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Yukon communities greet Alaska Highway convoy

WHITEHORSE—Communities across Yukon will have the opportunity to greet a unique group of visitors this summer. Members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association are travelling across Yukon as part of their historic journey to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Alaska Highway.

"It was a great pleasure to meet and welcome Military Vehicle Preservation Association members as they began their travels to Yukon," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "The Alaska Highway spurred a period of tremendous change in Yukon and it continues to support the growth of Yukon's tourism sector."

Nixon addressed convoy participants at the official launch ceremony held at Mile 0 in Dawson Creek, British Columbia on August 3. On the group's return journey south, Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko will meet the convoy in Haines Junction on August 23.

"In addition to being a vital part of our community infrastructure, Yukon's highways contribute to a tremendous northern visitor experience," Istchenko said. "I am pleased to welcome convoy participants as they celebrate the historical legacy of the highway now remembered as one of the greatest engineering feats of modern times."

Members of the public are invited to greet the convoy as it journeys through Yukon. The current schedule (subject to change) includes overnight and rest stops at:

Dawson City – August 13 and 14
Beaver Creek – August 22
Haines Junction – August 23
Whitehorse – August 24 and 25

For more information on the convoy's journey visit: www.mvpa.org.

To view an innovative presentation of the Alaska Highway's construction developed by Yukon Archives visit: www.alaskahighwayarchives.ca.

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