl Daiker at 207-873-6562 or Ellen Corey at 207-872-7719. We also encourage you to visit our Web site, where you will find back issues of our newsletter, pictures of Kotlas, and other information about Kotlas and the Kotlas Connection. The Web site address is

www.kotlas.org

Kotlas Connection Membership Form

Please list each member on a separate line.

Name _____ Work phone _____
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Home Address _____ Home phone _____
City, State, Zip _____
E-mail _____

Please send us separate copies of the newsletter *(applies only if there are two members at the same address)*.

Please do *not* acknowledge my/our membership(s) in the newsletter.

Please do *not* share my/our name(s) with other non-profit groups that ask to use your mailing list.

I/We are willing to help occasionally in the areas indicated: *(If two people are listed above, please specify who is volunteering for what.)*

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