



Let's meet in the Hub

TOWN OF HAY RIVER
CONFERENCE PLANNER

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Why Hay River?

On the south shore of Great Slave Lake, Hay River is the second-largest community in the Northwest Territories and a vital Northern shipping and transportation hub. On the traditional land of the K'atl'odeeche First Nation, this vibrant town of 3,600 is home to welcoming residents, a diversified economy, and a forward-thinking business climate. With ample meeting space and hotel capacity, as well as big-city amenities, Hay River regularly hosts conferences and events, where attendees take advantage of the town's abundant recreational, cultural, and historical attractions during their off time. They can picnic in the mist of towering Alexandra Falls, enjoy a fresh-caught lunch and artisan crafts at the weekly farmers' market at Fisherman's Wharf Pavilion, or witness the captivating dance of the Northern Lights.

In this guide, you'll find out why Hay River is the ideal location for your next important event, meeting or conference.

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Conference and Meeting Facilities

The Town of Hay River regularly hosts government meetings, conferences, events, and trade shows. The Hub of the North has also held large-scale events, including the recent 2018 Arctic Winter Games, which brought more than 2,000 athletes, officials, media, and volunteers to Hay River and Fort Smith for a week of cultural activities and athletic competition.

Hay River can comfortably accommodate conferences with up to 200 attendees, using its main conference facilities in the brand-new Hay River Community Centre, located in the heart of downtown. This modern, multi-use complex opened in 2018 and boasts four different meeting rooms with more than 8,800 square-feet combined, ideal for public information sessions, AGMs, awards banquets, community workshops and more. Meeting space is also available at the nearby Ptarmigan Inn, Caribou Centre, Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre, Royal Canadian Legion, and the Fisherman's Wharf Pavilion (summer).

Need help with planning?

Professional and attentive town staff can help plan your event. Contact them to assist with hotel and facility bookings, corporate rates for travel, itinerary planning for attendees, as well as any technical support or requirements you need for events held in municipal buildings. Hay River staff can also provide integrated audio/visual systems, projectors, recording equipment and WIFI. Rooms can be set up to the needs of the event, with a variety of tables and chairs available, as well as conference equipment such as flip charts, stages, lecterns, dance floor and even a mobile bar. If we don't have the equipment you need local supplier Trade Show Direct can assist.

On-site catering services are available through Sub on the Hub and the Ptarmigan Inn, which has a full-service kitchen.

Just let us know what you need, and we'll get it for you.

Community Hall

Where: Recreation Centre
Dimensions: 66' x 43'
Square feet: 2,840
Banquet seating: 180-200
Classroom seating: 150
U-Shape: 80
Theatre: 300

Multipurpose Room

Where: Recreation Centre
Dimensions: 50'x50'
Square feet: 2500
Banquet seating: 140-160
Classroom seating: 140
U-Shape: 80
Theatre: 250

Doug Wieterman Hall

Where: Recreation Centre
Dimensions: 58'x27'
Square feet: 1,560
Banquet seating: 100
Classroom seating: 140
U-Shape: 50
Theatre: 120

Aquatics Centre Atrium

Where: Recreation Centre
Dimensions: 108'x19'
Square feet: 2,050
Banquet seating: 160
Classroom seating: 120
U-Shape: 80
Theatre: 200

Paul's 3 Sheets Lounge

Where: Recreation Centre
Dimensions: 50'x60'
Square feet: 1,900
Banquet seating: 100
Classroom seating: 60
U-Shape: 50
Theatre: 125

Fisherman's Wharf Pavilion (Outdoors, summer only)

Where: Vale Island
Dimensions: 50'x100'
Square feet: 5,000
Banquet seating: 200
Classroom seating: 220
U-Shape: 180
Theatre: 300

Walking Track

Where: Recreation Centre
Dimensions: 40'x40'
Square feet: 1600
Classroom seating: 30

Curling Club Ice Surface - Seasonal

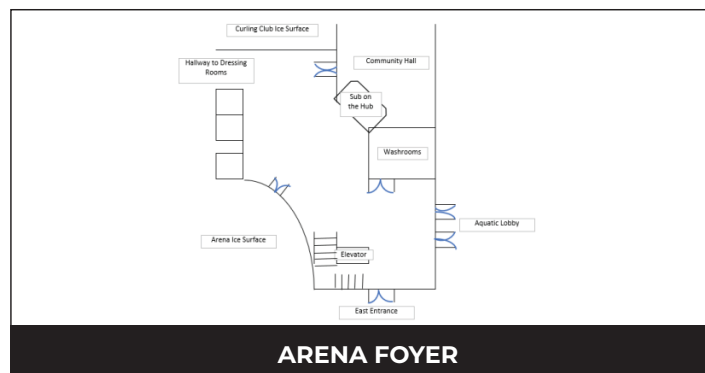
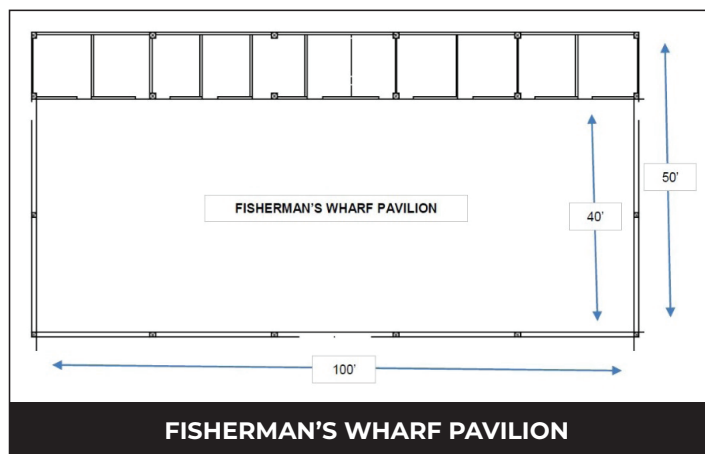
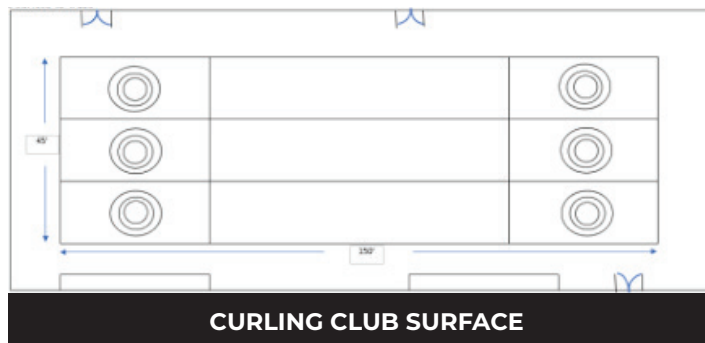
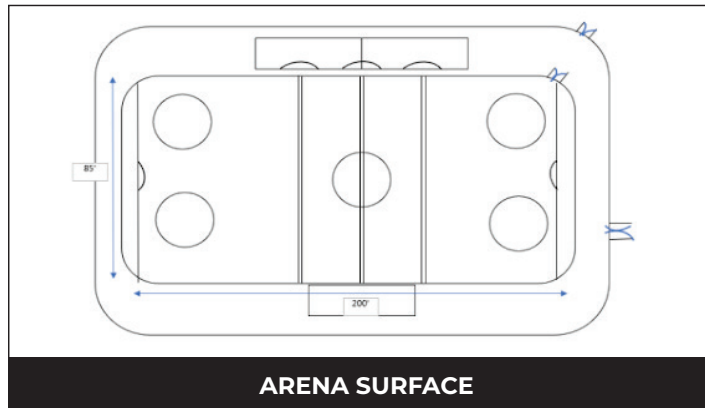
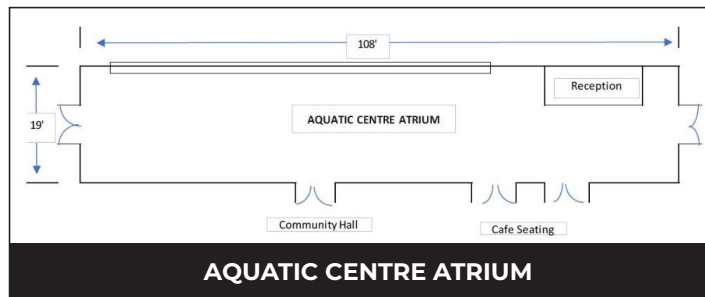
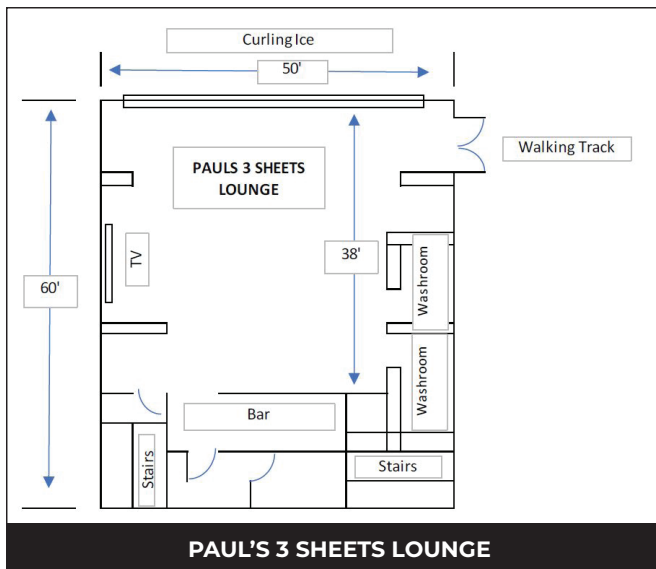
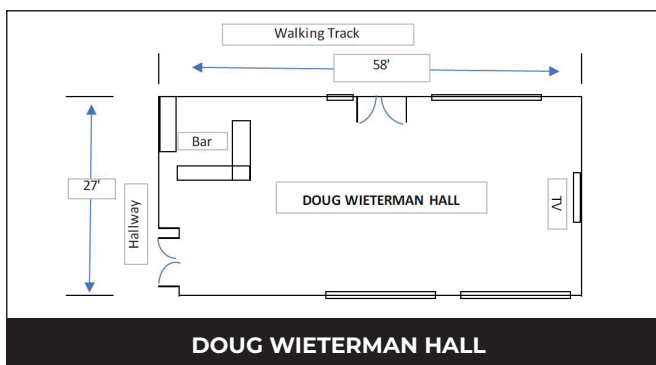
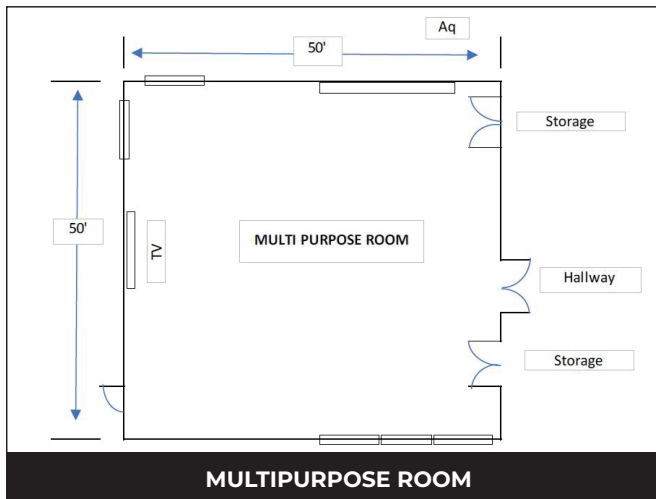
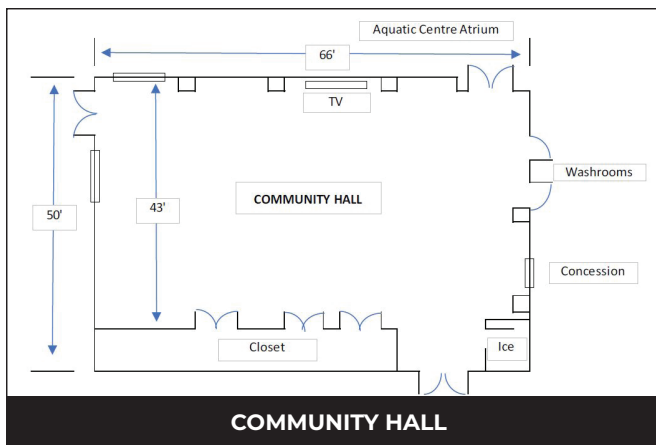
Dimensions: 45' X 150'
Square feet: 6,750
Max Capacity: TBD
depending on set-up configuration

Arena Ice Surface - Seasonal

Dimensions: 85' X 200'
Square feet: 17,000
Max Capacity: TBD
depending on set-up configuration

Foyer - Arena

Great registration area!



Getting to Hay River

By air

As the Hub of the North, Hay River is easy to get to from the air and by road. Direct scheduled air travel is provided from Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Edmonton through Canadian North and Air Tindi and Northwestern Air Lease.

Several charter options out of Hay River and Yellowknife are available (Air Tindi, Summit Air, Buffalo Airways, Northwestern Air Lease, Landa Aviation). Event rates can be negotiated with air travel providers.

By road

Hay River is served year-round by well-maintained, paved highways.



DRIVING DISTANCES FROM HAY RIVER

Yellowknife	480 km
Fort Smith	280 km
Fort Simpson	427 km
Edmonton	1108 km
Calgary	1345 km

Accommodations and Amenities

Where to stay?

Hay River is a regional centre for government, tourism and business. As such, it has several hotel options within a few blocks of the Hay River Community Centre. Hay River also has a variety of B&Bs, furnished apartments, cabins and guest houses, near downtown and beyond. Rental Cabins & Cottages are available at Castaways Cottages & Campgrounds as well as 2 Seasons Adventures. Located only seven minutes from downtown and conveniently located on the sandy shores of the Great Slave Lake. Whether taking in the Aurora or basking on the beach connecting with nature, staying in Hay River this is sure to be an unforgettable experience.

ACCOMODATION NAME	# OF ROOMS
Anchorage Guest House (shared kitchen & living room)	10 Rooms
Cambridge Executive Suites	24 Rooms
Capital Suites	13 Rooms
Castaway Cottages	7- 3 Bedroom Cottages 3- 1 Bedroom/Lofts
Harbour Guest House (shared kitchen & living room)	8 Rooms
Hay River Suites	15 Suites
North Country Inn	27 Rooms
Ptarmigan Inn	40 Rooms
2 Seasons	2- 1 Bedroom Cottages
Airbnb Service	2 Rooms to rent
Greenway Apartments (Suites with studio)	1 and 2 Bedroom units
Harbour House	8 Rooms

Where to eat and play?

You might be surprised to learn that Hay River has many of the amenities you'd find in a big city. This includes two movie theaters, a hospital with emergency services, a museum, library and multiple places of worship. Hay River is an active town, with an impressive trail network, a bowling alley and 9-hole golf course, which doubles as a cross-country ski club in winter. The brand-new community centre also has an NHL-sized ice rink, curling sheets, an indoor walking track and an aquatic centre that features a steam room, hot tub, the swimming pool has 25m lanes, large water slide, wading pool with splash equipment. Hay River also has many culinary options, from steakhouse fare, pub grub, and bistro style, to Asian-Canadian cuisine. No trip to Hay River is complete without sampling the fresh local fish brought in daily by the town's commercial fishers, expertly served up in restaurants around town.



What to do with a free day in Hay River?

Summer

- Take a stroll down the Rotary Trail and unwind in nature while hiking along the edge of the Hay River on one of our many nature trails. Hay River Trails such as the Rotary Trail, Oxbow Trail, Oldtown Connector Trail, Irma Miron Trail all have unique features and wildlife to enjoy!
- Make a day trip out to Twin Falls Gorge Territorial Park. Explore the top of Alexandra Falls and discover pre-dinosaur fossils and walking fish tracks.
- Walk the 3km hiking trail between the falls that winds through the thick boreal forest along the edge of the steep river canyon walls.
- Take the 138 steps down the spiral staircase to the edge of the river beneath Louise Falls and hunt for fossils.
- Jet boat up the Hay River to the breathtaking Louise Falls, 40 kilometers outside of town. Stop on the inviting shores for a picnic while you search for rare fossils. Alexandra and Louise Falls cascade down 32 and 15 meters respectively.
- Rent a set of golf clubs at the Hay River Golf Club and play nine holes on pristine and beautiful fairways.
- Stop in at the weekly Saturday farmers market at Fisherman's Wharf Pavilion. Interested in arranging a Mini Craft Market for your conference attendees? Please contact the Hay River Visitor Centre for assistance in planning your upcoming interactive conference events and activities.
- Spread out a towel and relax on the shores of the Great Slave Lake at one of our many waterfront campgrounds such as the Hay River Territorial Park, 2 Seasons Adventures and Castaways Cottages and Campground, all located on beautiful local beaches.
- Head out on the lake with a local Tour Guide to catch the big one or to simply soak up the Great Slave experience while on a dinner cruise. If you would rather cast a line from shore, visit our local fishing holes to snag that fresh Pickerel or Pike.
- Stop in at the Hay River Heritage Centre to discover why Hay River is known as 'the Hub of the North.'
- Rent a canoe, kayak or paddle board and float down the Hay River and explore the shores of Great Slave Lake.
- Launch your boat from Porritt Landing Marina and head up the Hay River or venture out onto the Great Slave Lake for the adventure of a lifetime! On the lake take advantage of one of our many Boat Tour options including pontoon rides for larger groups, fishing tours, lake boat tours and jet boat rides to the Louise Falls. Want to stop for a fish fry on shore? Contact the Visitor Information Center to secure a licensed Vendor to make it happen!

Winter

- Book a Hay River Dog Sledding tour with one of our local Tour Operators.
- Get bundled up and go for a ski or snowshoe at the Hay River Ski Club, just outside of town offering 38 km's of trail systems to enjoy. The infamous bird trail is a heart warming experience that everyone is sure to enjoy!
- Get some sleep and then spend the night chasing the Northern Lights. If you are interested in an interactive photography lesson from a local professional Aurora Photographer, we will point you in the right direction to take your best shot!
- Visit the NWT Centennial Library for books, audio and video materials and free wifi.
- Visit the Hay River Community Centre for a swim, soak or sweat in the aquatic centre, walk the track, sign up for recreation programming, or chill and watch the action on the ice.
- Sign out a pair of snowshoes at the aquatic centre and get out on the trails and river for adventure.
- Take advantage of our local tour guides offering Ice fishing tours, Dog sledding as well as self guided cultural walks & kick sledding.

Top Tours

Hay River has many great tour options for conference delegates looking to explore the region. Below are a few tour suggestions.

1. Chasing Waterfalls

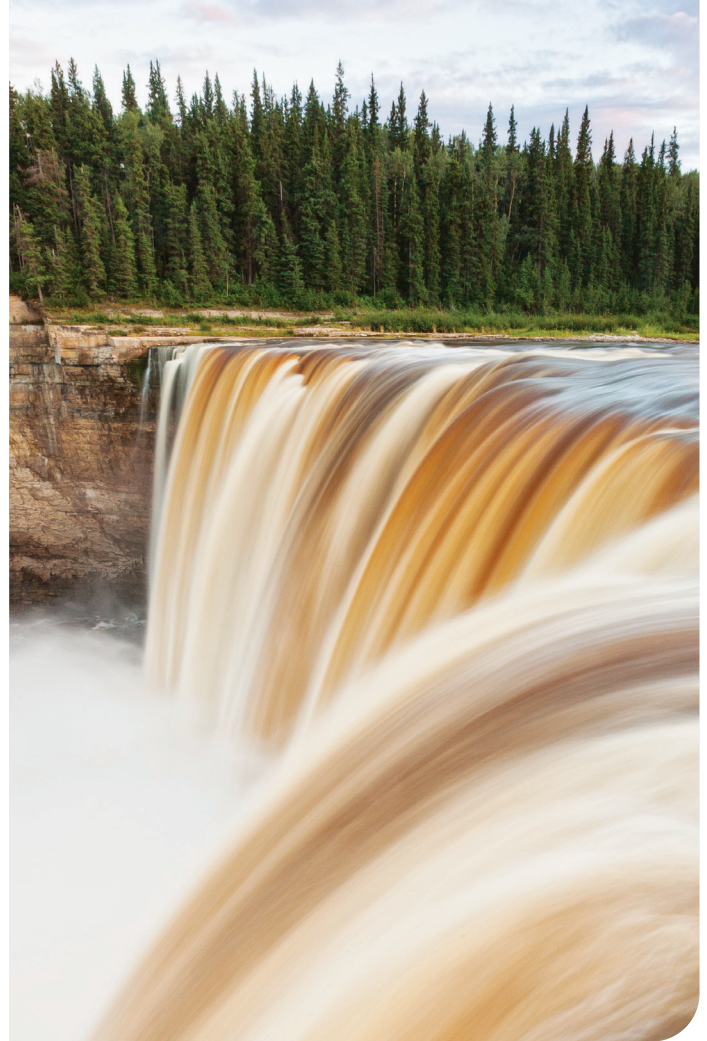
Some of the North's most spectacular waterfalls are less than a 30-minute drive from Hay River. Tours can be arranged to take groups to the falls, with a locally-guided interpretive walk between Alexander and Louise Falls. During the spring and early part of summer, when water levels are high, jetboat tours to the falls can also be arranged. The falls are the star of show, but the legends and the traditional knowledge will elevate the visitor experience to the next level. Paddle or float down the Hay River to the breathtaking beaches of the Great Slave Lake! Hay River's local outfitters will be more than pleased to arrange drop off of kayaks, paddle boards and canoes.

2. A Walk Through History

Through the work of the local Museum Society, the Hay River Heritage Centre has become a popular destination, featuring hundreds of artifacts representing the community's important role in local and Territorial transportation, industry, culture and history. Self-guided and private interpretive tours can be arranged. Ask about an informative fossil hunting tour.

3. Fisherman's Wharf Pavilion

Hay River and surrounding area has a growing Agricultural industry including locally grown Produce that is sold weekly at the Fisherman's Wharf Pavilion farmers market. The market takes place on the shores of the Hay River every Saturday in the summer months from 10am-2pm.



4. Seek Direction

For those looking to seek out an adventure of their own, a quick stop at the Hay River Visitor Information Centre is the ideal place to start. The Visitor Centre's helpful staff will have all the information on local tour operators offering numerous boat tours such as pontoon boat rides, lake boat dinner tours, fishing tours and jet boat rides to Louise falls, along with fishing tours. If your group would like a traditional fish fry on the shore, we have licensed vendors ready to accommodate your taste buds! The Hay River Visitor Centre will direct you to the secret local fishing holes and Great Slave beaches, to soak up the sun. In the winter months you can participate in numerous activities like skiing, snowshoeing, skating, kick sledding and dog sled tours, just to name a few. Now open year-round, the centre showcases more than 35 local artisans and vendors, showcasing aboriginal and traditional crafts for purchase. The VIC has an abundant supply of brochures and maps, and helpful staff can assist you with planning your adventure.

HAY RIVER TOWN MAP

LEGEND



Trans Canada Trail



Ice Road



Located South of Town



Located West of Town



Boat Launch



Playground



Visitor Information Centre



Community Centre



Hospital



Church



Bank



Picnic Area



Fishing Area



Skate Park



Airport



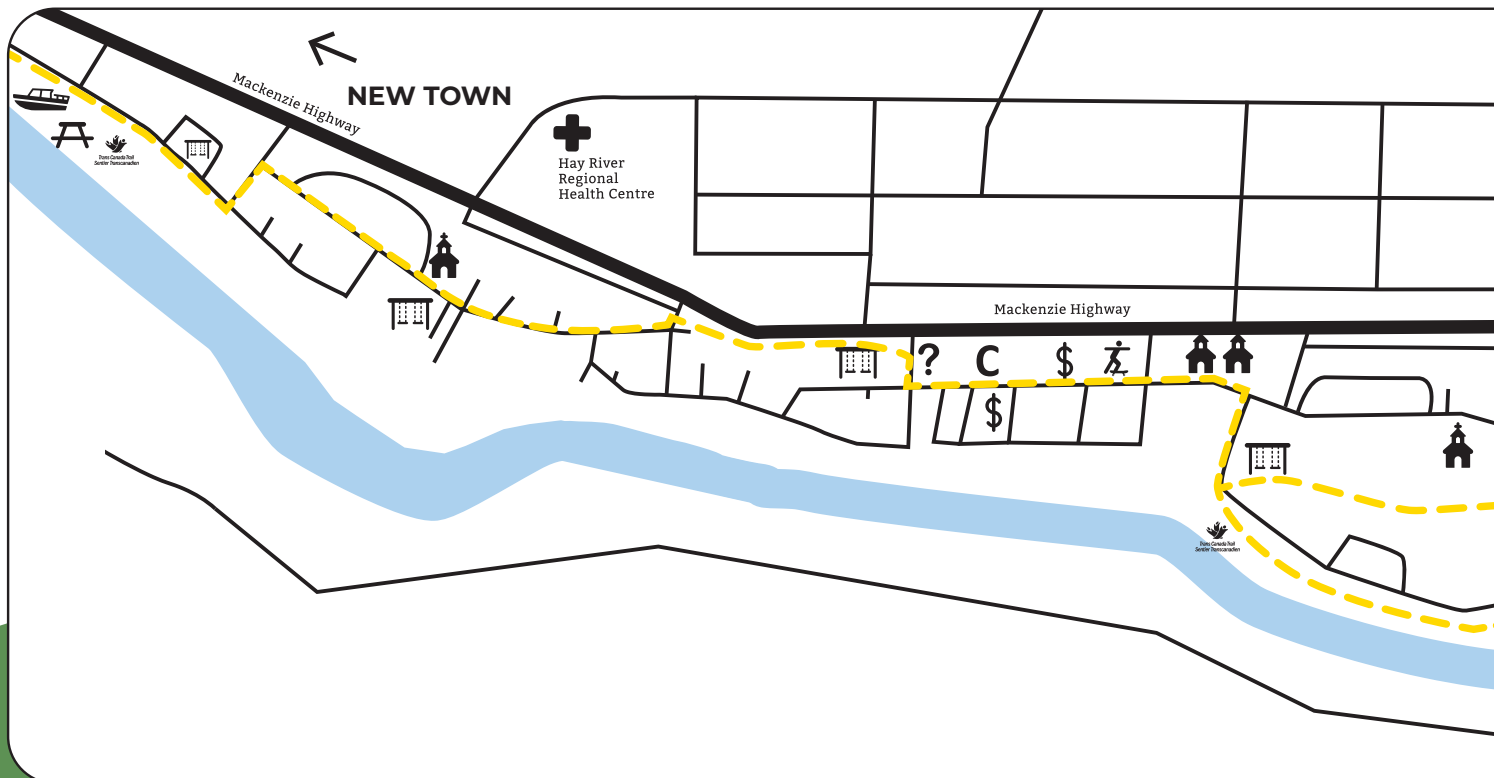
Point of Interest



Swimming Area



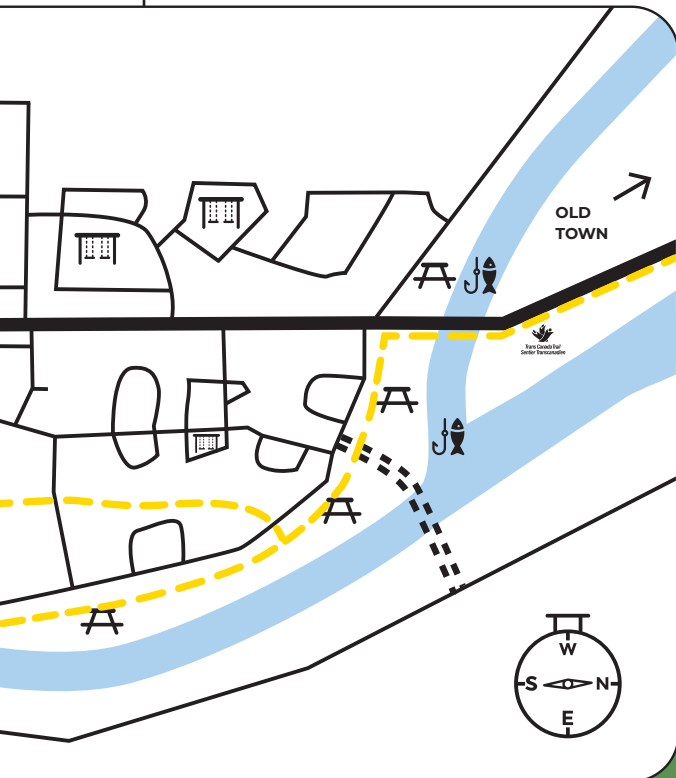
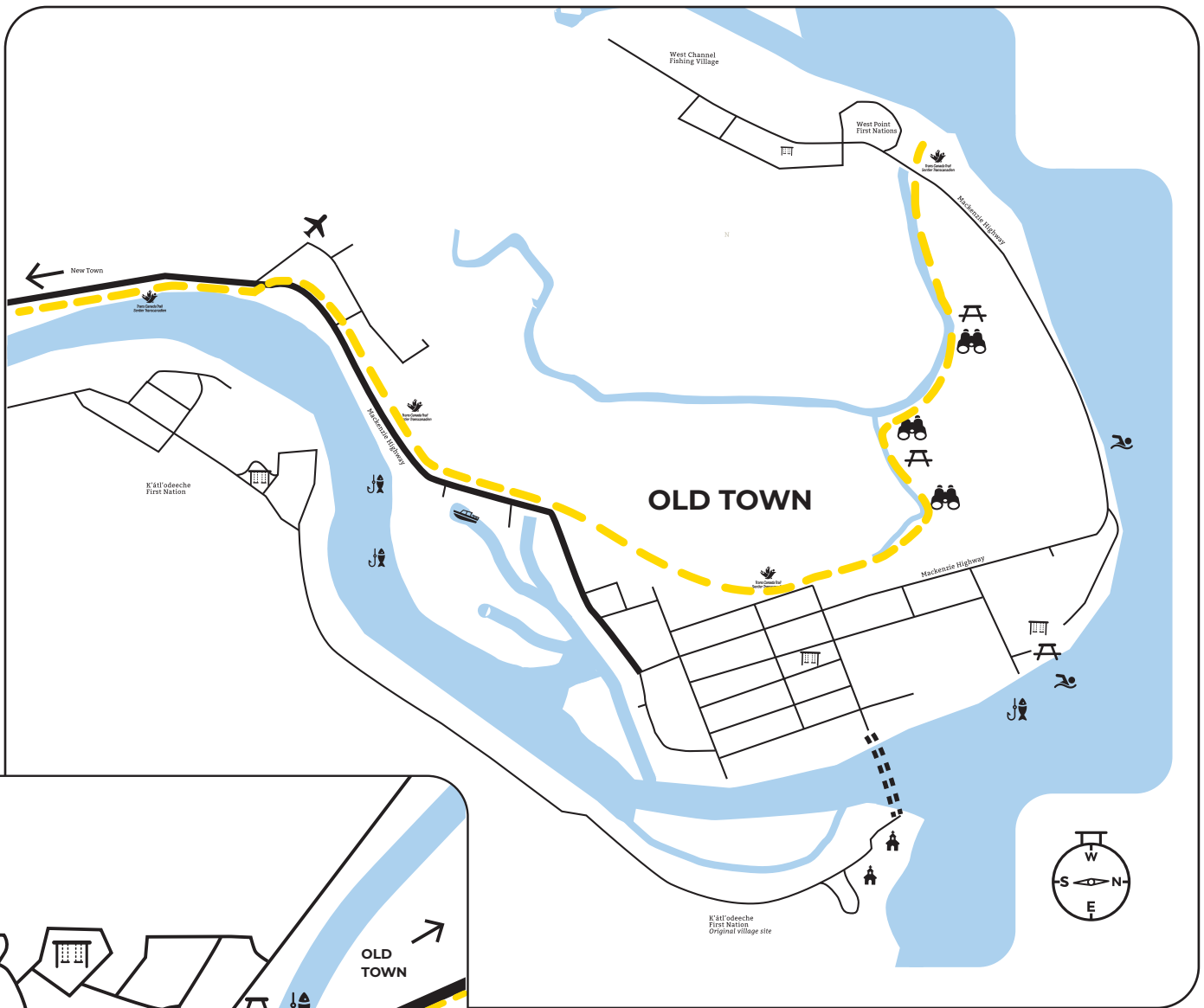
Walking Trail

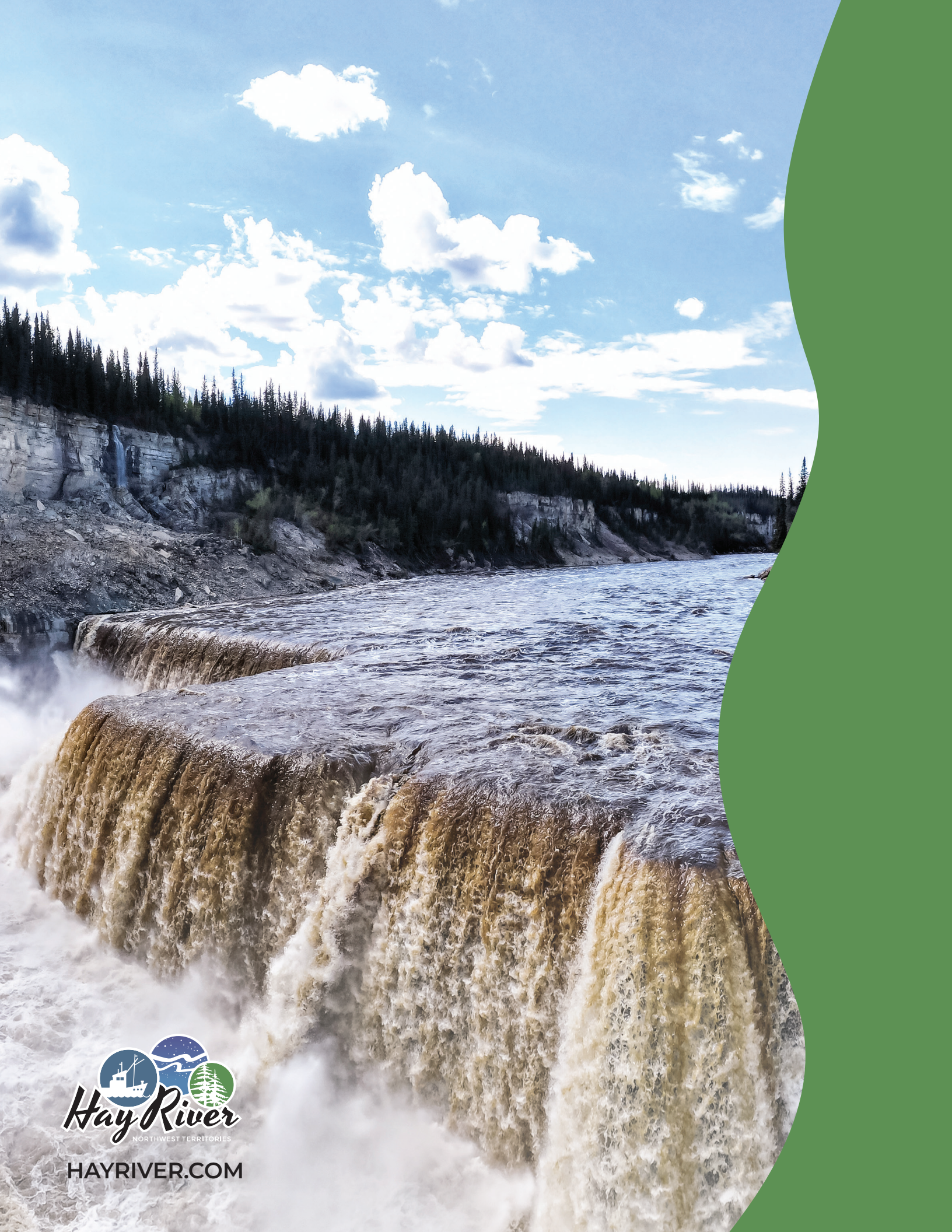


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