

Preliminary Program

Tuesday, February 23

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Registration and Welcome Reception, Yukon Inn**

Wednesday, February 24

7:30 a.m. **Shuttle departs hotel for Yukon College**

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Opening

Welcome to Yukon College

- Karen Barnes, President and Vice-Chancellor, Yukon College
- Opening Prayer, Elder Randall Tetlitchi

- Honourable Doug Graham, Minister of Education, Yukon
- Dan Curtis, Mayor of Whitehorse

- Christine Trauttmansdorff, Vice-President, Government Relations and Canadian Partnerships, Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan)

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Keynote Presentation

- (TBC)

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Indigenous Education as an Institutional Priority

Plenary Panel – “Getting past the talk and taking action”

Shawn Chorney, Vice-President, Strategic Enrolment and Student Services, Canadore College, ON

Mary Wabano, Director, First Peoples’ Centre, Associate Dean, School of Indigenous Studies, Canadore College, ON

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion on the Indigenous Education Protocol:

What are the challenges that institutions face in implementing the Protocol and what are the possible solutions to overcoming them?

Kory Wilson, Chair, CICan Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and Executive Director, Aboriginal Initiatives and Partnerships, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

Ken Tourand, Past Chair, CICan Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and President, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT)

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions:

- “Norquest College Indigenization Strategy”
Ruby Littlechild, Manager, Norquest College, AB
- “The Journey of Indigenizing – Formative Steps for a Small Regional College”,
Tom Weegar, President, Cumberland College, SK

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Governance Structures that Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples

Plenary Presentation – “*Indigenous Education and the Strategic Plan*”
Ken Tourand, President, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT)

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 pm

Plenary Panel

- Emerging Urban Aboriginal Governance Structures
Dan Guinan, President, Native Education College, BC
- “Preservation of Aboriginal Culture within the Modern PSE Landscape”
Elise Ahenkorah, Public Relations and Communications Specialist, Bow Valley College, AB

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Curriculum and Learning Approaches that implement Indigenous Intellectual and Cultural Traditions

Plenary Panel

- “Indigenous Learning Outcomes as the core of institution wide teaching and learning”
Dr. Joyce Helmer, Teaching, Learning and Innovation Lead, First Nations Technical Institute, ON
- “The Delivery of Inuit Language and Culture Courses”
Louise Flaherty, Director, Language and Culture Programs, Nunavut Arctic College, NT
Jukeepa Hainnu, Director, Piqqusilirivvik, Nunavut Arctic College, NT

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

**Tours of Yukon College and the Yukon Research Centre
Artist’s Market**

5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Feast and Entertainment

Entertainment (Dance troupe and Traditional Storyteller)

7:45 p.m.

Shuttle departs Yukon College for hotel

Thursday, February 25

7:30 a.m.

Shuttle departs hotel for Yukon College

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Dialogue on Indigenous Education Research

Dominique Bérubé, Vice-President, Research Programs, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Dr. Hayley Hesselin, University of Saskatchewan, SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant recipient

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Challenges to Increasing the Number of Indigenous Employees at Colleges and Institutes

Plenary Panel

- “Private Sector Perspectives on Best Practices in Recruiting Indigenous Employees”

Plenary Dialogue

Kory Wilson, Chair, CICan Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and Executive Director, Aboriginal Initiatives and Partnerships, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

Tosh Southwick, Director of First Nation Initiatives and Academic and Skill Development, Yukon College

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Indigenous-centred Holistic Services and Learning Environments for Learner Success

Plenary Panel – “A Shared Journey to Indigenization”

- **Jason Seright**, Director Of Aboriginal Strategy, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, SK
- **Martine Gauthier**, Director of Student Development, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, SK

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Plenary Dialogue

- “Pathways to FNMI Learners’ Success: Creating and Maintaining Respectful Connections in Post-Secondary Education”
Marcia, Black Water, FNMI Services Coordinator, Acting, Lethbridge College, AB (plenary dialogue)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions



“Reconciliation by Beading: The Heart of Community Advocacy”,

- **Leanna Marshall**, Aboriginal Counsellor, Confederation College, ON

“Northern College Pathways Planning Project “

- **Diane Ryder**, Acting Indigenous Director, Northern College, ON

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Strong Partnerships to support Self-determination of Indigenous Communities

Concurrent sessions:

- “Indigenous Success – a Shared Responsibility”
Réjean Paquet, Cégep de Trois-Rivières, QC
- **Jane Arychuk**, President, Aurora College, Yellowknife, NWT

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Approaches for increasing Understanding and Reciprocity among Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples

Plenary Dialogue – “Reciprocity depends on open dialogue and sharing practices”

- **Brenda Small**, Vice-President, Centre for Policy in Aboriginal Learning, Confederation College
- **Georgia Quataro**, Dean, Centre for Reparatory & Liberal Studies, George Brown College

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Symposium Synthesis

- Karen Barnes, President, Yukon College
- Christine Trauttmansdorff, Vice-President, Government Relations and Canadian Partnerships, CICan

Closing