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Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's Yukon itinerary unveiled

WHITEHORSE—A mountain biking event featuring SingleTrack to Success youth, community festivals in Whitehorse and Carcross, as well as engagement with Yukon youth, artists and First Nations will be among the highlights during the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's visit to Yukon September 27 and 28.

"We're very excited to welcome Their Royal Highnesses to Yukon and to showcase the territory to the world," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "Yukon's exceptional hospitality will be on display, and Yukoners can expect to participate in a number of exciting community events."

Yukoners and visitors are invited to attend a community festival in downtown Whitehorse on September 28. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will walk through the community festival, viewing displays, activities and performances that highlight Yukon youth talent. Local artists, food vendors and entertainment will be on hand to keep the festival going after the departure of Their Royal Highnesses.

"I am delighted that the Duke and Duchess will be visiting Whitehorse on their return to Canada," Mayor Dan Curtis said. "City staff are proud to be supporting this historical event that I believe residents will be talking about for many years."

The Carcross/Tagish First Nation will showcase local culture and traditions while highlighting innovative economic development initiatives led by the Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation through events at the Carcross Commons and Montana Mountain. A community celebration in Carcross for residents and visitors will follow Their Royal Highnesses' visit. The celebration will feature a First Nations artists' market and traditional food stands.

"We are proud to honour our language, our culture, our traditions and our youth," Khà Shâde Héni Andy Carvill said. "The next generation is carrying on our traditions by looking after our heritage trails and creating an economic opportunity like our ancestors did. In 2001, Prince Charles visited our community and we are honoured to host a celebration 15 years later for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge."

Their Royal Highnesses will visit the MacBride Museum and meet members of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation.

"Kwanlin Dün has a history of welcoming chiefs and peoples from many nations to its homeland along Chu Niikwan, also known as the Yukon River," Kwanlin Dün First Nation Chief Doris Bill said. "It is a pleasure for me to continue this long tradition and welcome the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to the Traditional Territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation."

Chief Doris Bill and Chief Kristina Kane will greet and welcome Their Royal Highnesses to the Traditional Territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council on September 27.

"In 1902, my great grandfather Chief Jim Boss appealed to King Edward VII requesting the protection of our land and our people, and exactly 100 years later the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council became a self-governing nation," Chief Kristina Kane said. "We are honoured to welcome the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to our Traditional Territory to see what Yukon First Nations have achieved, and to share in our culture and traditions."

Whitehorse and Carcross residents may experience intermittent traffic disruptions during the visit. Full details, including information on any road or building closures as well as additional details about the public events during the visit, will be posted to gov.yk.ca/royalvisit2016 before the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses.

Learn more: Yukon itinerary and on Facebook.

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