



Yukon Regional Round Table

Community leaders sharing ideas and creating change



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Established in 2006

- With membership of **14 communities** including First Nation, incorporated & unincorporated communities
- Focuses on action & implementing projects
- Incorporates training and capacity building into every meeting
- Created proposals for:
 - **Sustainability & Development Initiative** (Yukon Territorial Community Development Fund & Indian & Northern Affairs Canada Targeted Investment fund for \$91,500)
 - **Asset Mapping Pilot Project** (Indian & Northern Affairs Canada Targeted Investment fund for \$28,215)
 - **Asset Mapping Database** (Indian & Northern Affairs Canada Innovation & Knowledge fund for \$19,100)



“The regional round table has helped build understanding between government departments, communities and First Nations. This understanding will be a key asset toward building trust.”

(from The Collaborative Evaluation Report of the Yukon Regional Round Table and Yukon Advisory Group, 2008)

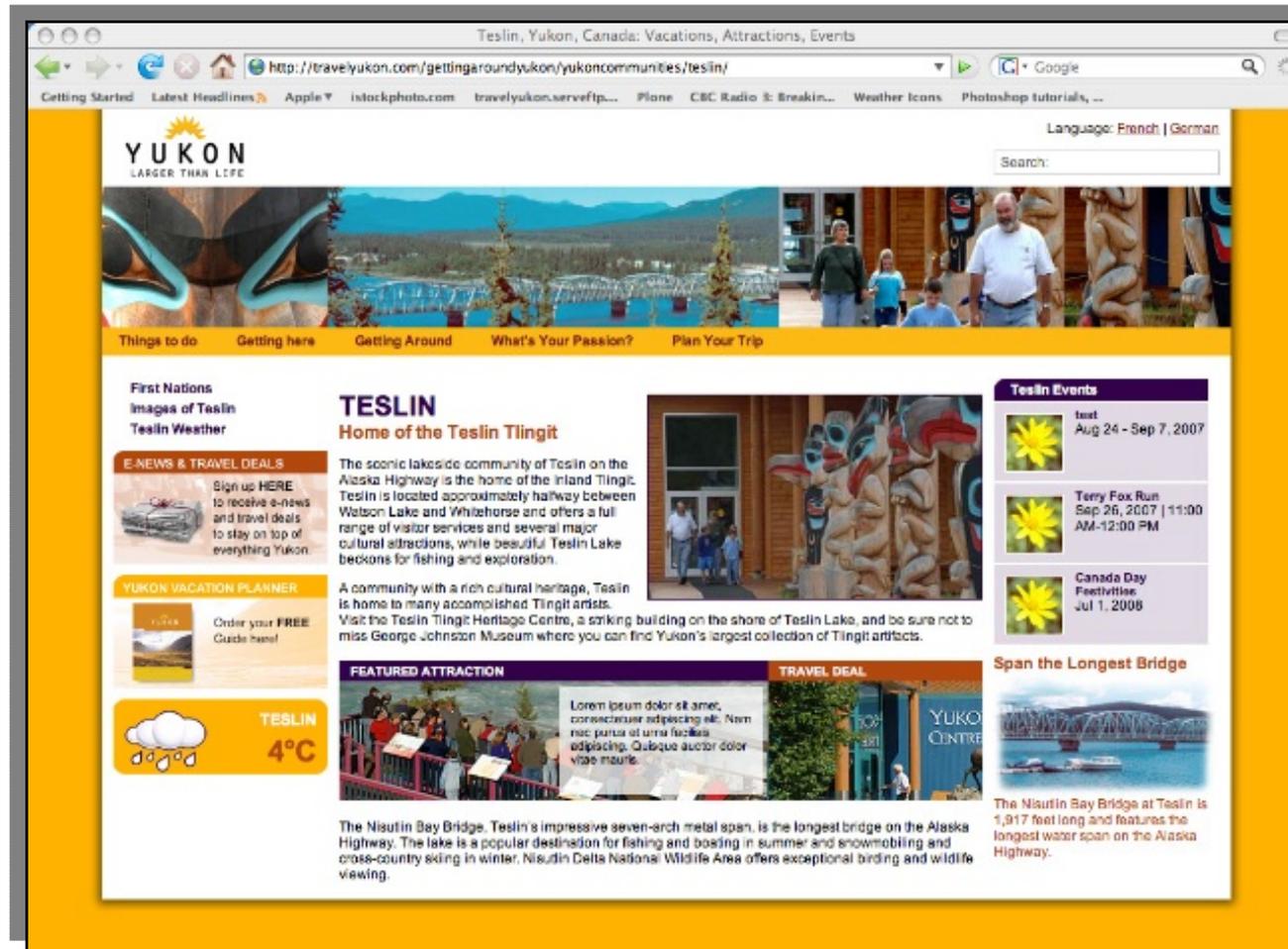
Projects

- **Tourism Marketing Partnership**
- **Community Asset Mapping**
- **Network Capacity Development**

Organizational Development & Sustainability Plan Options

- Knowledge network
- Policy advisory
- Economic & social collaborations
- Linking social & economic development
- Outreach & communications infrastructure
 - Key to overcoming historic & bureaucratic isolation
- Bridge-building for First Nations and Municipal collaborations in networked and reciprocal action
- Need to integrate internal development with ongoing external resources

Tourism Marketing Partnership



- Illustrates Yukon Regional Round Table's potential for building partnerships with and influencing government

Community Asset Mapping

- Find own and each others' potential for development
- Asset-based community development
- Partnership-building takes persistence

Community Asset Mapping Plan

ASSET MAPPING: PRIMARY TOPICS of INQUIRY

Physical Infrastructure

Built and Natural Assets
Community Facilities
Public or Private access
Businesses
Tourism/ Industry support
Housing
Trails
Water Bodies

Health and Social Assets

Health and Social Services
Programs or Projects
Clubs
Success Stories
Addictions therapeutics
Northern Health Priorities:
Diabetes; Residential School Legacy;
Nutrition; Drugs & Alcohol; Mental
Health

Economic Opportunity

Small business
Inter-community services
Entrepreneurial & Informal
Social Economy leads
Services to Industry
Skill Clusters
Artesan & Production
Tourism
Incentives & Support

UNDERLYING THEMES

Success Stories

Business
Health & Social
Cultural Projects
Appreciative Inquiry – grow what
works
4 Keys to Success – if others were
to do this project
Relationships & Partnerships

Relationships, Partnerships, Associations, Networks

Partnerships base of most successes
Relationships for best practices
Interconnectivity of Local and
Regional Activity
Actions that make them work.

Community Culture

Activities
Specializations
Relationships & partnerships
Sustainability priorities
Common / Unique qualities
Unique qualities known =
more opportunity for regional
development

What We Have Learned

Most Yukoners, both First Nations and non-First Nations, put lifestyle first.

Taking the time to listen and be curious reveals vision, insights, assumptions, expectations, concerns and possibilities.

Diversity of perspectives, voices, styles and experiences are keys to innovation, risk-taking, consensus-building, which extend to community impact.

Exploring instincts of regional round table members provides a clear picture of situations and intentions.

Initiating and maintaining relationships with government representatives enables them to become involved.



A Collective Voice based on trust and relationships is immensely powerful.

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