



CENTRE FOR THE NORTH (CFN)



Final Agenda

Indigenous Self-Governance and Infrastructure Development in Yukon

MAY 23–24, 2018 • WHITEHORSE, YT

Meeting Location: Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre (1171-1st Ave, Whitehorse, YT)
Dinner Location: G & P Steakhouse (209 Main Street, Whitehorse, YT)
Accommodations: Best Western, Gold Rush Inn (411 Main Street, Whitehorse, YT)

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Meeting objectives:

1. Discuss recent Centre for the North research and determine upcoming research projects;
2. Examine the relationship between self-governance and the capacity development required to effectively participate in infrastructure projects;
3. Look at how infrastructure development and maintenance is being pursued in other remote regions in Canada; and
4. Compare the modern land-claim and self-government environment with the historic treaty environment.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre – Multi-Purpose Room

08:00 – 08:30 **Networking Breakfast** (Continental)

08:30 – 08:45 **Opening Address**

Diane Smith

Elder

Kwanlin Dün First Nation

08:45 – 09:00 **Welcoming Remarks and Introductions**

Stefan Fournier

Associate Director, Northern and Aboriginal Policy

The Conference Board of Canada

09:00 – 10:00 **Centre for the North Research Update and Member-Led Discussions**

Stefan Fournier

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Stephen Spence

Economist

The Conference Board of Canada

In this interactive session, Stefan will provide a brief overview of recently released research on the part of the Centre for the North and the Northern and Aboriginal Policy group. This research will form the basis of a discussion amongst the meeting participants, where they will have the opportunity to discuss the substance and findings of the research, and to offer any feedback on the research process more generally. Stephen will provide participants with a brief overview of the Spring 2018's Territorial Outlook.

Recently Completed Research Pieces

- Moving Forward with Indigenous Employee Recruitment and Retention in Remote Canada: Leveraging Existing Approaches and Practices
- Cool Ideas: Research Series on Innovation for Northern and Remote Environments
 - Revolutionary Building for the North: 3-D Printing Construction
- Territorial Outlook: Spring 2018

10:00 – 10:30 **Networking Break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Centre for the North Research Update and Member-Led Discussions: *Governance Pillar***

In this interactive session, participants will engage in a facilitated discussion focussing on the CFN's Governance Pillar. Feedback from member outreach over the past year will be shared with the group that highlights current priorities and interests in this area, with the intent of prioritising research projects going forward.

Prospective projects to be discussed:

- Entrepreneurs in Canada's Remote Communities – Are They Getting the Right Supports for Success?
- *Other...*

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch and Keynote Address

Justin Ferbey

President and Chief Executive Officer, Yukon Development Corporation (*and*)
Deputy Minister, Economic Development, Government of Yukon

In this special keynote address, Justin will be setting the stage and context for the sessions that follow by highlighting some of the key economic opportunities currently facing Yukon. He will also discuss some of the Yukon Government's policy priorities with respect to economic development and infrastructure in the territory.

13:00 – 14:30

Panel Discussion: The Yukon Gateway to Resources Project

John Bailey

Assistant Deputy Minister
Strategic Alliances, Energy, Mines and Resources
Government of Yukon

Albert Drapeau

Executive Director
Yukon First Nation Chamber of Commerce

Ed Schultz

Deputy Chief
Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation

Samson Hartland

Executive Director
Yukon Chamber of Mines

This panel session will place an emphasis on the perspectives, interests and objectives of the different groups and stakeholders surrounding the Yukon Gateway Resource Project, and their respective roles in building Yukon's infrastructure and economy. It will look at how these groups and organizations can work together around infrastructure to increase the quality of life of all Yukoners.

14:30 – 15:00

Networking Break

15:00 – 15:45

Infrastructure Development in Remote Canada: A Discussion of First Nations-Led Projects and Progressive Financing Options

Elan Cusiak-Barr

Director, Consulting and Deals
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

This session will explore newly established First Nations-led infrastructure projects, such as the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Line Project, as well as progressive financing options and partnerships.

15:45 – 16:00

Networking Break

16:00 – 16:45

A Comparative Look at Governance and Infrastructure: Centre for the North Member Panel Presentation

Christopher Cornish

Executive Coordinator, Ring of Fire
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Chris will lead this member-driven session by speaking from the perspective of his role as the federal lead for the Ring of Fire, a significant mineral development opportunity in Treaty #9 (Northern Ontario). He will discuss how fly-in remote First Nations communities in Treaty #9 are among the most socio-economically challenged communities in Canada, with limited regional infrastructure, governance and institutional capacity – which present unique challenges for economic and resource development. Chris will present an overview of these challenges and speak to the innovative approaches the federal government is taking to address them.

Other members of the Centre will share their perspectives and insights on the key themes of the meeting from the perspectives of their own organizations, regions and mandates.

18:20

Meet in the Best Western hotel lobby to travel to the restaurant together.

G & P Steakhouse (209 Main Street)

18:30

Networking Dinner (Sponsored)

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre – Multi-Purpose Room

08:00 – 08:30 Networking Breakfast (Hot Breakfast)

08:30 – 09:15 First Nations Self-Government in Yukon: Looking Back and Moving Forward

Brian MacDonald

Assistant Deputy Minister, Executive Council Office, Aboriginal Relations
Government of Yukon

This presentation will provide an overview of how the Yukon Government and Yukon First Nations are advancing reconciliation through collaborative priority setting, and how this collaborative approach helps to set infrastructure priorities for the Yukon Territory.

09:15 – 09:45 Networking Break

09:45 – 10:30 Centre for the North Research Update and Member-Led Discussions: *Infrastructure Pillar*

In this interactive session, participants will engage in a facilitated around the Centre's Infrastructure Pillar. Feedback from member outreach over the past year will be shared with the group that highlights member priorities and interests in this area, with the intent of prioritising research projects going forward.

Prospective projects to be discussed:

- Infrastructure Development and Partnerships – Creating Efficiencies and Building Local Capacity Through the Supply Chain
- *Other...*

10:30 – 11:15 Centre for the North Research Update and Member-Led Discussions: *Youth Pillar*

In this interactive session, participants will engage in a facilitated around the Centre's Youth Pillar. Feedback from member outreach over the past year will be shared with the group that highlights member priorities and interests in this area, with the intent of prioritising research projects going forward.

Prospective projects to be discussed:

- Briefing Report: Our Land, Our Future: National Summit on Indigenous Youth and Natural Resource Development

11:15 – 11:30 Closing Remarks

Stefan Fournier

Associate Director, Northern and Aboriginal Policy
The Conference Board of Canada

Burnt Toast Café (2112 2nd Ave)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

For those of you joining us for lunch, please meet us at the restaurant for noon. (If you are stopping by the Best Western Hotel between the meeting and lunch, we'd be happy to walk with you. We'll leave around 11:50.)

MacBride Museum of Yukon History

13:30 – 15:00 Special Event: *MacBride Museum of Yukon History and Gold Panning*

Please join us for an afternoon at the MacBride Museum of Yukon History, where you will view exhibits that explore the area's natural, social, economic, and industrial history. After a tour of the museum, we will try our hands at gold panning!

15:00 – 16:30 Special Event: **A Walk Along Millennium Trail (Weather and Insect Permitting)**

Should the weather be nice, please join us for a walk along the Millennium Walkway which is a great sightseeing path along the Yukon River. This 4.5km pathway is mostly paved and loops around both the east and west banks of the river, starting near downtown Whitehorse towards the fish ladders south of the city. Around the halfway mark, we plan to visit Bert Law Park – an island park on the Yukon River; and we also plan to view the Whitehorse rapids.