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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR – THE PAS & OCN

April 24-25, 2019

DAY ONE APRIL 24, 2019

5:30am Arrival at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport

7:00am Depart Winnipeg to The Pas (Calm Air Flight MO120)

8:40am Arrive in The Pas

9:40am Welcome Session with Local Leaders

Meet and engage with local business Indigenous leaders as they introduce you to their communities. Learn about the opportunities available in *The Gateway to the North* to develop new partnerships and expand your business. Speakers include Mayor Herb Jacques, Doug, Onekanew Christian Sinclair, Doug Lauvstad, and Trent Allen.

11:30am Lunch with UCN Culinary Program

Indulge in northern favourites, including pickerel and bison prime rib, prepared specially for tour delegates by UCN's Culinary Arts students.

1:00pm Tour of UCN Campus with Doug Lauvstad

Tour UCN's main campus and learn about the program offerings available to the 2,300 northern students enrolled annually, and how UCN continues to develop programming and opportunities to build a stronger northern workforce and a brighter future.

1:30pm Education & Workforce Presentations

Hear from representatives from the Kelsey Adult Learning Centre, the WEST Centre, and the Opaskwayak Education Authority and learn about the work being done to empower individuals from all walks of life and engage them in essential skills training to ready them for the workforce. Speakers include Tara Manych, Tanya Catalano, and Josh Brown.

3:00pm Tour of OCN

OCN LED Smart Farm

Learn about the technology behind the successful Opaskwayak LED Smart Farm that supports local nutritious food growth and food security in Manitoba's north.

META Cannabis Supply Co.

Explore META Cannabis' retail store – believed to be the first cannabis retailer to open on a First Nation reserve in Canada – and learn about the company's collaboration with OCN and other First Nations communities that have led to its success.

Otineka Mall

Tour the 225,000 square foot, three-storey shopping centre, the largest mall in Manitoba's north, which incorporates indoor shopping, recreation, and an office complex.

4:30pm Paskwayak Business Development Corporation Presentation and Tour Q&A with Ginger Martin

Learn about the Paskwayak Business Development Corporation, a commercial holding company with the mission to generate profitable businesses to provide opportunities for training, employment, and business ownership to meet the goal of progress and independence for the people of OCN.

4:45pm Check-in at Kikiwak Inn & Delegate Downtime

5:30pm Networking Reception Sponsored by BDC

Nosh and network with fellow delegates and local business, community, and Indigenous leaders.

6:45pm Northern Manitoba Tourism Awards Hosted by Travel Manitoba

Join Travel Manitoba and guests from northern Manitoba's best and brightest tourism operators as they celebrate the achievements in four categories: Event of the Year, Indigenous Tourism, Innovation of the Year, and Partnership of the Year.

9:30pm Evening Concludes

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DAY TWO – APRIL 25, 2019

8:00am Delegate check-out

8:30am Breakfast @ Kikiwak Inn Restaurant

9:30am Tour of Sam Waller Museum

Tour the historic Community Building and Court House, now home to the Sam Waller Museum. The museum explores the rich and diverse history of The Pas, beginning with the region's geological formation through today. In Sam's Gallery, explore founder Sam Waller's eclectic and unusual curiosities.

10:00am Agricultural Sector Presentation(s) with Rod Berezowecki

With 76 businesses in 2017, agriculture is The Pas and area's second largest industry (tied with retail trade). Learn about agriculture in Manitoba's north, and the opportunities available to build partnerships and invest in the fertile, productive farmland in the Carrot River Valley.

11:10am Tour of Arctic Gateway Group

Owned by First Nations and northern communities, Fairfax, and AGT Foods, visit Arctic Gateway Group and discover what Canada's only Arctic seaport serviced by rail can do to help bring your business to the global marketplace.

12:00pm Aseneskak Casino for Luncheon with Presentation from Suzanne Bracegirdle-Barbeau

Hear from Suzanne Bracegirdle-Barbeau, Chief Executive Officer of Mahihkan Bus Lines (formerly Kelsey Bus Lines) as she discusses the new joint venture between six First Nations communities that is already expanding passenger and freight services throughout Manitoba.

1:45pm Tour of Canadian Kraft Paper Industries

Canadian Kraft Paper (CKP) utilizes 100% virgin fibre from Canada's northern forests to create specialty grade, unbleached, stackable sack kraft paper sold throughout the world. Tour CKP's pulp and paper mill and learn more about the company's innovative products.

2:45pm Canadian Kraft Paper Presentation & Discussion

5:40pm Delegate Dinner with Chamber & Community Representatives

Delegates will have the opportunity to connect with local business, community, and indigenous leaders to dive deeper into potential partnerships and opportunities discovered.

9:00pm Depart The Pas to Winnipeg (Calm Air Flight MO126)

10:30pm Arrival at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport

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