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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOUR – CHURCHILL

JULY 3-4, 2019

DAY ONE JULY 3, 2019

6:00am Arrival at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport

7:30am Depart Winnipeg to Churchill (Calm Air Flight MO300)

9:30am Arrive in Churchill

9:50am Check-in at Lazy Bear Lodge

10:30am **Welcome Session with Mayor, Council, and Local Chamber**

Meet and engage with local business Indigenous leaders as they introduce you to their community. Churchill is more than just the “Polar Bear Capital of the World”; learn about the opportunities available in Churchill to develop new partnerships and expand your business.

Invited speakers include Michael Spence, Mayor of the Town of Churchill; Councillor Bill Dingwall, Community Futures North Central Development; and others.

12:00pm **Lunch at Town Centre Complex**

1:00pm **Tour of Churchill Town Centre Complex**

Explore the Town of Churchill’s all-in-one complex, which is home to local government administration, a health centre, high school, swimming pool, indoor playground, curling rink, theatre, hockey arena, gymnasium and fitness centre.

2:15pm **Tour of the Port of Churchill**

Since 1931, the Port of Churchill has served as Canada’s only Arctic seaport serviced by rail, connecting western Canada’s consumers and importers to the world. Discover the Port’s logistic advantages, and learn about Arctic Gateway Group’s efforts to diversify the Port’s business and expand economic activity.

Delegates are required to wear closed-toe, flat shoes (no high heels), and will be provided with appropriate PPE on site.

3:30pm **Tour of Cape Merry National Historic Site**

Located on the eastern shore of the Churchill River, Cape Merry National Historic Site – once called Knight’s Round Point – is a stone cannon battery built in 1746 to provide protection for the Prince of Whales Fort located across the river. The original battery was dismantled and moved to its current site in 1749, and of the original 6 cannon emplacements, only one remains today.

4:30pm **Delegate Downtime**

Take in downtown Churchill. Explore the works of local artisans. Grab a snack or a drink from a local hotspot. Or make your way back to Lazy Bear Lodge to kick up your feet.

6:45pm **Bus Departing to Networking Reception**

Delegates who wish to be chauffeured by chartered bus to the Networking Reception must arrive at Lazy Bear Lodge no later than 6:40pm. The bus will depart at 6:45pm to the Town Centre Complex.

7:00pm **Networking Reception Sponsored by BDC**

Enjoy the view from the Pioneer Gallery at the Town Centre Complex, and nosh and network with fellow delegates and local business, community, and Indigenous leaders.

9:30pm **Evening Concludes**

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DAY TWO – JULY 4, 2019

7:00am Hot Breakfast Buffet Open @ Lazy Bear Lodge

8:40am Beluga Whale Tour (2 hours)

Hudson Bay is home to the world's largest population of Beluga Whales. Among the most vocal whales in the world, Beluga Whales – sometimes called “sea canaries” – are known for their strange, high-pitched whistles, clicking, chirping and other underwater vocalizations. Get *Up North and Personal* with these intelligent, sociable, majestic creatures on a guided Beluga Whale tour, courtesy of Lazy Bear Expeditions. Please note this tour is weather permitting, and subject to tidal levels.

11:00am Tour of Great White Bear Tours

Meet Don and Marilyn Walkoski, who opened Great White Bear Tours in 1994. Learn about their thriving family-owned and operated business built on the philosophy of balancing the natural beauty of the north, and the delicate environment in which wildlife and humans must coexist. Great White Bear Tours now boasts a fleet of 12 custom-built Polar Rovers and a mobile Tundra Lodge.

12:40pm Lunch at Churchill Northern Studies Centre

1:30pm Tour of Churchill Northern Studies Centre

Located along the Hudson Bay at the meeting of three major biomes (marine, northern boreal forest, and tundra), the Churchill Northern Studies Centre is a year-round field station supporting scientific and social researchers. Explore the facility promoting and facilitating research and education that enhances our understanding and appreciation of natural, social, economic and cultural environments of the North.

2:25pm Tundra Buggy Lodge® Tour with Frontiers North

Get a taste of what Frontiers North has to offer and hop aboard for a guided tour of their Tundra Buggy Lodge®. Located in the heart of polar bear country, explore the Tundra Buggy Lodge® offers a unique, immersive experience where guests can fall asleep and wake up with polar bears right outside their window. The Tundra Buggy Lodge has two accommodation cars named Hearne and La Perouse, a lounge (Thanadelthur), and a dining hall (Dan's Diner). Outdoor viewing platforms connect each buggy unit and offer the perfect place to view bears all day long.

3:50pm Community Tour

Climb back onto the shuttle and explore the Town of Churchill. Experience the community and learn about opportunities for development. Along the way, see community landmarks, such as *Miss Piggy*, the beautiful murals curated by *SeaWalls Churchill*, and the *Parks Canada Visitor Reception Centre* at Churchill's VIA Rail Station.

5:30pm Delegate Dinner with Local Community Representatives @ Seaport Hotel

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

8:00pm Arrive @ Churchill Airport

9:10pm Depart Churchill to Winnipeg (Calm Air Flight MO303)

10:50pm Arrival at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport

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