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TOURISM AWARD WINNERS HONOURED AT TIA YUKON CONFERENCE

WHITEHORSE: This year's Tourism Awards of Excellence were presented by the Minister of Tourism and Culture – the Honourable Elaine Taylor, the Chair of TIA Yukon - Felix Geithner, and Yukon Brewing's Director of Marketing and Sales - Jasmine Sangria on Friday, April 22nd as part of the TIA Yukon Spring Conference.

Sponsored by Yukon Brewing, the awards were established to recognize and foster excellence in the Yukon tourism industry.

The awards allow the industry to recognize the people, places, organizations and events that have gone above and beyond to offer superior tourism experiences to travellers in the Yukon.

The winners of the 2016 Yukon Tourism Awards of Excellence are:

Traveller Experience Award Long Ago People's Place

Yukon Marketing Innovation Award Health and Social Services

Innovator of the Year Award Harper Street Publishing

Cultural Tourism Award Hà Kus Teyea Celebration

Event of the Year Award **2016 Haywood Ski Nationals**

Sustainable Tourism Award Zero Waste Yukon

Lifetime Achievement Award Heather McIntyre

Lifetime Achievement Award Gary Parker

Award winners will be nominated for the Tourism Industry Association of Canada's (TIAC) 2016 Canadian Tourism Awards, which will be announced at their annual gala in November.

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