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University College of the North acknowledges that its campuses in The Pas and Thompson are located in Treaty No. 5 territory; along with regional centres, these are the traditional territories for many Indigenous peoples whose relationship to the land creates a rich heritage for our northern learning community.

PROGRAM • DAY 1

FEBRUARY 12, 2020 | THOMPSON REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

TIME

ACTIVITY

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

PIPE CEREMONY

Location: UCN Ceremonial Room

Elder: Marie Ballantyne

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

OPENING PRAYERS & REMARKS

Emcee Welcome: David Williamson

Opening Drum Group: RD Parker Drum Group

Opening Prayer: Elder Jimmy Hunter-Spence

Dignitary Remarks: Mark Parenteau, Minister of Environment and Mines,
Manitoba Metis Federation
Mayor Colleen Smook, City of Thompson
Doug Lauvstad, President & Vice Chancellor, UCN
Colin Russell, Chair, Inter-Universities Advisory Committee

Acknowledgement of Logo Winner: April Saulier

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

KEYNOTE

Speaker: Angaangaq Angakkorsuaq

Session Information: "You cannot stop the melting of the ice, it is too late. It does not matter if you believe it or not, it is too late. It is time to find someone to be the Hope for mankind. The new world needs people who understand the beauty of the Spirit of the humans. You and I need to change. I hope and pray one of you will become the Hope for mankind. You and I are the citizens of this land. We are the caretakers and the custodians of this land. Find the strength and capacity within yourself to make you the Hope for mankind. Only by Melting the Ice in the Heart of Man will man have a chance to change and begin using his knowledge wisely." – Angaangaq

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

HEALTH BREAK

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

SESSION #1 – RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Speakers: *Bringing Environmental Studies to Life Through the Manitoba Environthon Program* – Jacqueline Monteith, Science Instructional Coach, Frontier School Division
Changing Climates: Moved Toward Post Secondary Education in the North – Christa Dubesky, Science Instructor, University College of the North
Climate Change and Noise Pollution – Keyanna Boyko-Ouellette, Student, University College of the North



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PROGRAM • DAY 1 (CONTINUED)

FEBRUARY 12, 2020 | THOMPSON REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

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ACTIVITY

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

LUNCH

Entertainment by Ken Bighetty

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

SESSION #2 – COUNCIL OF ELDERS PANEL ON CONFERENCE THEMES

Elders: Elder Martha Jonasson – Wabowden; Elder Stella Neff – Grand Rapids; Elder Mabel Bignell – Opaskwayak; Elder Jimmy Hunter-Spence – Nelson House; Elder Albert Tait – Norway House

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

HEALTH BREAK

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

SESSION #3 – BUILDING SUSTAINABLE HOMES AND BUILDING CAPACITY ON FIRST NATION RESERVES

Speakers: Dr. Shirley Thompson, Associate Professor, Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba; Marleny Bonnycastle, Associate Professor, Social Work, University of Manitoba; Mino Bimaadiziwin Homebuilder Students, Wasagamack and Garden Hill First Nation

Session Information: Postsecondary education that builds students capacity and culturally appropriate homes can solve the housing crisis on reserves. The Mino Bimaadiziwin partnership is funding 15 local students in both Wasagamack and Garden Hill First Nations to design and build homes, learning from a team of builders, architects and engineers. Homes are being built in each community with local wood, wood stoves and traditional knowledge and will be completed in Spring 2020. As well, Idle No More has designed and built homes with and for First Nations with local wood including a “muskrat house” to provide sustainable utilities (energy for cooking, bathing, water, and treating wastewater) when on the land. To scale these programs up and out requires that the same public post-secondary education funding programs off-reserve be available on reserve. The current fee-for-service post-secondary education funding model applied to reserves results in 5 to 10 x the price, creating barriers to community development and to educational attainment.

3:30 PM

DAY ONE WRAP UP

Emcee: David Williamson

Elder: Marie Ballantyne



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PROGRAM • DAY 2

FEBRUARY 13, 2020 | THOMPSON REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

TIME

ACTIVITY

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

PIPE CEREMONY

Location: UCN Ceremonial Room

Elder: Marie Ballantyne

8:15 AM - 8:45 AM

UCN CAMPUS TOUR

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

OPENING PRAYERS & REMARKS

Opening Drumming Group: RD Parker Drum Group

Opening Prayer: Elder Jimmy Hunter-Spence

Recap of Day One: Emcee David Williamson

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

KEYNOTE

Speaker: Katherine Morrisseau-Sinclair

Session Information: Focusing her energies on the important responsibilities she has as a Midewauniquay, and the role women have to care for the water, Katherine is dedicated to protecting the spirits of water.

"Water equals life and we've got to start protecting our waterways from the corporations that continue to pollute her, the industries that continue to rob the water and bottle and sell it. I need my grandchildren seven generations from now to have clean water to drink."

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

HEALTH BREAK

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

SESSION #4 – FISHERIES AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Speaker: Christopher Clarke, President, Russell Budd and Crystal Crate, Resource Management – Norway House Fisherman's Co-Op Ltd.

Session Information: This session is designed to allow attendees to understand the direction and goals fisherman are striving for on a daily basis in terms of environmental factors through a history of the Fisherman's Co-Op. With the future in mind, potential careers that may be available in the future are highlighted.



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PROGRAM • DAY 2 (CONTINUED)

FEBRUARY 13, 2020 | THOMPSON REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

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ACTIVITY

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

LUNCH

Entertainment by Star Beady

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

SESSION #5 – CULTURAL REVITALIZATION AS A TOOL TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

Speaker: Becky Cook

Session Information: In 2019 Misipawistik Cree Nation Health Authority developed a climate change action plan. The plan includes 6 goals to help the communities of Misipawistik Cree Nation and Grand Rapids adapt to and mitigate changes in the local environment resulting from climate change and other factors. Various actions are outlined to achieve each goal, for 5 of the 6 goals these actions include ways to help community members re-connect with their land and culture. The talk will give an overview of MCN's Climate Change Report and Action Plan focusing on ways cultural revitalization initiatives help community members adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

SESSION #6 – KIKAWINAW

Speaker: Ron Cook

Session Information: In *ininimowin*, we find the history, the teachings, and the worldview of the *inino* imbedded in the words. As an oral language, this ensures the continuation of the culture from one generation to the next. The Elders tell us that we cannot just translate our language into English; we have to look more closely in order to understand our *ininīwin*. In this session, we will examine concepts of land and the natural world based on words in *ininimowin*; concepts that give us an insight into our understanding of the world we live in.

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Emcee: David Williamson

Closing Drum Group: RD Parker Drum Group

Elder: Marie Ballantyne