


# Monthly Newsletter January 2018

## Welcome New Members



## Events Calendar

Chamber Events	Other Events
 <p>“Dealing with Disaster” March 15, 2018 <a href="#">(Click here for more)</a></p>	<p>Feb 20 – 21, 2018 Yukon’s 4th Annual Industry Conference <a href="#">Click Here for details</a></p>

## Yukon Placer Mining – It’s In Our History

We are proud to present the 1st video in the Klondike Placer Miners’ Association’s “It’s In Our Veins” campaign! Yukon placer mining has been a continuous industry from the days of the Klondike Gold Rush to the present day! Since the discovery of gold by Yukon First Nations people and gold-seeking stampeders, Yukon placer miners have been unveiling significant paleontological discoveries that reveal history thousands of years old. Placer mining is a

modern, essential Yukon industry and this campaign showcases the people, places and of course the gold that makes our industry unique.

Watch the [Video HERE](#)

## Business Continuity Conference

The Yukon Chamber of Commerce “Business Continuity Conference - Dealing with Disaster”, will provide businesses, not-for-profits, municipalities and First Nation governments with a number of tools and resources to build more resilient organizations, better prepared to survive and function during and after events that interrupt regular operations.

Conference attendees will take away:

- The critical steps necessary for their organizations to plan, prepare, and function during events that interrupt regular operations and rebuild afterwards;
- Introductions to, and presentations from, the only two certified Business Continuity Professionals in the Yukon;
- Information for organizations facing interruptions to regular operations on best practices from sector specialists in the areas of:
  - Employer obligations in terms of human resources;
  - Workers’ compensation obligations
  - Worker safety obligations;
  - Business and workplace insurance coverage needs and options;
  - Telecommunications and IT backup options and information; and
  - Electrical-energy resilience information.
- An information package of federal- and territorial–government resources, as well as private-sector resources to help to draw up plans for organizational resilience; and
- The opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from organizations that provide services and support in the event of individual-business or larger-scale disasters.

This one-day conference will be hosted in the Coast High Country Inn Convention Center and will include both breakfast and lunch.

To register for the March 15, 2018 conference, follow the link below. We look forward to your attendance and participation!

[For full information on the conference or to register click here](#)

## Canada Summer Jobs

LOOKING FOR HELP THIS SUMMER? WHY NOT HIRE A STUDENT? FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WAGES IS AVAILABLE!

**The 2018 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) application period for employers end on February 2, 2018.**

Canada Summer Jobs is a Government of Canada initiative. It provides funding for not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees to create summer jobs for students between the ages of 15 and 30.

The application form as well as the applicant guide are currently available at [www.canada.ca/canada-summer-jobs](http://www.canada.ca/canada-summer-jobs). You can submit your application online, by mail or in person at any Service Canada Centre.

We encourage you to submit your 2018 application online. By doing so, you will benefit from a fast, easy-to-use, and secure way of applying as you will:

- have access to the Canada Summer Jobs application 24/7, from any location, allowing you to complete it at your convenience;
- ensure your application is received immediately by Service Canada;
- receive an instant acknowledgement confirming that your application has been received; and
- avoid postal delays.

There are two systems available to enable you to apply online:

1. [Grants and Contributions Online Services \(GCOS\)](#): If you already have a GCOS account, please use this online platform to submit an online application; or
2. [CSJ online application form](#).

For more information:

Click: [www.canada.ca/canada-summer-jobs](http://www.canada.ca/canada-summer-jobs)

Call: [1-800-935-5555](tel:1-800-935-5555) (ATS: [1-800-926-9105](tel:1-800-926-9105))

Visit: [a Service Canada Centre](#)

## Take the Radon Workplace Challenge!

Did you know that radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the ground? You can't see it, smell it or taste it. Radon can enter any home or workplace through openings where the building is in contact with the ground. Exposure to high radon levels is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers so it is important to take action!

The only way to know how much radon is indoors is to test for it. If the radon level is found to be high, it's easy to fix. The best time to start a radon test is during the colder months of the year.

The Radon Workplace Challenge is an opportunity for employers to take a leadership role in protecting the health of their employees and their families. Interested workplaces across Canada are invited to take the pledge and participate in the Challenge by sharing information about radon and encouraging their employees and networks to take action and test for radon.

All participating workplaces will receive educational materials and two radon test kits **at no cost!** To find out more information and register your workplace for the Radon Workplace Challenge, please visit [www.RadonWorkplaceChallenge.ca](http://www.RadonWorkplaceChallenge.ca) or contact:

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## SMRT POP UPS

Under the SMRT Women banner, a community for aspiring and working female entrepreneurs, SMRT POP UPS and Pursuit Coaching Services have partnered to offer a series of hands-on workshops designed to help all entrepreneurs next-level their 2018.

While the workshops have been designed to address challenges that most acutely affect women in business, all genders are welcome. This workshop series is best suited for those who currently operate a business (full or part-time).

All events can be found on the SMRT POP UPS Facebook page as well as on the workshops and events page on our website [www.smrtpopups.com](http://www.smrtpopups.com).

## Talking Together

The Government of Yukon and the City of Whitehorse want to improve the way we work, talk and make decisions with the public. Your voice is important. We know we don't always get public engagement right, and we want to get better.

We know we ask for your input a lot. This time we're asking you to help us improve the ways we ask for your input, so that when you give your ideas, time and effort, you know it will be valued.

From January 9 until February 26, we are hosting [Talking Together: Building a stronger dialogue between you and your government](#). This is a project where we're asking Yukoners to help us improve the way we do public engagement. We hope you will join the conversation.

Here are a few ways to get involved online:

[Complete the online survey](#)

[Vote on your favourite ideas and add in your own.](#)

We are also hosting a number of face-to-face activities. Check out the [schedule](#), or contact us to request a meeting by emailing [talkingtogether@whitehorse.ca](mailto:talkingtogether@whitehorse.ca). Alternatively, you can call [867-667-5811](tel:867-667-5811) for more information.

## New way to submit the Workers' Compensation Employer's Payroll Return

Employers can now submit their annual Employer's Payroll Return and Contract Labour Report (EPR) online.

- Detailed instructions have been provided directly to employers in the EPR mail out from YWCHSB, which you should have received by now.
- Information is now on YWCHSB's website at [wcb.yk.ca/EPRonline](http://wcb.yk.ca/EPRonline).

Employers who prefer to submit their EPRs through the mail, by fax or in person can still do so.

## Doing Good Deeds – Whitehorse Pee Wee Hockey Team

Great News! Our own Whitehorse Pee Wee Hockey team has made it as one of the top ten finalists in Canada competing for a grand prize of \$15,000. They have accomplished this by doing "Good Deeds". They have already won \$2,000 by making the top ten and have donated that money to the Food Bank and that donation was matched by their team sponsor the PNW Group.

Now they need our help to win the \$15,000 - and it is so easy for us to do!!

All you have to do is to click on the button below to the one minute video ... and keep doing it as often as you can all day and this week-end, and send it out so others can click on it because each click is a point for our team... send it to EVERYONE!! Let's get behind our Pee Wee Team and the Food Bank. [Click Here](#) to watch the video

### Help The Whitehorse Food Bank Win \$15000!

How To Help:

1. Watch the PNW Group Good Deeds Cup video
2. Share the link
3. Watch the video again (a view is a vote)
4. Repeat



### Food Bank Society of Whitehorse

Banque alimentaire  
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If Whitehorse Minor Hockey Association's Team gets the most votes we could win \$15000 for the Whitehorse Food Bank!

Google "PNW Good Deeds" or follow the link

A view is a vote, so view the video as much as you can

Voting ends January 28



## Cultivating Positive Mental Health at Work

Fostering the mental health of workers is good for business. It improves productivity, reduces absenteeism, increases retention and creates a workplace environment that benefits everyone.

There is a growing recognition of the importance of psychological well-being in Yukon workplaces. Employers know they are required to support their workers' mental health and reduce the risk of psychological injury, but they may not understand how to do this. *Cultivating Positive Mental Health at Work* will provide some answers. Using material from the Canadian Mental Health Association's Mental Health at Work program, topics include:

- How mental health affects workers and employers
- How to recognize and respond to workplace mental health issues
- How to cultivate a mentally healthy workplace
- National Standard on Psychological Safety resources and supports

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

**8:30 – 12:00 noon**

**Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre, Grey Mountain Room**

Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Limited seating. There is no cost to participate in this workshop. Visit [wcb.yk.ca/ws](http://wcb.yk.ca/ws) to register.

## Mental Health: Creating Your Healthy Workplace

A more in-depth workshop, Mental Health: Creating Your Healthy Workplace, is being offered on February 7 and 8. It is presented in partnership with the Mental Health Association of the Yukon and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

Mental health is recognized as an integral part of a healthy workplace. Supportive workplaces promote the total health and well-being of their employees and offer protection from psychological harm. This one-and-a-half-day workshop will equip your champion/leader with the framework, tools and resources they need to create and implement a comprehensive healthy workplace program.

**Wednesday, February 7 1:30-4:30, and Thursday February 8, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre, Grey Mountain Room**

Light snacks and refreshments will be served, including lunch on the Thursday.

Limited seating. There is a fee to participate in this workshop. Visit [wcb.yk.ca/ws](http://wcb.yk.ca/ws) to register.

For information, visit [ccohs.ca/products/hw\\_workshop/](http://ccohs.ca/products/hw_workshop/).





Education

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January 10, 2018

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Dear Yukon Chamber of Commerce:

**Re: Recognition of Long-Service and Support for the Labour Market Framework from  
2009/10 – 2017**

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It is with great appreciation that I write to you today to express my gratitude for the many years of service the Yukon Chamber of Commerce has dedicated to the community to support the Labour Market Framework.

Through this commitment you have given support to the vision of the Framework of an "...inclusive and adaptable labour market that meets the demands of a strong, diversified economy and provides opportunity for a better quality of life for Yukoners."

Your organization has given back to the community through your time, effort, support and dedication. The work you have done on behalf of Yukon Education has contributed to the betterment and well-being of Yukoners and for that I thank you.

Yours truly,



Rob Wood  
Deputy Minister  
Education



## 2018 Workers' Compensation Maximum Wage Rate

In accordance with section 3 of the *Workers' Compensation Act*, the maximum wage rate / maximum assessable earnings is calculated annually, using a formula in the Act. The MWR/MAE for 2018 is \$86,971, which is an increase of \$1,370 from 2017.

For more information about the MWR/MAE, please check out YWCHSB's website at the following link: <http://wcb.yk.ca/QuestionResults/Assessments/Rates/Q0070.aspx>



Yukon Chamber members get discounted boardroom booking rates when booking a meeting room at the Waterfront Station Business Centre. For pricing and room photos visit the website [www.wsbcyukon.ca](http://www.wsbcyukon.ca) or contact [office@yukonchamber.com](mailto:office@yukonchamber.com)

## **Yukon** BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Putting you in touch with Yukon businesses

<http://www.directoryyukon.com>

On the Yukon Chamber website click the Invest Yukon icon on the lower left-hand side of the main page to access the Yukon Business Directory.

To find a Yukon business, simply enter a keyword, business name, category, or location, using the search fields.

To register your business, click "Register Your Business" in the top right-hand corner.

For more information, or to edit an existing business listing, please contact the Yukon Chamber of Commerce 867-667-2000 or by email [office@yukonchamber.com](mailto:office@yukonchamber.com)



## Membership Recognition



The Yukon Chamber of Commerce would like to recognise

**TD Bank**

as they have been a member since 1995.



YCC Staff. From left to right Julie Dufresne, Mal Malloch, Rachel Morgan, Peter Turner

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Thank you to all our members for your ongoing support for the efforts of the Yukon Chamber. It's your memberships that allow us to do the work we do for the Yukon business community.