



*Wilderness Tourism Association of the Yukon
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#1 Husky Bus & Aurora Inn in Dawson, Create Winter Offering for Tour Operators

Husky Bus and the Aurora Inn are collaborating to offer Tour Operators the very best of Dawson City next winter! We have created a 2 or 3 night add-on experience, designed for your guests that may have a little extra time to spend on the Yukon. After you have taken care of them in the Whitehorse area, why not send them up to the Klondike and let the Aurora experiences continue? Our packages are all inclusive and ideally suited to groups of 4 - 8 people, but we will accommodate as few as two. Our soft launch of this product this winter with 10 dates has gone very well and we look forward to expanding it next year.

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Please see the attached information sheet for pricing and details.

#2 YESAB Review on Extensive Quartz Exploration in the Kluane Wildlife Sanctuary

YESAB is requesting public comments on an extensive proposal to explore for quartz in the Kluane Wildlife Sanctuary, where it abuts to Kluane National Park. The project will involve ground and helicopter exploration between April and October for the next five years. It also includes; the use of heavy equipment, construction of 20 km of new roads and 5 km of new trails, regular helicopter flights, up to 220 clearings and 18 helipads, storage and use of explosives, line cutting, trenching, aerial mapping, drilling, water use, camp construction, fuel storage, and waste management. There is reference to progressive reclamation and final decommissioning but there are no details or stated requirements on those subjects.

You'll find the YESAB document attached and we encourage all concerned parties to provide their comments on this proposal.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS MARCH 29, 2016

#3 Here's Your Opportunity to Provide Input on Yukon Parks

Dear wilderness tourism operators:

I'm working with Yukon Parks which is doing some thinking about its campground services. They know that Yukoners value our campgrounds and that camping is an important part of Yukon's tourism product. They also know that there are many players in this business – organizations with an interest or role, and people with experience, knowledge and vision, including wilderness tourism operators.

As part of its ongoing planning, we would appreciate having any insights that you wish to offer. For example:

What do you think Yukon Parks should know when they're planning or operating territorial campgrounds?

Are there any topics or issues that you would suggest for future discussions?

Please let me know if you would like to arrange a quick phone chat the week of March 21st

Please note: we are in the initial stages of this conversation and will keep you in the loop, via WTAY, as this conversation unfolds over the spring and summer. There will be other opportunities to participate before any decisions are made.

Regards,

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#4 TIA Yukon is Seeking Nominations

On April 23rd, TIA Yukon's Spring Conference will come to a close with a Gala Dinner and the *2016 Yukon Tourism Awards*. TIA Yukon is currently collecting nominations for the categories listed below. Remember! - If you Win a *Yukon Tourism Award*, you are automatically a nominee for the Tourism Industry Association of Canada's *Canadian Tourism Awards*.

Event of the Year

Innovator of the Year

Traveller Experience Award

Tourism Employee of the Year

Yukon Marketing Innovation Award

Cultural Tourism Award

Sustainable Tourism Award

If you would like to submit a nomination please contact Allyn Walton.

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A reminder that sponsorship opportunities are still available.

#5 TOYA - Yukon Government Releases Summary of Comments on Off-Road Vehicle Regulations



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The Summary of "Comments On Off-Road Vehicle Regulations" has been released. It is available online at www.emr.gov.yk.ca. It can also be picked up in booklet form at the Lands Branch in the Elijah Smith Building on Main Street.

See for yourself whether it accurately reflects your input. There were 411 responses sent in – far in excess of what YTG expected.

We acknowledge and thank those who formally partnered with us.

a.) TOYA members and supporters

b.) Yukon Conservation Society (YCS)

c.) Wilderness Tourism Association Yukon (WTAY)

o It should be noted that Yukon Fish and Game Association (YFGA) and Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) also encouraged their members to respond to the discussion and online response.

o It should also be noted that social media, newspaper advertising, CBC, and media reports alerted Yukoners to the issue and resulted in thoughtful responses from many individuals who want Responsible ATV Management in our wilderness.

As always, a quick e-mail to your MLA and these individuals makes a difference.

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Thank you for your continued support.

TOYA Steering Committee:

Ken Taylor, Vern Peters, Peter Harms, Tony Grabowski, Ellen Johnson, Manfred Hoefs, Phillip Merchant

#6 Vogue Magazine Story on Yukon Cuisine

You can read this short online article about cuisine in the Yukon with several mentions of local eating spots as well as some of our wilderness tourism member companies.

http://www.vogue.com/13409643/canada-yukon-territory-culinary-food-tour-guide/?mbid=social_on_site_twitter&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Vogue%20Yukon%20Mar%202016&utm_campaign=Mar%202016

See more tourism news at <http://www.tiayukon.com/>

If you have information of interest to WTAY Members for the E-News, please send to info@wtay.com

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