

**PAPER CRANE** 

# Where ideas take flight.

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// Travel Drumheller



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## A journey into the Badlands

Our vision is to create a visually captivating and cohesive Exploration
Guide that not only enhances the visitor experience but also
strengthens Travel Drumheller's brand identity, promoting
sustainable tourism in the region. By revitalizing this key resource, we
aim to showcase the best of Drumheller, engaging visitors with its
rich history, stunning landscapes, and vibrant community.

# 01

# what drives us

### Hans Ten Cate

CFO, Tilt Five

"Paper Crane Media is genuinely the best media and marketing team I've worked with. They are creative, talented and terrific collaborators. Always up for anything and they enjoy understanding and embracing the brands of their customers. They're professional and warm people that I'd gladly make part of any future team."

## **Agency Overview**

Paper Crane exists to breathe new life into your brand. We take the idea and transform it into something beautiful.

Website: papercrane.ca

Proposal contact: Weston Jones, Business Development

**E:** weston@papercrane.ca **P:** 778 952 6916

We are an innovative and highly collaborative agency that upgrades brands with visual identity, world class graphic design, thoughtfully curated content and engaging strategy.

#### **Services:**

Branding & Marketing

Strategy

Visual Identity &

Graphic Design

UX/UI Design

Website Design

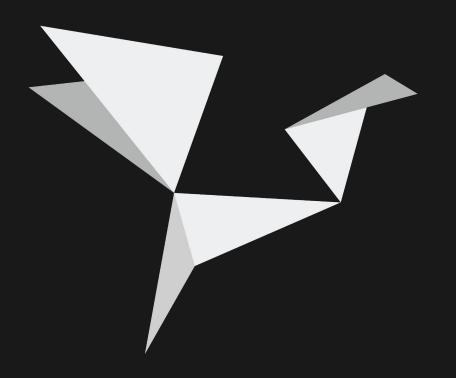
& Development

Content

## We are local

We don't outsource. Full stop.

Our agency is based in **Calgary**. We believe that **collaboration with our team and with you** is the key to creativity, so having a close-knit team is imperative to our success.



## Our values drive us



Beyond collaborative



**Extreme** responsiveness



Return on investment



Delight and excite

We tell the truth, and we listen to yours..

Our goal is your success, we don't like anything that stands in the way. We believe that only by working together do we achieve our goals.

We are team players.

We are more than your agency, we are your teammates. We communicate clearly and often.

This is an investment in your organization.

Our expertise can help you get the very most out of it.

People connect to messages that delight and excite.

That is why we are driven to offer the very best in cutting-edge style and design principles.

## The way we work drives us

#### We help organizations level-up

- We are fascinated with solving communication problems in order to inspire action.
- We create solutions our clients are proud to share.

#### We are cutting-edge

 Style, Identity and Design to us is more than simply making a magazine or printing a brochure; it is breathing life into your goals. We are passionate about excellent design practices and employing cutting-edge technology.

#### We are non-territorial

- We are happy to work with and recommend outside experts with extra experience.

### We love your feedback

- We present early and often, inviting collaboration from all project partners.

## Our clients drive us











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## What people say drives us

### Laura Mingail

Marketing Director, Dark Slope Studio

"The Paper Crane team are the ideal collaborators to extend the brand story and experience into an impactful website. The customization of their approach to client needs makes the process seamless. I look forward to working with the team on future projects."

### Brett Ziegler

CEO, Trip Ninja

"I strongly recommend working with Paper Crane for high quality digital assets. We worked with the Paper Crane team to turn around an upgraded commercial website on an expedited timeline and received excellent results. Above and beyond the end product, the team were extremely accommodating of our timeline and phased roll-out requirements."

#### Gillian Woroniuk

VP, Marketing & Communications, Arete

"Incredible partner from start to finish. They took the time to get to know us and our business and have just delivered beyond expectations at every touchpoint."

#### Shekhar Parmar

Founder, Highbar Software

"Paper Crane is an amazing agency. I'm a little hesitant to write this review because they are so good I kinda want to gatekeep them - but if you are looking for an agency you can rely on, that truly cares, and takes proactive steps to help you, then look no further. No hesitation in my recommendation and that's why PC has become my go to for all projects."

# 02

## our plan for you

#### William Richards

CEO, Easyredir

"My company has hired Paper Crane numerous times for different projects. In all cases, they produced extremely high quality deliverables on the time and budget they originally stated. We continue to use them for this reason."

## Our approach

### Take flight.

We would approach this project in five distinct phases: Prepare, Create, Review, Finalize, Execute.

Understanding the strategic work you've done to date, and forming a strong and aligned working relationship with you and your existing partners is our first task.

We would format a detailed workback that holds us all accountable to key milestones and is tied to invoicing.

We run weekly sprints to update on key aspects of the project (normally remote). As we move through the concept and design process, we would openly discuss any new asset needs as photography/videography has NOT been scoped, and work together to produce what is needed.

We implement creative that is meant to delight and inspire while keeping your message clear and support it with deep print knowledge that ensures your project is in-hand as envisioned.

## Visual Communication

For decades the Paper Crane design team have been lovingly creating brands, sales materials and publications that trumpet our clients' message. We are passionate about bringing your vision to life through proven visual communication methods while injecting delight and fun into everything we do. We love solving visual problems and developing solutions that are as functional as they are beautiful.

## Five steps to success



**Prepare** 



Create



Review



**Finalize** 



**Execute** 



A great project is well thought-out beforehand.

This is the fun part, through workshops, design and content, we bring your

We are open communicators. We present early and often, and we are creative vision to life. open to all feedback.

We agree to the approach, voice and layout and start putting each piece in its place..

Breathing life into the 2025 Exploration Guide and sending off to print.

## Five steps to success

We have five defined steps to get your guide in-hand



1	DISCOVERY							
2	PREPARE	<ul> <li>Kickoff and Discovery to understand your vision and your brand</li> <li>Workshops to establish a clear understanding of the Exploration Guides identity and the audience it serves.</li> <li>Conduct any interviews and research with the local community as necessary</li> <li>Gather existing assets</li> </ul>						
	CREATE							
	STYLE DIRECTION	- Creative workshops with our design team to establish cover direction and overall theme of the Exploration Guide while staying true to the Travel Drumheller Brand						
	CONTENT	- Move all content into a shared Google Doc for editing based on concept						
	DESIGN	<ul> <li>Present overall design direction driven by your buyer and your business goals</li> <li>Create assets</li> </ul>						

## Five steps to success

We have five defined steps to get your site live



3	REVIEW								
	ADJUSTMENTS	- Revisions and adjustments based on feedback from the TD Team prior to layout							
4	FINALIZE								
	LAYOUT	<ul> <li>Develop layouts that ensure a consistent reading experience</li> <li>Advertisement design and Exploration Guide incorporation</li> <li>Multiple check-ins throughout the process as questions arise</li> </ul>							
-	QA & REVISIONS	- First look at the completed Exploration Guide for revision and changes							
3	EXECUTE								
	PRINT	<ul> <li>Work closely with your team on the preprint process (binding requirements etc)</li> <li>Handoff all files and created assets.</li> </ul>							

## **Timeline - 2025 Exploration Guide**

	Oct 21 - Nov 04		Nov 04 - Dec 02			Dec 02 - Dec 09	Dec 09 - Jan 22/2025			Feb 5
1. PREPARE										
KICK OFF										
DISCOVERY										
2. CREATE										
STYLE DIRECTION										
CONTENT										
DESIGN										
3. REVIEW										
ADJUSTMENTS										
4. FINALIZE										
LAYOUT*										
FIRST LOOK										
REVISIONS										
5. EXECUTE										
PRINT										

<sup>\*</sup>Advertisement Design will take place in conjunction with the Exploration Guide

# 03

## your investment

## Margaret Glover-Campbell CMO, Virtual Gurus

"We'd been working on our brand persona for a new product we were launching and thought we had a pretty good idea how we wanted it to be represented visually. A few sessions with Tara and she'd nailed it! Even though she and her team were busy, I never felt like we were any less important than her larger ones. All around terrific experience - from brand to web layout to client-facing portal UI - they delivered for us."

## How do we price?

Our pricing is based on how many hours a project or task will take us to complete.

Standard payment terms are net 30.

- Your Investment will be broken up into 40%, 30% and 30% payments.
  - The first 40% payment is treated as a deposit, due prior to project start.
  - Remaining payments will be split evenly for the expected duration of the project based on deliverable milestones.
- External costs billed through Paper Crane are subject to a management fee.
- If the scope of the project changes substantially as we proceed through discovery and concepting, we will work with you to either re-estimate, or to reduce scope to stay within certain budget parameters.
- Rest assured, we will never surprise you with an invoice for fees that have not been approved.

## Investment

#### 2025 Exploration Guide and Style Guide Advertisement Design

#### **Project Cost**

#### Scope

- Design and Layout of 2025 Exploration (up to 50 pages)
- 2 Cover Options
- 2 Stylesheet Directions
- **Creative Workshops**
- **Press Checks**
- Print Management Support
- Final designs in print-ready and web-friendly formats
- Editable source files
- Project Management

#### **Project Cost per Ad**

- % Page Ad 2.25"W x 4.75"H \$200 CAD
- 1/3 Page Ad 2.25"W x 9.75"H \$275 CAD
- 1/3 Square Ad 4.75"W x 4.75"H \$275 CAD
- ½ Page Ad 7.24"W x 4.75"H \$500 CAD
- Full Page Ad 8.25"WE x 10.75"H -\$1000 CAD
- All advertisement quotes include consultation, one (1) creative workshop, design and one (1) round of revisions.
- 1/2 Page and Full Page advertisements have stock image search included in the price.
- 1/6 and 1/3 page advertisements are subject to a \$100/per image stock search fee if imagery is NOT provided.

## **Ongoing Work Options**

There may be questions on how we can continue to work together!

For larger tasks, we will often work on new scopes of work and separate budgets.

However, we do offer ongoing support in one of three avenues.

#### RETAINER

**<u>Budget:</u>** Lowered hourly rate based on quantity of hours. Min. 20 hrs/mo

Best for clients that are looking for ongoing support and improvements and quick turnarounds (<48hrs in most cases).

#### **7** TIME & MATERIALS

**Budget:** Min. spend of \$750/mo. - tasks billed at normal hourly rate.

Min. spend is effectively a placeholder to allow us to turnaround tasks quickly - <48 hours in most cases - without needing to increase hourly budget. Min. spend is attributed to cover the first few hours of usage.

### **3** PIECEMEAL

**Budget:** Priced out per task at our normal hourly rate.

No ongoing budget required - each task is priced out individually. Turnaround is 5-10 business days, but we do offer quicker turnaround for increases in budget per task.

# 04

## your team

### Thomas Dudley

Owner, Certified EO

"Paper Crane was great to work with! Professional and extremely responsive to our needs."

#### Leadership



Tara McLaughlin is an award-winning communications professional with more than two decades in the industry. She has worked with organizations from across the globe, leads the board of directors for Google for Entrepreneurs' backed StartUp Grind Calgary and mentors startups in branding strategy for Founders Institute.

Tara has spent a considerable amount her career in print and understands the dynamics for a strong visual communications and how to create a compelling narrative that captures your audience.

She has lead award-winning creative teams for hundreds of publications from magazines, books, annual reports and booklets to multi-page packages, guides and cookbooks.

#### Leadership



**Christy Seville** is an award-winning copywriter and marketing strategist with experience consulting businesses from early-stage start-ups to publicly traded companies. Her passion for emerging technology keeps her on the cutting edge of new trends and innovations, which she eagerly passes along through talks with the VRARA, the Canadian Public Relations Society and quest lecturing at New York University.

She will ensure your messaging is saying the right thing to the right audience at the right time.

#### **Your Extended Team**



**Teak Sato** graduated from the Visual Communications department of the Alberta College of Arts (now AU Arts) in 1998. Over the last 25 years he has worked in both large and small agencies as well as running his own one-man-army. During this time he has worked with such brands as Mercedes-Benz USA, Dell, H&R Block Canada, Davidoff, and Banff & Lake Louise Tourism.



**Emily Biagi** is a multidisciplinary designer with skills in communication, motion, brand design and UX. She has spent the past four years studying the process and the story behind a concept, giving her the ability to speak visually and emotionally to a wide variety of audiences and on many topics. She holds a degree in visual communications and is a certified UX designer.



**Julia Dang** is a graduate of the Alberta University of the Arts. With a strong passion for creating compelling visual designs she spent the start of her career freelancing for small agencies and clients on small projects in various industries, ranging from food to furniture manufacturing companies. She is excited to apply her skills in using various design software to create visually appealing designs that effectively communicate the message.

# 05

# work samples

## Jared Burwell CEO, Viros Group

"The Paper Crane team have been great to work with. They have guided us through web design, brand development and marketing projects with professionalism and responsive communication. We will continue to trust them as our service partner in the coming years."

#### **Visual Identity | Brand | Materials**



USAY brought brought Paper Crane in to invigorate their speciality publications and provided us the opportunity to use our creative skills in a thoughtful and impact driven way..

New Tribe Magazine aims to amplify the voices of Indigenous youth and promote a positive image of Indigenous people in urban settings. It emphasizes information sharing and awareness building as foundational elements. Each issue features stories, artwork, and journalism from Indigenous youth, showcasing their strength and vibrancy.

See both magazines here!







**Book Review** 

An area known as The Highway of As an Indigenous woman it was Tears is a 725-kilometre stretch infuriating to read the various of highway in British Columbia stories and know that so many that has become a microcosm of families have suffered through so a national tragedy and travesty. much pain and continue to suffer McDiarmid writes about the because there is no such thing as Highway of Tears to bring more tidy closure to what happened to national awareness to the issue of their loved ones. Not only did 1 Missing and Murdered Indigenous feel the pain and sorrow in each Women and Girls by sharing story, but I also felt the frustration firsthand accounts of those bleeding through the pages at the indifference and almost dismissive closest to the victims. She talks to the mothers, sisters, brothers actions that the families faced and others who knew them and when reporting their loved ones brings forth stories that give these missing to the police in their

Women and Girls more than just

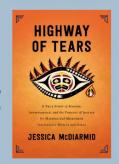
officer's book.

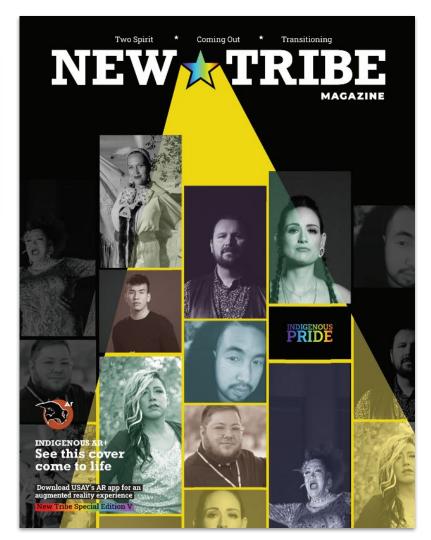
McDiarmid does an excellent job

#### Highway of Tears:

A true story of racism, indifference and the pursuit of justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Author Jessica McDiarmid

> Reviewed by Christine Miskonoodinkwe-Smith





Visual Identity | Brand | UX/UI | Development | Materials



### **Celebrate the escape**

Melo Mead gave our creative team the opportunity to really flex their skills, eventually winding up with awards in the brand and asset categories.

We worked with the Melo team to build out their brand from the ground up. Our work encompassed strategy, packaging, and branding all the way to web development and operational support.

This project has won a International Gold Muse in package design and branding.



**Visit Site** 













## References

Our of respect for the privacy of our clients we are happy to provide additional information and reference contacts should we move to the second stage of RFP selection.

This allows us to coordinate preferred contact times and methods as well as confirm approval to share confidential project information.

## Thank you, Keli!

Questions? Contact:

Weston Jones <a href="weston@papercrane.ca">weston@papercrane.ca</a> 778 952 6916

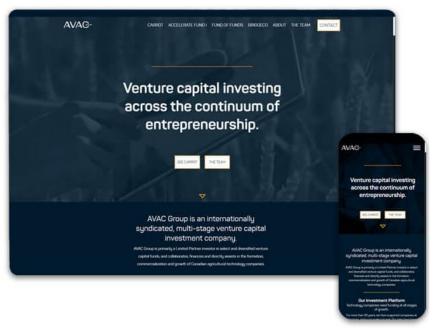


## Appendix

A selection of additional work and FAQs





















































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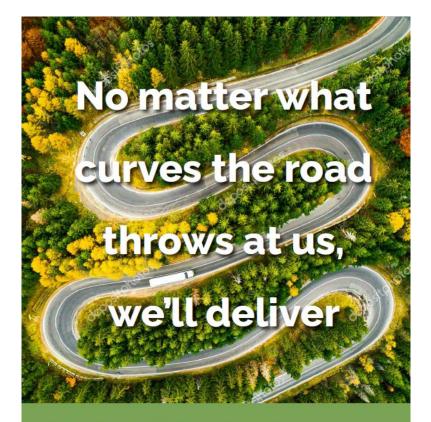




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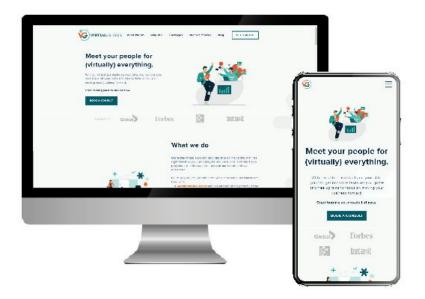






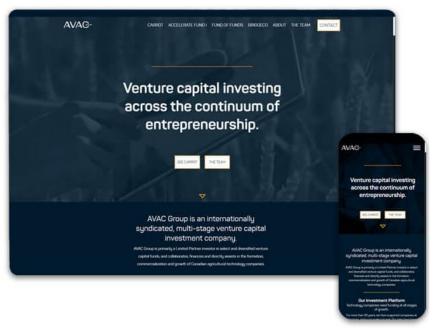




































## **FAQs**

How many revisions do I get?

+ Officially, three revision cycles at the various stages of the project. As the project evolves, there are less revisions.

What if I want to add to the scope of the project?

+ Scope can be increased at any time. If the new additions to the project increase the design or development time, we will provide a new estimate for the additional time



What if I reschedule a meeting?

 We strive to keep on track once the project has begun. Rescheduling meetings is completely fine but may delay the final project delivery time.

What if I want to shrink the project scope?

+ You can delay or delete aspects of the project at any time. We will adjust the estimate to suit the new scope of work.

What payment types are accepted?

+ We accept bank transfers globally. For Canadian clients, we can accept e-transfers addressed to accounting@papercrane.ca.

## **FAQs**

What is your hourly rate?

Our hourly rate is \$165/hr (CAD). That can be negotiated based on ongoing contracts length of contract and volume of hours per month will both correlate with lowering
the cost per hour.



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