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Fête Historica Fair Showcases Yukon's Best Heritage Projects

WHITEHORSE – The 11th Annual Yukon Fête Historica Fair, featuring the winning heritage projects from schools across the territory, will take place Thursday, May 7 at the Yukon Convention Centre, announced Education Minister Patrick Rouble and Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor.

"The Fête Historica Fairs provide a fun and exciting opportunity for students to do detailed research projects on topics of interest to them, and to learn from each other's research," Rouble said. "In fact, the quality of the students' work is so high that we adults can all learn some great Canadian history from these projects."

"We are proud to once again be supporting the Yukon Fête Historica Fair," Taylor said. "It is wonderful to see our youth taking a keen interest in Canadian history and bringing that history to life with such enthusiasm and creativity."

Projects in the regional fair were selected from 12 schools in Dawson City, Pelly Crossing, Mayo, Destruction Bay, Haines Junction and Whitehorse, and approximately 85 students from Grades 4 to 9 will take part in this year's regional fair.

Student participants will present their projects in person and answer questions from the judges. Four winners will then be selected to go on to the National Fête Historica Fair taking place in Ottawa from July 7 to 13.

The Yukon Fête Historica Fair is jointly administered by the Yukon government's departments of Education, and Tourism and Culture; the Historica Foundation; the Yukon Heritage Resources Board; and the Yukon Historical and Museums Association.

Opening ceremonies will take place from 9 to 9:30 a.m. An award presentation for the Yukon Students Heritage Poster contest will also take place during the Fête Historica Fair's opening ceremonies. The exhibition and judging begins at 9:30 and runs until noon. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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