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Press release

Celebration of Yukon Francophonie Day

Whitehorse, May 10, 2024 – The Yukon community is warmly invited to come together to celebrate Yukon Francophonie Day (JFY), which will take place on Wednesday, May 15, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre. The event will feature live musical performances by the William Pacaud Band and the Pink House Band, savory and sweet snacks to enjoy, children's entertainment including a bouncy castle and face painting, and the presentation of the 2024 Exceptional Engagement Award. This bilingual event is free and open to the entire community.

"We are delighted to bring the community together for this special occasion," expressed Lorraine Taillefer, President of the Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY). "Yukon Francophonie Day is a privileged moment to celebrate our culture and language," she added.

The AFY would like to thank the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada for their financial contribution and their support for the Yukon Francophone community, and the cities of Whitehorse and Dawson for raising the Yukon Francophone flag in recognition of the day.

Additionally, the event will feature the unveiling of a community artwork presented by the *Aurore boréale* team, as well as the presentation of a collection of Haïkus, the result of a multi-generational project involving senior francophones from our community and young artists from CSSC Mercier. Other services and projects related to the French-Speaking community will also be presented during the festivities.

"Our government is proud to support the vitality of the Yukon's Francophone community and the Yukon Francophonie Day celebrations.

On this special day, I invite all Yukoners to celebrate the French language and Francophone cultures, which hold a special place in the Yukon's rich and diverse community."

Minister responsible for French Language Services Directorate John Streicker

About Yukon Francophonie Day

Since 2007, the Government of Yukon has proclaimed May 15 as Yukon Francophonie Day, a great opportunity to highlight the history and vitality of French-speaking community. It allows all Yukoners to better know, appreciate, and celebrate the French language and Francophone cultures present in the territory.

Association franco-yukonnaise

Official voice and leader in the development of the Yukon French-speaking community since 1982, AFY aims to improve the quality of life of Yukon Francophones.

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