# Northern Dialogues May 21 - 24, 2024

Visitor Information Pack



# Did you know?

Population of the Yukon is 45,169.

Population of Whitehorse is 35,770.

Comparing June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2013, the Yukon's population rose by 8,598, or 23.5%.

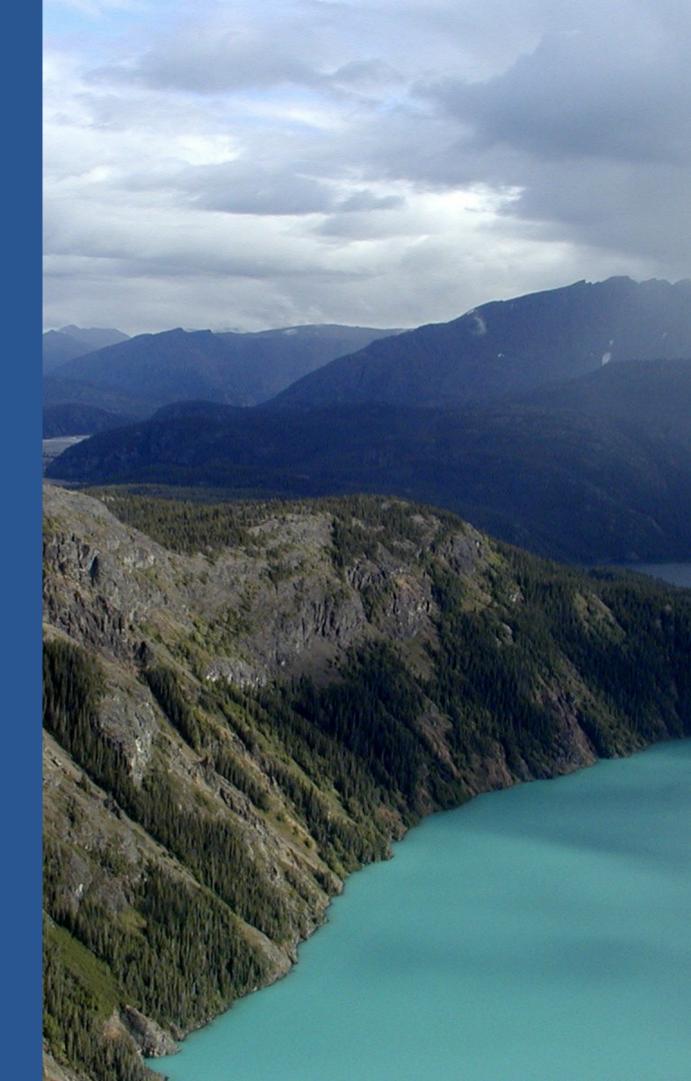
Since 2022, 11 of the 13 road-accessible communities in the Yukon can be reached using electric vehicles from Whitehorse.

Yukon has close to half of the modern treaties in Canada, and is at the forefront of self-government in Canada: <u>https://www.mappingtheway.ca</u>

Between 1993 and 2005 eleven Yukon First Nations reached Final Agreements with the Government of Yukon and Canada.

# PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP TO WHITEHORSE

The following information and resources have been prepared to support you having the best experience possible at the 2024 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation conference.

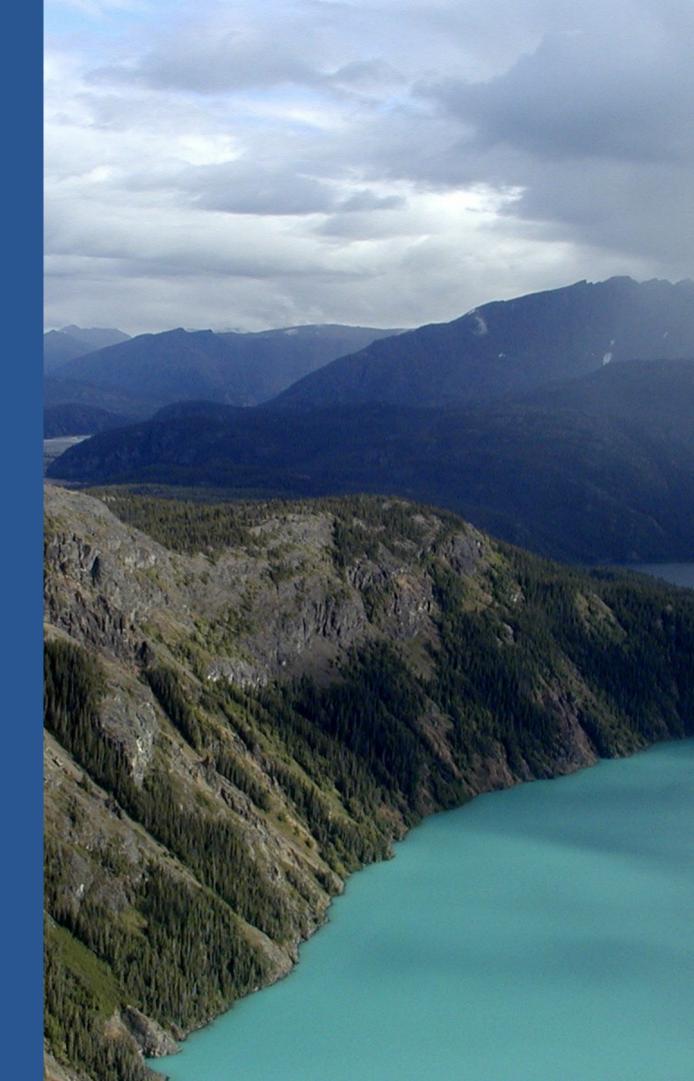


# **GETTING HERE**

Air Canada flies to Whitehorse, and seasonally there may be flights offered by Westjet. However, before you book your flight to Whitehorse, have a look at the flight schedules offered by Air North - Yukon's Airline. Flights are available from Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna and Vancouver (some only seasonally).

Summer schedules may not be posted yet - more information here: <u>Route Map | Fly Air North</u>

Not happy with the limited flights available to Whitehorse by your preferred national carrier? Book to Vancouver with any airline and then pay \$99.00 one way with Air North's Connector Fare. More information available here: <u>Connector Fares | Fly Air North</u>



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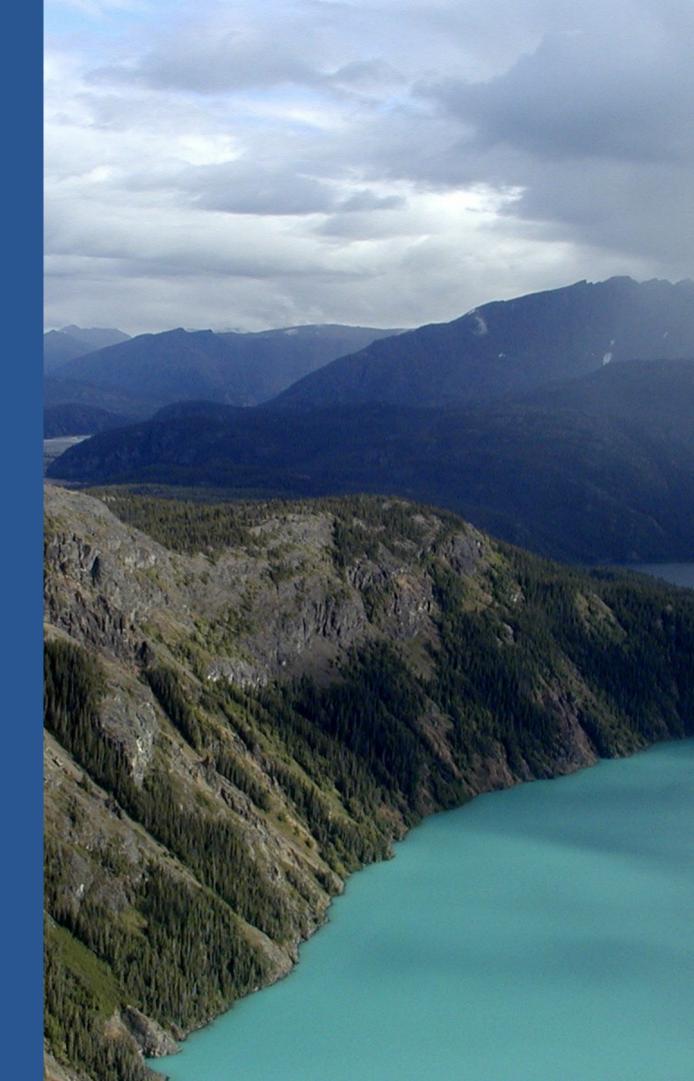
Need more information? Call Air North:

Phone: (867) 668-2228 (ext. 1)

Toll Free: 1-800-661-0407 (ext. 1)

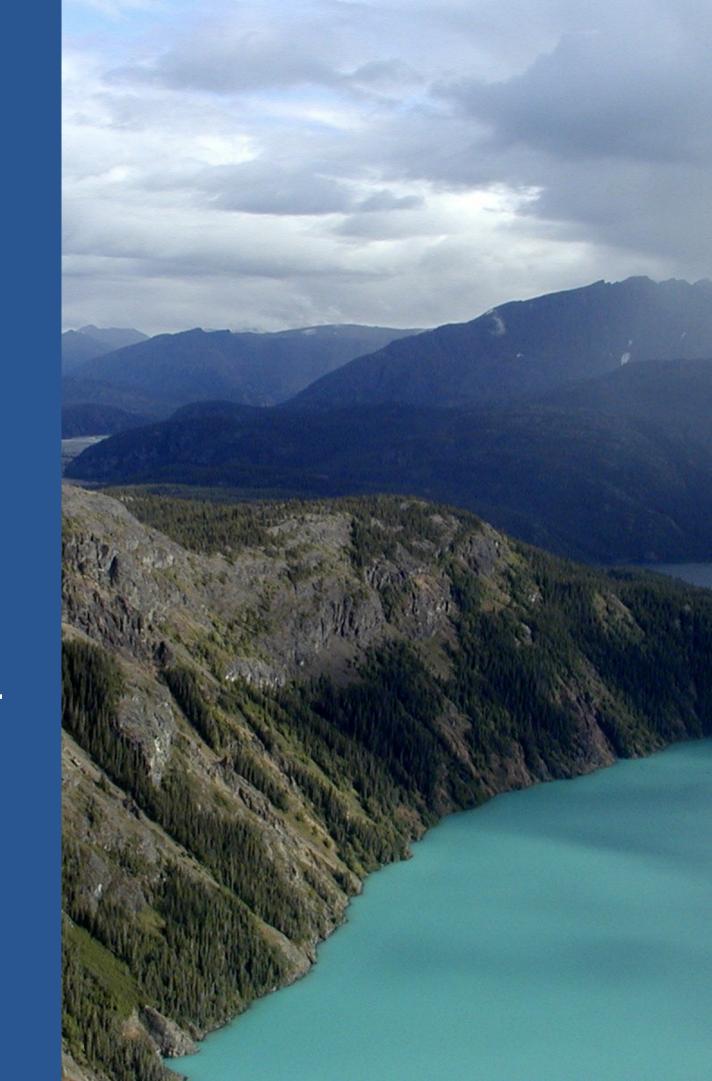
Additional information about getting to the Yukon is available from:

**Getting Here and Around | Travel Yukon** 



# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE YUKON

- Travel Yukon | It's a different world up here
- <u>Yukon 101: Everything you need to know | Travel Yukon -</u> <u>Yukon, Canada | Official Tourism Website for the Yukon</u> <u>Territory</u>





#### Walk with Us Respectful Travel Guidelines

"The Yukon is home to 14 distinct First Nations and 8 language groups. These guidelines have been shared by First Nations Knowledge Keepers to teach all people about how to show respect when travelling through the Yukon. Our land is beautiful and our water is clean. Our land is everything. We are the stewards of this land and we all have a responsibility to care for this land for future generations. We honour our ancestors who shared their teachings with us so that we can now share them with you. We care for this land - the plants, water, air and animals - by showing it respect and treating it as an equal. As you travel through our beautiful homelands, we invite you to Ná t'sin t'ra "hold everything up in *respect*" - Northern Tutchone.

Text from the Indigenous Yukon website. Read more here

# **INDIGENOUS YUKON**

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For more information and to read the guidelines:

<u>Respectful Travel -</u> Indigenous Yukon

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Learn about **Indigenous peoples** in the Yukon:

<u>Step into our History -</u> Indigenous Yukon



**Find Authentic Indigenous Tourism Experiences:** 

Things to do - Indigenous Yukon

# Yukon First Nations 101 | Yukon University

"Yukon First Nations 101 has been developed to educate students, employees, and the public about the history and culture of First Nations in the Yukon. The course also touches on the cultural values shared among Yukon First Nations today and how to communicate respectfully with First Nation individuals and communities."

Text from the Yukon University website. Read more here

The course is available to study online and asynchronously.





# **INDUSTRY AND OTHER REPORTS**

PORTS



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Yukon at a Glance – **Government of** Yukon, 2008 but still a good summary

yukon at a glance web.p df (gov.yk.ca)

#### MINING

Yukon Mining and Exploration **Directory 2023-**2024 – Yukon **Chamber of Mines** 

YMED-2023 FINALlowRes-3.pdf (yukonminers.org)

#### TOURISM

Yukon Sustainable **Tourism Annual** Report

Yukon sustainable tourism 2022 annual report **Government of Yukon** 



CULTURAL SECTOR

**Creative and Cultural Industries** Strategy, 2022 -**Government of** Yukon

**Creative and Cultural** Industries Strategy (yukon.ca)

FOOD PRODUCTION

**Growing North: Connecting people**, place and food production to improve food security in the Yukon – Yukon University

YukonBusinessForGood ar ticle1 (yukonu.ca)

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

Yukon climate change indicators and key findings 2022 – Yukon **University**, Research Centre

Indicators2022 FinalRepor t.pdf (yukonu.ca)



### Want a podcast?

#### https://northofordinary.com/the-podcast/

A more in-depth take on the most popular stories from the North of Ordinary magazine showcasing the Yukon's extraordinary people, culture, and outdoors. Hosted by Karen McColl and Mark Koepke.

#### EATING OUT: SELECT EATERIES WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE STERNWHEELER HOTEL

Baked Café - community hub, coffee house + baked snacks	Dirty Northern - Pizza, burgers - can get rowdy!	G&Ps steak house and pizza – Greek and Italian food, relaxed	Burnt Toast – breakfast joint; lunch menu
Kind Café - vegan delights	Sheep Camp - upstairs from the Dirty, same menu, cosy	Giorgio's Italian Cuccina - relaxed, on the upscale side	Virsa - Indian Cuisine
Gather Café & Taphouse - scrumptious light meals and cocktail paradise	Miner's Daughter - attached to the Dirty, downstairs from Sheep Ca'	Belly of the Bison - on the upscale side	Asahiya - Japanese Restaurant
Woodcutter's Blanket - craft brewery, light meals, Yukon charm	Sanchez Cantina - authentic Mexican	Big Bear Donair - grouvy vibe, bowls (vegan ++), pizza, donair, falafel	Polarity Brewing – casual + craft brewery

\*\*Use Google maps to learn more about walking distances.

#### DON'T MISS!!!

#### Walking distance from hotel



Mac's Fireweed – **Best little bookstore** north of 60

S.S. Klondike-**National Historic** Site, Parks Canada

Millenium trail – 5 km loop walk along the Yukon River

**Depart from the S.S.** Klondike; start by walking in either direction – if you go 'left' from the boat, walk over the bridge and take the path to the right as you walk off the bridge, past the skateboard park



### SELF-GUIDED WALKING ART TOUR

**Time to complete:** 2+ hours depending on length of time spent in all locations. **Distance:** About 2.5 kms

1. Leaving from the Sternwheeler hotel, Wood Street entrance, turn left and walk two blocks to Yukon Artists at Work (YAAW) cooperative (blue house on the corner, enter via 4th Avenue).

 Carry on to Northern Cultural Expression Society (NCES) by crossing 4th Avenue, turning left to Main Street, take a right and walk to the end past the United Church. It's in the lower level of the condo building at the very end of Main Street.



3. Leaving NCES, go back the way you came, cross 4thAvenue at Main, walk into the Sports Experts entry andtake the stairs to the basement. Welcome to Artsunderground

4. Next, make your way to the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre (KDCC) gallery - exit Arts Underground and walk to the end of Main Street in the direction of the historic White Pass building at the end of the street; catch the river trail going to your left facing the river and walk the equivalent of 4 city blocks. The KDCC banquet is held here as well. It's the big brown building attached to the Library. Walk around to the front of the building which is on the street side (not the river side). You'll arrive at the KDCC and find the gallery inside to the right (if you enter via the main KDCC entrance and not the library entrance).

5. End your tour with a visit to Lumel Studios - cross the street from the KDCC and enter the blue and yellow building to your right - have a cocktail or make a glass blown object to take home (one hour; approx. \$60-\$75).

# Off the tour:

The Yukon Arts centre is located next to Yukon University - be sure to head over and see the facility and visit the gallery. Open 10-5pm, Monday to Friday.



# Contact Details

### For more details, visit: CONFERENCE WEBSITE

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