

Winnipeg 2014



48th Annual CPTA National Workshop
Fairmont Winnipeg, Manitoba

September 28th - October 1st

“Where the Rivers - and the Property Tax Professions - Meet”

« Au confluent des rivières : le rendez-vous des professionnels de taxes foncières »

Companion Program

Saturday, September 27

8:30 am - 4:00 pm *York Room*
Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm *West Foyer*
Registration Desk Open

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am
Pre Workshop Curling Mini-Bonspiel
- Bus transportation to the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club will be available in front of the Fairmont hotel.

The event will start at 9:30 am with a tutorial for those wishing to learn or refresh their skills prior to the mini bonspiel. Lunch will be provided. Prizes immediately following the bonspiel.

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm *West Foyer*
Registration Desk Open

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm *Wellington Ballroom*
Welcoming Reception - Admittance by badge. Host Bar - Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres only.

Monday, September 29

8:00 am - 10:00 am *West Foyer*
Registration Desk Open

8:00 am *Foyer*
Refreshments & Light Breakfast for Spouses registered for the Companion Tour only - Admittance by badge.

8:30 am - 9:00 am *West/Midway Ballroom*
Opening Ceremonies

- *Opening Remarks* - **Ms. Giselle Kakamousias**, CPTA Executive V.P. and Workshop Chair
- Introduction of CPTA Executive & Board of Directors
- Welcome from CPTA President - **Mr. Brian K. Dell**

9:00 am - 10:00 am
Topic: Awakening the invisible to achieve the impossible
Speaker: **Mr. Martin Latulippe**, CSP, Memramcook, New Brunswick

In today's world, management, employees, and leaders of organizations have to deal with many changes: organizational, professional and personal. Competition, new trends, restructuring and higher objectives to reach continually press leaders to show up and perform at the highest standard of excellence. This is a daunting challenge!

During this most interactive session, discover the magic of awakening the invisible "forces" that will help you achieve the impossible. Mr. Latulippe is more than just a "professional keynote speaker". This social entrepreneur, award-winning philanthropist and bestselling leadership author uses keynotes and seminars as a platform to inspire and empower people to achieve more by building a world-class mindset and stronger relationships to move from potential to performance (P2P).

Martin is a rare bilingual hybrid of business strategist, inspirational speaker and human potential expert. His ability to move audiences to action with his quick wit, brilliant insights, and wildly entertaining storytelling sets him apart. Sliced in the neck by a hockey skate while playing at the World University Championships in 2001 as Team Canada captain, Martin nevertheless led his team to a silver medal victory. Since then, he has dedicated his life to helping individuals, teams, and organizations create and master transformational thinking.

10:00 am **Companion Tour** (Please see Tour Description opposite)

Monday Evening, Sept. 29

Monday evening's event will be held at Prairie 360, Winnipeg's skyline restaurant, located a short walk from the hotel.

Revolving every 45 minutes, Prairie 360 offers a panoramic view to Winnipeg's sights, and every seat in the dining

room provides a view to the City. Our Partner Tour leader, Don Finkbeiner of Heartland Travel, will kick off our evening by providing us with a "tour" of Winnipeg's sights from our vantage point high above the City.



Photo: Prairie 360

Prairie 360 will then provide us with a taste of Winnipeg. 360's chefs focus on local Manitoba ingredients: appetizers represent Winnipeg's melting pot culture, with various ethnic inspired dishes, and entrees focus on the local farmer/hunter/fisherman culture. Desserts focus on Manitoba's early settlers, with traditional desserts coming from French/Native American/Mennonite heritage.

It is a one-of-a-kind evening offering fine food, fine company, and stunning views - one that should not be missed.

Tuesday, September 30

8:00 am - 10:00 am *West Foyer*
Registration Desk Open - A free day to spend at your own leisure.

Tuesday Evening, September 30

6:00 pm *Foyer*
Cash Bar Reception - Admittance by badge.

7:00 pm *East/Midway Ballroom*
Gala Dinner & Entertainment
- Admittance by badge.

Wednesday, October 1

12:00 pm *East Ballroom*
Soup & Sandwich Buffet
- Admittance by badge.



Companion Tour – An Amazing Winnipeg History and Nature Tour

At 10:00 am you will meet the tour guide in the lobby and depart the Fairmont on a unique **Architecture, Spies, Hieroglyphics and Hidden Codes** tour. This tour includes the Forks National Historic site, Winnipeg's historical "meeting place", with its unique outdoor historic site and indoor market of shops, cafes, and restaurants. Across the new Esplanade Riel Bridge, you will visit Winnipeg's French Quarter (St. Boniface) and the beautiful St. Boniface Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in Western Canada. The Cathedral's cemetery features the grave of Louis Riel, the famous Métis leader and founder of Manitoba.



Photo: Ginette Marnatgre



Photo: Exchange District BIZ

You will tour through the Exchange District, with its exceptional collection of terra cotta and cut stone architecture. It was the late 1800's, Winnipeg was booming, buildings were sprouting up like prairie weeds and the city boasted more

millionaires per capita than New York City – this is where your tour begins. Often used as the back-drop for Hollywood movie sets during the turn-of-the-last-century, the Exchange District is filled with some of the finest examples of the "Chicago school of architecture".

Next you will hear the story of Sir William Stephenson, Winnipeg's WWII famous spy "Intrepid".

Following this story, you will explore and discover the Manitoba Legislative Building. Through the Hermetic Code tour you will uncover the hidden meanings behind the architecture of the turn-of-the-last-century building including Sphinxes, hieroglyphics, numerological codes, and Masonic symbols.



Photo: Dan Harper

Prepare to be amazed at the mystical architecture and hidden meanings locked within the walls.



Photo: Dordgie Dator

Following the Hermetic Code portion of the tour, you will depart downtown and travel along Winnipeg's famous Wellington Crescent with all its magnificent and stately homes. You will continue to the 393-acre and century old



Photo: Matthews Dolores

Assiniboine Park. Lunch will be provided at the Park Café in the Qualico Centre.

Following lunch, you will visit Winnipeg's newest attraction – **Journey to Churchill**. This spectacular exhibit at the Assiniboine Park Zoo is one of the most comprehensive projects ever aimed at issues related to climate change, polar bears, and other northern species. Journey to Churchill will feature polar bears – as well as other species – in three distinctive zones along the fascinating 10-acre route. The exhibit will set a new international standard for polar bear exhibits worldwide.



Photo: Assiniboine Park Zoo

Your journey will start in the Wapusk Lowlands where you will see wolves, black bears, and grey wolves. The next stop on your journey will be the Gateway to the Arctic. Head inside a 10 ft acrylic tunnel and be surrounded by polar bears and seals. The large swimming area provides physical exercise and a place to frolic and dart between the ice chunks. With only a clear wall bisecting the two species habitats, the polar bears and seals see and smell each other, creating a dynamic and enriching environment. This interaction between the seals and polar bears will be part of what puts this exhibit at the forefront of arctic zoo experiences.



Photo: Assiniboine Park Zoo

You will then discover the Churchill Coast as the facade will make you feel as though you are actually transported to the town of Churchill. The landscape will include rocks, bear dens, and here is where you can encounter polar bears "nose to nose".

After the tour you will be brought back to the Fairmont, arriving at 4:00 pm.

This tour Includes:

- Guided tour of downtown Winnipeg including the Forks, St. Boniface and the Exchange District
- The story of Winnipeg's WWII spy called Intrepid
- Hermetic Code Tour of the Manitoba Legislative Building
- Lunch at the Park Cafe
- Guided tour of the Journey to Churchill exhibit at the Assiniboine Park Zoo
- Transportation by highway equipped motor coach
- Tour escort throughout

Information for your reference

Sir William Stephenson

WWII spy called Intrepid is the true James Bond as Ian Fleming based his Bond stories on William Stephenson. This famous Winnipegger also has a connection to the CIA.

Hermetic Code tour of the Manitoba Legislative Building

This tour on its own is listed by TripAdvisor as Winnipeg's # 1 tour and by the Canadian Tourism Commission as a Signature Experience Collection that they use to promote Winnipeg to International visitors. Please check the



Photo: Brian Rudolf

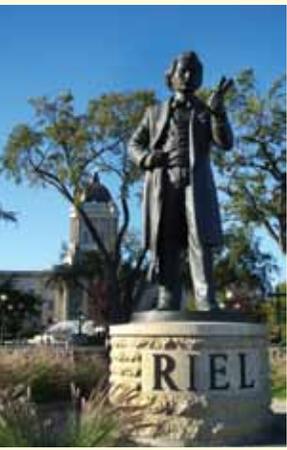


Photo: Left - Xing Wu; Right - Tourism Winnipeg



Photo: John Slipec



Photo: Brent Bellamy



Photo: Assiniboine Park Conservancy

following videos; the first produce by the Canadian Tourism Commission and the second by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ofeEr9ozar4&feature=player_embedded#t=0s
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqO52erTdqk>

It should be noted that Tauck Tours (a global tour operator based in Boston) includes our "Downtown Winnipeg Sightseeing, World War II Spy and Hermetic Code Tour" on the Winnipeg stopover day in all their Churchill Polar Bear tours. Since the summer of 2009 more than 13,000 persons have taken the Hermetic Code tour. This tour is truly unique in the world and results in an unforgettable experience and memory of Winnipeg.

Tourism Information

1. **Tourism Winnipeg: www.tourismwinnipeg.com**
T: 204.943.1970 Toll free: 1.855.PEG.CITY (734.2489)
E: info@tourismwinnipeg.com

2. Explore Manitoba Centre - 21 Forks Market.
www.travelmanitoba.com or email: info@travelmanitoba.com

Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport (YWG): Approximate driving time to The Fairmont Winnipeg is 15 minutes and distance is 9 kilometers (6 miles). Approximate rate for taxis from the airport to the hotel is \$20. Limousine rates are approximately \$35 from the airport to the hotel.

Local public transportation service is provided by Winnipeg Transit, which operates a fleet of 535 buses, 293 of which are low floor easy access buses, covering 86 routes throughout the city.

Downtown Spirit - free transit service downtown: Winnipeg Transit offers free and easy travel within downtown Winnipeg to The Forks. For information on all Winnipeg Transit routes and fares, visit www.winnipegtransit.com. For service hours and more information call 311.

Points of Interest near the Fairmont Winnipeg:

- Winnipeg Square (shops, restaurants) – accessible one floor down from the hotel lobby
- Canadian Museum for Human Rights – under 1 km
- The Forks (market, dining) – under 1 km
- The Manitoba Museum, Planetarium and Science Gallery – under 1 km
- The Exchange District (boutiques, galleries, uniuqedining) – under 1 km
- Manitoba Legislative Building – under 1 km
- MTS Centre (hockey arena and concert bowl) – under 1 km
- Shark Club (sports bar and gaming centre) – under 1 km
- Winnipeg Art Gallery – 1.4 km
- St. Boniface (Winnipeg's French quarter) – 2.3 km
- Polo Park Shopping Centre (Winnipeg's largest shopping centre) – 5.3 km
- Club Regent Casino and Event Centre – 8 km
- Assiniboine Park Zoo and Journey to Churchill – 9 km
- Royal Canadian Mint – 10 km
- Fort Whyte Alive (outdoor activities, bison safari) – 14 km
- Assiniboia Downs (horse racing) – 15 km

Workshop Recommended Dress

Casual business attire is accepted throughout the Workshop with the exception of the President's Reception on Sunday evening where "smart casual" (no jeans, shorts, etc.) is acceptable and the Gala Dinner Tuesday evening where cocktail attire is suitable.



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