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ALASKA HIGHWAY SYMPOSIUM

Northern Lights College
June 19, 20, 1982

Conference Objective: To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the most significant economic development in Northwestern British Columbia and the Yukon in this century. The conference will bring together experts and scholars from across North America and will attempt a comprehensive assessment of the development and impact of the Alaska Highway.

Timing: The two day event held the third weekend in June will facilitate attendance by local pioneers associated with the construction of the Highway, students and community residents, speakers and delegates from long distances and summer tourists on their way North on the Highway.

Location: The conference center is a central hotel located in Fort St. John. Historically, the Alaska Highway began with the Mile 0 located five miles north of Fort St. John. Northern Lights College in Fort St. John is the coordination center for the conference.

Attendance: The conference is designed to accommodate 400 delegates. Special effort will be made to ensure that delegates include pioneers and native people who were associated with the construction of the Alaska Highway.

Programme: Prepared papers will be presented by 18 guest speakers with expertise on the planning, construction, and impact and the future of the Alaska Highway. A panel of guests with social interest in the area and the Highway at the time of construction will discuss the social impact. Official sound-colour films of the Highway filmed during construction and original play about the Alaska Highway are part of the conference. A banquet will be held to honour local residents who were instrumental in construction of the Highway. A 400 page publication of the history of the Alaska Highway and the conference proceedings is planned.

His Excellency: The Right Honourable Edward Schreyer will be the Keynote Speaker.

Sponsorship: college, government, business and industry will be asked to share the expenses of the conference and sponsors may contribute from \$500 to \$5,000. Northern Lights College is organizing the conference.

Budget: Approximately \$45,000 will be required. (see attached projected revenue and expenses)

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Projected Revenue

Registration fees	\$ 6,000
Speakers own institutions	4,000
Northern Lights College	2,700
Sponsors contributions	32,345
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	\$45,045

Projected Expenses

Guests' fees (speakers and panelists)	\$15,645
Honorary Banquet	5,000
Luncheon	700
Advertising/Publicity	3,000
Printing	1,500
Office Supplies/Telephone/Postage	1,200
Office Rental	2,100
Equipment Rental	900
Coordinator	6,000
Clerk	4,500
Researcher	4,500
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	\$45,045

Contributions to January 1982

Northern Lights College	\$ 2,700	office and equipment
Canada Employment Development Project	17,000	coordinator/clerk/researcher
City of Fort St. John	1,500	honorary banquet
Peace River Liard Regional District	1,500	honorary banquet
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	\$22,700	

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Preliminary Schedule for 40th Anniversary Symposium on the Building of the Alaska Highway

18 June, 1982 : Friday Evening

- 7:00 P.M. Opening Remarks
- Paper I "The Romance of the Alaska Highway"
Jim Christy, author of Rough Road to The North.
- Films "Alaska Highway"
A film presentation on the building of the Alaska Highway by Richard Finnie, veteran author, film-maker and northern specialist who , alone, photographed and directed official sound-colour films on the construction of the highway between 1942-44.

19 June, 1982 : Saturday

8:30-10:30 A.M. PLANNING THE HIGHWAY

- Paper II "Early Proposals for an Alaska Highway"
David Remley, author of Crooked Road: The Story of the Alaska Highway.
- Paper III "T.D. Pattullo and the Alaska Highway"
Dr. Robin Fisher, History Department, Simon Fraser University.
- Paper IV "The Military Imperatives Behind The Building of The Alaska Highway"
Captain M.V. Bezeau, Directorate of History, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

10:30 - 12:30 A.M. BUILDING THE HIGHWAY

- Paper V "Surveying the Line"
Don W. Thomson, author of the three volume study, Men and Meridians: The History of the Surveying and Mapping in Canada.
- Paper VI "General Bill Hope and the Alaska Highway"
John T Greenwood, Chief, Historical Division, Office of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army.

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Paper VII "The Public Roads Administration's Role in the Building of the Alaska Highway"
Lt. Col. Heath Twitchell, Ph. D., Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

12:30 - 2:00 LUNCH

2:00 - 3:30 P.M. SOME OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION

Paper VIII "The Building of the Highway As Seen Through The Eyes of the Army Medical Services"
Dwight D. Oland, Historian, Medical History Branch, Center of Military History, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Paper IX "The Impact of the Construction of the Alaska Highway on the Native Peoples of the Yukon 1942-43"
Ken Coates, Doctoral Candidate, University of British Columbia.

3:30 - 5:00 P.M. THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY

Paper X "The Army of Occupation: Another View of U.S. Military Involvement in the Canadian Northwest"
Dr. Curtis Nordman, History Instructor, Northern Lights College.

Paper XI "Canada Re-Asserts Herself in the Northwest"
Dr. Richard Diubaldo, History Department, Concordia University, and co-author of A Study of Canadian-American Defence Policy (1945-1975) - Northern Issues and Strategic Resources.

7:00 P.M. HONORARY BANQUET

Keynote Speaker: His Excellency; The Right Honorable Edward Schreyer.

20 June, 1982 : Sunday

12:00 - 2:00 P.M. THE POSTWAR HIGHWAY

Paper XII "The Military Highway in Peace Time"
Dr. Steven Harris, Directorate of History, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

Paper XIII "Problems in Maintaining the Highway"
Dr. Stan Thomson, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Alberta (and between 1954 and 1959 the Soils Engineer for the Canadian Army detachment operating out of Whitehorse)

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Alaska Highway continued....

Paper XIV "The Civilian Highway"
Ken Coated, Doctoral Candidate, University of British
Columbia, and consultant to the Federal Department of
Public Works.

2:00 - 5:00 P.M. IMPACT AND PROSPECTS

Paper XV "Anatomy of a Loser: The Impact of the Highway on Dawson
City"
Dr. Richard Stuart, Historian, Parks Canada (assigned to
the Dawson City project).

Paper XVI "The Impact of the Alaska Highway on the Settlement Structure
of the Yukon"
Frank Duerden, Geography Department, Ryerson Polytechnical
Institute, Toronto, and author of "The Development of the
Non-Native Settlement Pattern of the Yukon Territory" in
Canadian Issues.

Paper XVII "The Long Term Impact of the Alaska Highway on Yukon Indians"
Julie Cruickshank, Whitehorse.

Paper XVIII "The Future: The Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline"
Francois Bregha, author of Bob Blair's Pipeline, and
Energy Analyst for the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee.

Conclusion: Tentative Public Works Canada "Future of Alaska Highway"

6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Dinner

8:00 P.M. ORIGINAL PLAY ABOUT THE ALASKA HIGHWAY