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EDAC's 47th Annual Conference • September 19-22 • Whitehorse, Yukon

EDAC 2015 Whitehorse – Tour Descriptions

Monday, September 21, 2015

FULL-DAY COMMUNITY TOURS

All tours have limited accessibility (stairs, walking). Tours are outdoors - rain or shine. Delegates should dress accordingly (layers, comfortable shoes)

**Buses will pickup participants at the conference accommodation facilities: Coast High Country Inn, Gold Rush Inn, Edgewater and Westmark Whitehorse. Tour itineraries will be available on site.*

Destination Dawson City* — How Dawson Does Different

(Delegates will have already departed the night before)

\$265 + taxes per person (additional fee)

Dawson City, Yukon, maintains its “colourful 5%” and offers a gritty “frontier” character with friendly and welcoming people. It is a town of contrasts and contradictions, which, somehow, seem to find a comfortable coexistence among the storied old buildings, the Moosehide slide, and the confluence of the Yukon and Klondike rivers. On this **overnight** visit, fly to Dawson City in an Air North Hawker-Siddeley 748 and learn about the ways that this one-of-a-kind community has preserved and leveraged its unique character through heritage building repurposing, building on its historic placer mining sector, and by cultivating its artistic community. And while you’re in Dawson, why not seize the opportunity to become a Certified Sourdough by drinking the legendary Sourtoe

Cocktail? *(Limited spots available! First come, first serve. Advance registration required.)*

Destination Faro* — Community Survival: What do you do when your community loses its major economic driver?

\$125 + taxes per person (additional fee)

Faro, Yukon was once home to the largest operating open-pit lead-zinc mine in the world. Fly in Alkan Air de Havilland Otter, legendary workhorse of the North, over majestic Yukon Mountains in their autumn glory to Faro for a tour of the mine, closed in 1997 and now in reclamation. Learn about the history of Faro and how this former mining town has survived to become a lifestyle community tucked away in the middle of the Yukon, and about its plans for the future. Participate in a facilitated discussion with others who are asking the question: What do you do when your community loses its major economic driver? *(Limited spots available! First come, first serve. Advance registration required.)*

Destination Haines Junction — First Nations-led Economic Development

\$115 + taxes per person (additional fee)

The Village of Haines Junction — gateway to the Kluane National Park and Reserve — lies on the edge of spectacular wilderness. This land is the home of the self-governing Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, recognized as leaders in economic development. Begin your day with a scenic ride up the famous Alaska Highway and visit the re-creation of a traditional village site. Here, we will learn about the history of the area, the traditional economy, and how the people have adapted to significant economic and cultural changes brought about by events like the Klondike Gold Rush and the building of the Alaska Highway. Afterward, your journey will take you to the gorgeous Da Kų Cultural Centre, where you will learn how this innovative First Nation is breaking new ground through strategic investments, partnerships, programs, and more. This is a story of resilience and strength that you won't want to miss! *(Limited spots available! First come, first serve. Advance registration required.)*

Whitehorse Tours - Complimentary

If you can't register for one of the EDAC 2015 Destination Tours, don't fret! Included in the cost of your conference registration is one of four Whitehorse-area tours. Choose your tour early to get the one you want!

- **Whitehorse Tour A**

Morning: Communities in Transition

Afternoon: Creating Opportunities for Inspiration & Cultivating Passion in Others

- **Whitehorse Tour B**

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Afternoon: Creating a Climate for Innovation

- **Whitehorse Tour C**

Morning: Developing Unique Tourism Assets

Afternoon: Communities in Transition

- **Whitehorse Tour D**

Morning: Creating a Climate for Innovation

Afternoon: Developing Unique Tourism Assets

DESCRIPTIONS

Communities in Transition

At Yukon's Transportation Museum, learn about the tumultuous history of Whitehorse from a local historian and those who've lived it. In a participatory facilitated session immediately afterward, we'll discuss how communities manage change, taking advantage of opportunities and identifying and mitigating negative impacts.

Next, we'll stroll over to the Beringia Centre theatre where we'll learn about how the City of Whitehorse found common ground amongst a diverse population through a values-based economic development planning process. This, too, will be followed by a facilitated discussion on strategic economic development planning, where we'll explore triumphs and tragedies of economic development planning from across the country.

Creating a Climate for Innovation

The Government of Yukon's Department of Economic Development and Yukon College have taken deliberate steps to foster a climate of innovation. We'll start at the Yukon College campus where we'll learn about the Yukon Research and Innovation Centre, the Cold Climate Innovation Centre, and the Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining. We'll travel to YuKonstruct, Canada's most northerly makerspace, and learn about how this vibrant maker community came to be and about its challenges going forward.

Developing Unique Tourism Assets

This tour starts at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, a unique wildlife viewing property featuring ten species of northern Canadian mammals in their natural environment. While here, you'll get to learn about how the Wildlife Preserve became a popular tourism activity and a centre of excellence for conservation, rehabilitation, and research, even making regular appearances in the National Geographic Wild television show *Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet*. Plus, you'll get to see and learn about the muskoxen, arctic fox, lynx, and more!

After the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, we'll travel to the Takhini Hot Pools where we'll learn about how the owners are developing this unique property with a first-of-its-kind-in-Canada approach to private development. *Be sure to bring your swimsuit!*

Creating Opportunities for Inspiration and Cultivating Passion in Others

We'll travel to beautiful Miles Canyon where we'll be inspired by Jane Koepke who will tell us about how culture and history inspired a youth-oriented program that laid the groundwork for the community of Carcross to be named the world's best mountain biking destination by *Outside Magazine*. Marilyn Yadutin Jensen will tell us about the Dakhká Kwáan Dancers, who found inspiration in culture and tradition and who went from humble beginnings to become internationally-known performers.

From there, we'll travel to Whitehorse's waterfront where we'll learn about the Northern Cultural Expressions Society, an organization that inspires youth to seek a better life through First Nations arts. Then, it's just a short walk to the Whitehorse Waterfront Trolley Roundhouse where we'll hear from the Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society about how they've turned their passion for history into two iconic tourist attractions.

****When registering for the tours that require additional payment, please note our Tour Policy:***

1. You can only participate in one (1) tour.
2. There will be no refunds once you have registered for a tour.
3. Pre-registration and payment in full must be made via VISA/MasterCard in advance of the tour - at time of booking.
4. There will be no changes made to your booking. Once you have chosen a tour that is the tour you must attend.