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**Merry Christmas and Happy New
Years from the Whitehorse
chamber of commerce!**

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COMING EVENTS

City Council to Vote on Porter Creek D

December 12th, 2011

7:30pm - 9:00pm

Department of Education - Advanced Education Branch

Yukon Nominee Program - Public
Consultation

Wednesday December 14th, 2011

8:00am-10:00am

High Country Inn Room 'A'



Yukon College and the Arctic Winter Games partner to co-host BAH February 9, 2012

With less than a month to go Yukon College will celebrate the final countdown to the Arctic Winter Games on February 9th!

With plenty of draw prizes, fabulous food, exciting College updates, AWG news and the Games buzz in the air it will be a great opportunity to share the energy of the Games with members of the Whitehorse business community.

Brown Bag Lunch Dates

Friday Dec 16, 12-1PM

Community Development Fund Overview

With Guest Sharon Hickey

The CDF deadline is coming fast. Sharon Hickey will be coming to talk about the fund.

Friday Dec 30, 11-1PM

New Year's Eve Open House

Drop in and say hello, enjoy a treat and see what we're up to in the new office.

Friday January 6, 12-1PM

Strategic Planning

With Darielle Talarico

Learn how strategic planning has helped other local organizations get focused towards success.

Tipping Point Dialogue

Events and Workshops

Upcoming Workshops:

Funding Applications 101

Having trouble with your funding applications or need help understanding application requirements and language? Bring application and our funding wiz Jillian MacIsaac will walk you through a winning proposal.

Fee: 25\$ (including GST)

Date: Dec 26, 1:30-3:30PM

Location: Tipping Point Strategies Office Suite 202-208 Main Street.

Please RSVP to Sofia@tippingpointstrategies.ca

Tipping Point Strategies is a boutique management consulting firm. We help clients to map their vision and navigate their way to success. Whether you have only the nugget of an idea, or need help implementing your business plan, we can help every step of the way.

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If you are interested in learning about more workshops, upcoming brown bag lunches, and more sign up for our newsletter.

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WORLD TRADE CENTRE EDMONTON

International business takes centre stage at WTCE in the month of November

Seeking Business Partners in Canada's North

In late November, Belarusian Charge d'Affairs / Counsellor (trade and economic issues) for Canada, Roman Sobolev visited World Trade Centre Edmonton and met with president Martin Salloum and manager, business development Dennis Gane. The purpose of his visit was to share information on Belarus' manufacturing abilities with emphasis on machinery. Expanding on what his country exports, Sobolev spoke about the vibrant Belarusian automotive industry, in particular its heavy duty trucks, drawing comparison to Caterpillar's products.

Sobolev is interested in connecting with oil, gas and mining industries to explore trade and investment opportunities.

For additional information contact: canada@belembassy.org; or by phone: (613) 233-9994.

For more information on WTC Edmonton, contact Dennis Gane at dgane@edmontonchamber.com

European Union Reception



L to R: Edmonton Chamber of Commerce manager of business development Dennis Gane; Honourary Consul of Portugal Aurelio Fernandes; economic and commercial affairs, EU delegation to Canada Luigi de Masellis; and Chamber of Commerce chief economist Rick Hersack Nov. 9 at a WTCE reception hosted by the European Union Delegation to Canada. de Masellis led the information session which was designed to provide Edmonton's business community with information on the EU-Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA).

Important Upcoming Edmonton Events

Metropolis: Dec. 31, 2011 - Feb. 20, 2012 - Since the introduction of Mul Luk Mardi Gras in 1967, there has been a desire to stage an extended downtown festival during the winter months in Edmonton. That dream has now come to fruition. Metropolis will consist of six free-standing, heated temporary structures. The festival will start with a New Year's Eve celebration and run every week until the Family Day Weekend in mid February.

visit: www.eventsedmonton.ca/metropolis2

Meet The North: Oct. 3-5, 2012 - Every three years in Alberta's capital city, Meet the North brings together economic sectors in locations from Edmonton to Whitehorse, Iqaluit to Yellowknife, Grande Prairie to Fort McMurray and back to the Capital Region. The 2012 edition will be no different. Attend and get informed by experts on northern economic development, or take a lead in the learning process by registering to become a presenter/exhibitor.

Visit: www.wtcedmonton.com

Save The Date (Canada)

Northern Lights 2012 (Ottawa): February 1-4, 2012 - This business and cultural gala is a celebration of Canada's North and the eastern Arctic, including the regions of Nunavut, Nanavik, Nunatsiavut, and Labrador. It strives to strengthen partnerships between Canada's northern and southern key business and government stakeholders.

Visit: www.northernlightsottawa.com

FUTURALLIA 2012

FUTURALLIA Lille - June 28-29, 2012 (France) will offer small and medium size businesses from various industry sectors a "business speed dating" format. Over two days, this international business development event will allow business leaders to have up to 12 personalized and pre-scheduled, 30-minute, face-to-face meetings with partners of their choice. FUTURALLIA is a springboard toward making new international partnerships. **For more information visit www.futurallia.com**



Manufacturing north of 60: Needs, challenges and opportunities.

Round Table Discussion

Feb. 28-29th 2012

Yellowknife, North West Territories

Areas of discussion include:

- Discuss opportunities and challenges facing northern manufacturers/ contractors
- Understand the supply chain and the impact on firm productivity
- Discuss the development of new products and related technologies
- Learn how to move products to market faster and more efficiently
- Discuss intellectual property protection issues
- Share ideas on improving the production processes
- Network with northern experts in all 3 territories

Participants/sponsors

NWT & Nunavut Construction association

Federal Government-NRC-IRAP

Governments of the NWT, Yukon and Nunavut

NWT Chamber of Commerce

Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Cell Phone Coverage in Yukon

Most visitors to the Yukon arriving with either various cell phones such as Blackberry, Smartphone or iPhone need to know which providers have coverage that will work here.

Yukon cell coverage is Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) based which means that cell phone providers such as Bell Mobility, Latitude and Telus supply service to Whitehorse, Dawson and smaller communities. Suppliers such as Rogers are on a Global System for Mobile communication (GSM) and though more globally known, their system will not work here in the Yukon.

Smartphones that are considered 3G or HSPA (High Speed Packet Access) will only work in the Whitehorse area. Towers outside the other various Yukon communities do not recognize 3G at this time.

As a precaution, visitors should check with their providers as to whether they are considered CDMA or GSM prior to visiting the Yukon. not overage is sometimes limited to the town sites and can be spotty in places. Satellite phones may be an option if you plan on spending more time out of town and need to depend on adequate coverage. Satellite phone networks are accessible across the Yukon and satellite phones can be rented in Whitehorse.

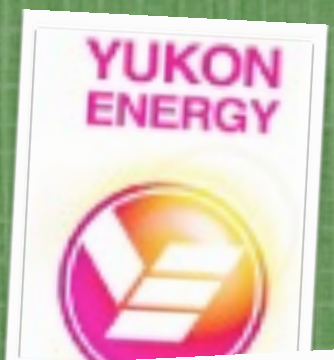
Provider	CDMA/GSM	Whitehorse	Whitehorse	Other YT communities
		CDMA	3G, HSPA	CDMA only
				No 3G/HSPA
Bell Mobility	CDMA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Latitude	CDMA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Telus	CDMA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rogers	GSM	X	X	X

Yukon Energy

Yukon Energy will be donating \$1 to the Mae Bachur Animal Shelter for every "like" they get on their Facebook page between now and Dec.31 !!

The shelter desperately needs the money, and if you have any feedback for Yukon Energy you can post it to their Facebook page.

Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/yukonenergy>



Yukon Nominee Program: Message to Employers

When Yukon businesses that employ nominees change hands, the staff at the Yukon Nominee Program must be informed. It is a legal requirement to change the agreements under which nominees work, including the employment contract and the Memorandum of Understanding.

Changes in ownership can also be disconcerting for nominees. Frequently nominees are unsure as to how such changes affect their employment and, in particular their immigration status. This often results in worried calls to the Yukon Nominee Program.

If you are anticipating your business changing ownership, and you employ Yukon nominees, please contact the Yukon Nominee Program to inform them and they can make the necessary arrangements with the new prospective owner.



The School of Public Service now has a list of courses available from January to March 2012

You can register on line at:
<http://www.cspc-efpc.gc.ca/reg/index-eng.asp?province=12>

Lanterns, fire, singing and children lit up the night!

A huge round of applause to Tippy Mah for his generous Christmas Spirit and for his support of our Main Street!

Main Street Yukon Society and the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Mah's Point Condos and the Yukon Educational Theatre for lighting up the heart of our City on Saturday November 26th.

Erin Corbett and Lauren Tuck of Yukon Educational Theatre did a tremendous job of going green and of bringing light and the Joy of Christmas to our town. They held lantern workshops for children in advance of the event and invited singers, fire dancers and, of course, Jolly Old St Nick to the Festivities.

A big round of applause is due for Tippy Mah and Mah's Point condos for providing the funds to make it happen this year. Yukon Educational Theatre, Main Street Yukon Society and The Whitehorse Chamber wish to thank Mah's Point Condos for its generous donation.