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YUKON DELEGATION TO ATTEND “MEET THE NORTH”

WHITEHORSE – The largest ever Yukon delegation to attend the *Meet the North Conference and Exposition* from May 12 –14 in Edmonton will be led by Premier Dennis Fentie, Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor and Council of Yukon First Nations Grand Chief Ed Schultz. City of Whitehorse Mayor Ernie Bourassa will also be present.

The Department of Economic Development in co-operation with first nation governments and development corporations, chambers of commerce, industry associations and Yukon companies will showcase Yukon at the conference and exposition as a great place to invest, do business and to visit.

“The Yukon is embarking on a new era of economic partnerships that will benefit industry as well as Yukon first nations and Yukon businesses,” Premier Fentie said. “I am pleased with the support and enthusiasm of all our partners in working together to create awareness of the economic and tourism opportunities in the Yukon.”

The grand chief of the Council of Yukon First Nations, first nation leaders, development corporations and the Government of Yukon are travelling to *Meet the North* under the theme, “*Creating Certainty for Industry – First Nation Economic Partnerships and Government to Government Relations.*”

The premier will be attending the conference and trade show as a keynote speaker and will be taking part in discussions with Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, Nunuvut Premier Paul Okalik and Northwest Territories Premier Stephen Kakfwi.

Both the premier and the minister of tourism will use this opportunity to meet with industry leaders. They will also highlight Yukon’s business opportunities and Yukon’s Gateway Cities Tourism Marketing Program through a series of local Edmonton print and broadcast media interviews.

The Department of Economic Development is supporting the business, industry and tourism sectors during their attendance at the *Meet the North Trade Show and Conference* by providing booth space and a hospitality suite.

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Attachment – List of Delegates

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MEET THE NORTH – YUKON DELEGATION

Dignitaries

Premier Dennis Fentie
Minister Elaine Taylor, Department of Tourism and Culture
Grand Chief Ed Schultz, Council of Yukon First Nations
Chief Rick O'Brien, Kwanlin Dun First Nation
Dave Porter, Chairperson, Kaska Tribal Council
Mayor Ernie Bourassa, City of Whitehorse
Mayor Mel Smith, Town of Faro

First Nation Development Corporations (confirmed to attend)

Carcross Development Corp., General Manager Bill Forsythe, (President Carvill's designate)
Dana Naye Ventures, General Manager Elaine Chambers
Dana Naye Ventures, Leanne Brassard
Kwanlin Development Corporation, President Judy Gingell
Mundessa Development Corporation, Councilor Roberta Kufeldt
Yukon Indian Development Corporation, President Bruce Luznar
Nacho Nyak Dun Development Corporation, Heather Saggars
Dakwakada Development Corp., Ian Robinson

Trade Show (Yukon Government booths) and Conference

Arctic Alpine Seed Ltd., Rachel and Randy Lewis
City of Whitehorse, Sheila Dodd
Council of Yukon First Nations, Denise Beattie (**registered for the conference**)
Data Path Systems (tentative)
High Country Inn
Northern Windows, David Borud
Northwestel, Curtis Shaw
Sourdough Rendezvous Committee, Lake Lebarge Marj (Eschak) and Tricky Vicky Stallabrass
Town of Faro – Mel Smith, Mayor
Town of Faro – Michelle Vainio
Town of Faro - Saskia Bunicich
Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, Natasha Phillips
Yukon Brewing Company, Bob Baxter
Yukon Chamber of Commerce, Sandy Babcock (**registered for the conference**)
Yukon College, Dave Nugent
Yukon Department of Education, Advanced Education, Ken Smith
Yukon Economic Development, Rick Sudeyko (**registered for the conference**)
Yukon Economic Development, Terry Hayden (**registered for the conference**)
Yukon Energy Mines and Resources, Bonnie King (**registered for the conference**)
Yukon Energy Mines and Resources, Lori Walton
Yukon Engineering/Yukon Infrastructure Alliance, Roy Slade
Yukon Tourism & Culture, Denny Kobayashi

Companies/Agencies that have purchased their own Trade Show Booth

Air North
Department of Energy Mines and Resources
NMI Mobility
Yukon Electric

Yukon Speakers:

Premier Dennis Fentie
Grand Chief Ed Schultz
Barry Bellchambers – High Country Inn
Judy Gingell, Kwanlin Dun Development Corporation
Curtis Prosko – Skookum Asphalt
Joe Sparling – Air North
Wally Hidinger – Highways and Public Works.

Summary of Yukon Government Officials attending:

Sheila Clark, Premier's Executive Assistant
Kelvin Leary, Intergovernmental Relations, ECO
Bonnie King, Energy Mines and Resources
Brian Love, Energy Mines and Resources
Denny Kobayashi, Tourism and Culture
Rick Sudeyko, Economic Development
Terry Hayden, Economic Development
Wally Hidinger, Highways and Public Works
Ken Smith, Advanced Education