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**HISTORY OF VOLUNTEERISM BURNS BRIGHT AT THE OLD FIREHALL**



*Old Firehall, Whitehorse, 1995*



*Old Firehall, Whitehorse, 2007*

The Canada Winter Games Volunteer headquarters are abuzz as just over a month remains for all volunteer positions to be filled and the success of the first Canada Winter Games North of 60 is ensured. It seems fitting that the Volunteer headquarters for the Games are located in Whitehorse's historic Firehall on the waterfront as the history of the building has had a strong correlation with volunteerism.

A volunteer led initiative, the first firehall in Whitehorse was built in 1901 after a long campaign promoting its merits to the public. In 1905, after 4 years of convincing residents to financially support the fire department, the firehall burned in the great Whitehorse fire. Although much of the waterfront was destroyed, the firehall partially survived the fire. Ironically, the volunteer fire department had received its new fire-fighting apparatus the day before but did not have much success operating it. The fire engine broke down after only a few minutes of operation. The firehall was rebuilt shortly afterwards on the same site and was part of the Yukon Electric power plant. The two-storey portion of the building was used to house the volunteer staff, adjacent to the bell tower. The bell tower was destroyed by fire ca. 1937, after which time the roof was raised and living quarters were installed. The building assumed its square elevation sometime after 1949, when further renovations were made. The tower bell is now in the MacBride Museum. MacBride Museum will have extended winter hours during the Canada Winter Games for anyone interested in learning more about the history and development of Whitehorse.

In 1967 the present firehall on 2nd Ave was built to meet increasing demands and the need for a more modern firehall. After the firehall was relocated the old firehall began to fall into disrepair and was used to store machinery and materials for the Yukon Government until the City of Whitehorse was awarded \$460, 000 in March 2003 from Yukon Government for the Interim Winter Works Program. The program saw the refurbishment of the Old Firehall for use by the Canada Games Host Society.

After the Canada Games, the future use of the Old Firehall will be determined through public consultation. Whatever the future of the Firehall holds, the spirit of volunteerism and community pride will certainly continue to play a role in the use of this important cultural landmark.

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# YHMA NEWS



2007 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Yukon Historical & Museums Association and with that comes a great sense of accomplishment as well as a realization that work has only begun! Over the past 30 years YHMA has seen many members come and go and has seen many developments and changes in our territory. There have been good times and bad but all moments have helped to shape us as an organization.

In hopes of meeting the needs of our membership, YHMA hopes to remain relevant and focus our efforts in the right direction. YHMA hopes to develop a new strategic plan to help guide the Association over the next five years. The Strategic Planning process (pending funding) will take place between April and August 2007. It is YHMA's hope that all members will be willing to help us in this project and to provide feedback and suggestions to ensure the proper protection of Yukon heritage. We hope to be in contact with you all in the near future and welcome any suggestions or comments from our members.

Also to celebrate YHMA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we will be planning a small 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to coincide with our Annual General Meeting in May 2007. Anyone willing to assist in the planning or would like to share stories of the last 30 years are welcome to do so. Special this year, YHMA will also be presenting the Annual Heritage Awards in coordination with the AGM and will include the Annual Heritage lecture. (For more information on the Annual Heritage Awards see page 9.)

## **We want to hear from you!**

In my excitement of being part of an organization that has played a significant role over the last 30 years in the preservation of Yukon Heritage I was re-reading the opening remarks from YHMA's founding convention the other day and it made me reflect on how YHMA currently measure up to the high expectations of the founding members. Today's world of internet and email have supposedly increased our ability to easily share information, ideas and thoughts but so many of us take this connectivity for granted that we tend to forget to stop in for a visit, call a colleague for a real chat, or, to my chagrin, fail to take the time to read the YHMA newsletter from front to back. We have all become too busy in our daily lives and are constantly being inundated with information that we have to be very selective of what we take the time to read.

In the founding convention opening speech Peg Crook states, "We hope that this society will fill a big need. A need for information exchange, that was our main idea for the need of a new society; to make someone in Dawson aware that someone in Watson Lake has information that he or she needs...and above all to issue a newsletter of some type that would let everyone know what was going on all over the Territory". Her words came back to me today as I was trying to figure out what new piece of news I should share with our members and colleagues. Would they be interested to hear when the MacBride Museum expansion is scheduled to be complete (page 6), about the latest CCI Workshop hosted by the Yukon Council of Archives (page 9) or when the next deadline for applications to the Museums Assistance Program are due (page 10) or am I completely neglecting the wants and needs of our members. With this newsletter it is YHMA's hope to be as inclusive as possible and to provide valuable information that will help keep the Yukon heritage sector abreast of current issues and events.

In order to fully meet these objectives I am hoping to hear from our membership on how YHMA can improve our communication, particularly with our Newsletter. Is there a particular issue that you would like explored or certain topics expanded upon? Would you like to see new regular features? Let us know by taking part in a short survey! It is very much appreciated and it will take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

To take part in the survey visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=120723176169> or, if you prefer, send an email to [yhma@northwestel.net](mailto:yhma@northwestel.net) with your suggestions. Also please remember that YHMA welcomes submissions of articles, photos, upcoming events, book reviews and anything else you would like to share with our membership.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Jansen, Executive Director



## YUKON ARCHIVES NEWS

Highlights from recent exhibit work at the Yukon Archives:

### ***Sternwheelers of the Yukon* bilingual web exhibit**

Check out our latest on-line web display “**Sternwheelers of the Yukon**” at <http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/archives/sternwheelers/>. The website was designed by Christopher Griffiths of Design Station and incorporates a modern ‘look and feel’ while still capturing a flavour of the past! The display’s content is based on a recently completed 6 panel large format display which is on exhibit in the Archives’ exhibit room for the next six weeks. After that time, it is available for circulation by contacting Lisa Skelly at 667-5321.

### **New exhibit to open at Arts Underground – Hougén Heritage Gallery**

The Yukon Archives is partnering with MacBride Museum to present an exhibit on the Yukon’s great sports stories, just in time for the Canada Games. The Dawson City Nuggets, Father Mouchet and the TEST program, dog mushers and curlers will all be featured in the exhibit, scheduled to open February 2 and run until late April.

### **Winter exhibit will open soon**

*Winter / L’Hiver*, a new four panel bilingual exhibit, will be unveiled in the Archives’ exhibit room on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Created as part of the celebrations for the first Canada Games held north of 60, this exhibit discusses the impact ‘winter’ has had on all of us.



### **Hidden History: Asian History of the Yukon**

A three panel exhibit discussing the history of Asian people in the Yukon is currently in-progress and will be completed in time for Asian History month in May. One of the panels chronicling Jujiro Wada, a Japanese dog musher, will be presented at the Yukon Quest’s opening banquet in early February.

Examples of recent accessions at the Yukon Archives:

- 497 slides taken by Wolfgang and Gabriele Witschl around southern Yukon (Whitehorse, Tagish Lake, and Marsh Lake), northern British Columbia (Atlin, Ben-My-Chree) and Skagway and Haines during the 1970s. There are also 60 reels of 16mm motion picture film documenting these same locations. (#2006/148)
- Material created or collected by Ralph Cameron during the construction of the microwave communications system in 1960-1961. (#2006/147)
- 1,044 photographs taken by Catherine Sexsmith during the twenty years she was a teacher in Ross River, 1979 – 2006. (#2006/155)
- ‘Reading files’ of Patrick Michael from 1977-1999 during his tenure as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and Chief Electoral Officer for the Yukon. These are the file copies of all the correspondence sent out under his name from these two offices.



## OLD LOG CHURCH MUSEUM

By Susan Twist, Director/Curator

### Canada Winter Games

To celebrate the Canada Winter Games, The Old Log Church Museum and Christ Church Cathedral will be presenting the following activities:

Join us the evening of Feb. 27th for the Gala opening of the Bishop Who Ate His Boots exhibit. Barb Forsyth will be back to present her popular program "In Journeyings Often: The Sadie Story".

The exhibit will be open daily 12:00-4:00pm February 28th to March 6th. This will be the last opportunity to view the Bishop Who Ate His Boots exhibit before it embarks on its tour across Canada.

Christ Church Cathedral is busy planning a number of activities such as pancake breakfasts, lunches, displays of traditional First Nations beadwork, films, and outdoor worship.

### New Outreach Exhibition

We are currently working on a new photographic exhibit to tell the story of the Anglican Church's long history in the North. The exhibit will be composed of framed photographs and text will highlight various aspects of our rich heritage. AV Action Ltd will produce a more comprehensive 30 minute DVD program to complement the exhibit. Designed as a "suitcase" display, the exhibit will be available next summer for church groups and organizations that may wish to have it on display.

### Thank you!!

Our sincere thanks to the Special Projects Capital Assistance Program, Department of Tourism & Culture and the Community Development Fund, Economic Development who provided funding for our projects.

## MILES CANYON HISTORIC RAILWAY SOCIETY

Once again the Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society came to aid of Santa for this year's Santa Claus Parade. Santa arrived at the White Pass Yukon Depot accompanied by the Mayor, the Canada Winter Games Mascots and various other dignitaries, aboard the Waterfront Trolley. Volunteers from the society had cleared the snow from the tracks the previous day so an enjoyable ride was had by all.



The Waterfront Trolley will again be rumbling along the waterfront tracks during the Canada Winter Games. Please keep you eye on the local newspapers for schedule and stops.



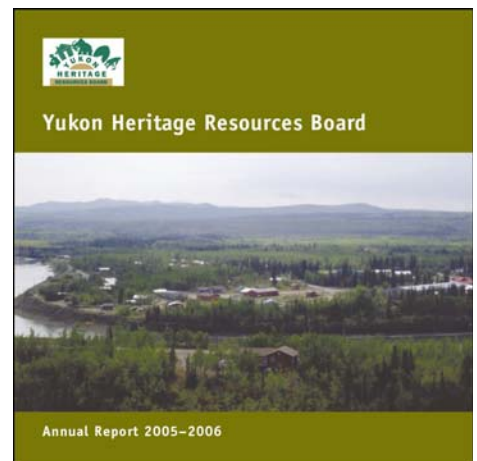
## YUKON HERITAGE RESOURCES BOARD

By Loree Stewart, Executive Director

The Yukon Heritage Resources Board held a one-day Board meeting in December. Since our submission to YHMA's Fall Newsletter 2006, YHRB has focused on the following

work and activities:

- Further to the board's visit to the Town of Watson Lake (Sept. 28-30), YHRB provided information about heritage conservation and existing resources and expertise that could assist preserving the historic fabric of the Watson Lake hangar while developing the structure into a manufacturing centre for float plane pontoons.
- YHRB wrote two letters to Canadian Heritage Minister Bev Oda to protest the removal of the \$160 million earmarked to support Aboriginal languages and cuts to the Museum Assistance Program (MAP). In November, Canada announced changes to its funding for Aboriginal languages and cultures by removing \$160 million in the fiscal framework to support Aboriginal languages and to continue funding at a level of \$5million per year until 2013-2014. The Task Force on Aboriginal Languages and Cultures was appointed in 2003 to propose a national strategy to preserve, revitalize and promote First Nations, Inuit and Métis languages and cultures.
- YHRB had hoped that funding under the Aboriginal Languages and Cultures Centre would recognize the regional power given to Yukon First Nations and other jurisdictions, and assist language promotion and preservation activities on a regional basis across Canada.
- YHRB is very concerned about the \$4.6million cut to MAP. Yukon museums have accessed MAP extensively in past years to preserve collections, document histories and promote Yukon heritage locally and through traveling exhibits nationally. The significant cut will impact Yukon museums and small, medium and rural museums across Canada.
- One of our board members attended the National First Nation Languages Conference held November 13-15 in Winnipeg and attended workshops on community based language planning and innovation and technology.
- YHRB will continue to attend Yukon First Nations Language Caucus who proposes to convene all Yukon language initiatives into one entity to protect, promote and preserve Yukon First Nation languages.
- We were very pleased to launch our website ([www.yhrb.ca](http://www.yhrb.ca)) in mid-November. We recently formally announced it with our 2005/06 annual report letters to the heritage community, governments, organizations and individuals.
- At our December board meeting, we reviewed 5 applications to the Yukon Historic Resources Fund. This \$1million fund was established to help support the objectives of the *Historic Resources Act* related to historic resources to: promote appreciation; protection, preservation and orderly development and study and interpretation. The deadline is October 15 of each year. You can find the guidelines and application form at [www.yukonheritage.com/](http://www.yukonheritage.com/) .



- YHRB members also reviewed a nomination of the Caribou Hotel in Carcross for designation as a Yukon Historic Site. Built in 1910 using salvaged material from a two-storey building in the nearby mining town of Conrad, the Caribou Hotel has been in continuous operation as a hotel, restaurant and meeting place. The new owners have begun foundation work and hope to preserve it according to the national standards and guidelines with the hope to re-open in October, 2010 (100 years old!).



South side, R1/21 Fannie Collection  
ca. 1943

*Caribou Hotel circa 1943*



*Caribou Hotel undergoing restoration work, 2006*

- YHRB looks forward to developing criteria and a process for the Board to determine ownership of disputed Heritage Resources pursuant to 13.3.2 in consultation with Yukon First Nation governments.

YHRB wishes the Yukon heritage community a successful year in 2007 in all their endeavours and initiatives.

If you wish to receive a copy of YHRB's 2005/06 annual report, please stop by our office at 412 Main Street in the Taylor House, Whitehorse, phone#: 668-7150 or email us at [yhrb@northwestel.net](mailto:yhrb@northwestel.net).



## MacBride Museum

**The expansion is almost done!!!** The construction team has been busy through the warm weather and the cold to get our

building completed. We would like to thank the hard work of the Talmark Construction crew, KZA, Donald Watt and the multitude of other people who have helped on this huge project. Stay tuned for updates.

Your donations of artefacts and money are still needed. All financial donations will receive tax receipts. Thanks to Yukon Government and Canada for their financial support toward this project.



## Temporary Exhibit in the Taylor & Drury Room

The exhibition, *Where We Play: Sport and Recreation in the Yukon* will open on January 15, 2007. The exhibition looks at sport and recreation through the aid of historical photographs as well as artefacts. The exhibition also includes a section on current nationally and internationally competing Yukoners and artwork by the MacBride Museum Kids Camp.

## Heritage Lecture Series

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, Native jewelry employs a visual language that communicates on many levels. Bracelets, belts and rings embody complex cultural beliefs and symbols, but in miniature. Like other Native arts, jewelry provides evidence of a rich, living tradition, passed down from elders and mentors to the next generation. Today's talented artists respect age-old traditions—and yet reinvent them in exciting and sometimes surprising new ways.

Join Special Guest, Steve LaRance from the Hopi First Nation. He will give a student lecture about his culture and jewelry demonstration at 10 am at MacBride Museum. This will be followed by a 12 noon lecture about his culture and jewelry demonstration at MacBride Museum for the general public. At 7pm, Steve will give a jewelry demonstration at Arts underground in the Hougens Centre. Everyone is welcome at all of these venues.

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Join Michael Gates and Carole Bookless as they present *"The shooting of Dan McGinnis and other stories from the Dalton Trail"* Both Michael and Carole at 7:30 pm in the Taylor and Drury Room

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Join Vicky Castillo New Yukon Territory Archaeologist a grad student from University of Alberta. *"Northern Tutchone/ Hudson's Bay Co Early contact at Fort Selkirk (1848-1852)"* Will give

current presentation on the 2005-2006 excavations at Fort Selkirk. 7:30pm in the Taylor and Drury Room.

**February & March**

**Spring Break Camp** – February 22- March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Full day sessions for 6-10 years olds**

Full days \$25 for Members and \$30 for non-members

**Half days for 4&5 years olds**

9am-12noon Half Days \$15 for members and \$20 for Non-Members

Mondays- Games Day

Tuesdays-All about Yukon Animals

Wednesdays- Extra! Extra! Read all about it

Thursdays –Klondike Survivor

Fridays- You Can Dig It

Saturdays- Craft Day

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## Preserving my Heritage

Are you interested in preserving your family treasures, heirlooms, and works of art? Then visit CCI's Preserving my Heritage Web site where you can:

- gain knowledge on **How to Care for** books, silver, paintings, videotapes, and more
- learn about **Careers in Conservation**
- take a **Virtual Tour** of the conservation labs at CCI
- read **Amazing Facts** about conservation treatments

## Préserver mon Patrimoine

Vous désirez préserver vos trésors de famille et vos œuvres d'art? Alors, visitez le site Web de l'ICC Préserver mon Patrimoine où vous pourrez :

- apprendre **comment prendre soin** des livres, de l'argenterie, des peintures, des bandes vidéo et plus
- obtenir de l'information sur **les carrières en conservation**
- faire **une visite virtuelle** des laboratoires de restauration de l'ICC
- lire la chronique **C'est renversant!** sur des traitements de restauration



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# 2006 Heritage Awards- Call for Nominations

The Yukon Historical & Museums Association is seeking nominations for the 2006 Heritage Awards. Awards will be announced Monday February 19, 2007. However, this year the presentation of the awards and heritage lecture will coincide with YHMA's AGM and 30th Anniversary celebration in May 2007. Time and location to be announced.

This year's theme is "Heritage 2007: Places for People- Our Heritage of the Every Day."

## Annual Heritage Award-

The Award will be presented to an individual, group, organization, society, business or corporation for outstanding contribution to Yukon Heritage.

## Lifetime Achievement in Heritage Awards-

The award will be presented to an individual, group, organization, society, business or corporation for outstanding contribution to Yukon Heritage over a period of many years.

## Volunteer of the Year Award-

This award will be presented to an individual for outstanding contribution to Yukon Heritage. In order to be eligible, the recipient must qualify in one of the following categories:

- Extensive volunteerism to one or more Yukon heritage organizations or events
- Extensive volunteerism to the YHMA.

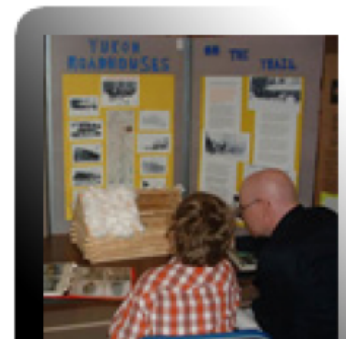
## This Historic Places Initiative Heritage Conservation Project of the Year Award-

This award will be presented annually to the individual, community group, First Nation, or business whose work to preserve, restore, or rehabilitate a historic property best reflects the principles and practices outlined in the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

To nominate someone for an award please do so by submitting a written nomination clearly stating which award you are nominating the individual or group for, with your reasoning to [yhma@northwestel.net](mailto:yhma@northwestel.net) Or drop it off at 3126 Third Avenue, Whitehorse Or Fax to (867) 667-4506.



For more information or a complete list of past recipients please contact Rebecca Jansen at (867) 667-4704



# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

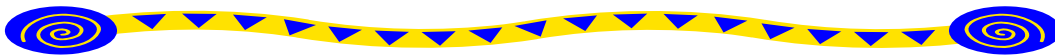
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## Care of Archival Material Workshop

Over the course of two days, The Yukon Archives hosted a CCI workshop on the Care of Archival Materials. Almost 20 participants filled the seminar room on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to learn about the preservation of modern information carriers (i.e. disks- CD & DVD) and to learn about proper photographic storage.

Joe Iraci, a scientist with the Canadian Conservation Institute, presented an informative seminar on quality and storage of new media. He educated the class on manufacture specifics such as shelf life then provided the statistics of his own experiments for these different media. I agree, that at first glance, it may seem dry but I assure you I now pass retail displays of disks with the most ardent interest – keep an eye out for gold disks, they are best! A highlight from Joe's presentation was playing with the various information saving technologies. I mean it was incredible, he lugged up: 12 inch laser disk, heavy magnetic tape reels, enormous tapes reminiscing of VHS cassettes, and a myriad of other technologies from the 60s to present day. For half the class I felt as if I was transported to some sort of 'Honey I Shrunk the Kids' seminar where I could play oompa loompa to these gadgets. (Oops...A little metaphor mixing...maybe there were too many errors on my disk to read properly).

Okay now that I have proved that I am a big geek, I can move comfortably on to Greg Hill's presentation. With experience as a conservator for the National Archives of Canada in downtown Ottawa for over 20 years, Greg Hill recently joined the CCI team. He presented a beautiful collection of learning photographs which demonstrated problems often encountered by paper and photographic conservators. The photographs ranged from albumen, silver sulphite, to modern photographic processes. In fact, the collection was so beautiful I occasionally forgot to look at the damage because I was so intently focused on content. There were even rare photos of the Yukon, making it a truly national set of archival learning photos. After a tour of the Yukon Archives storage space, we concluded on the Friday having learned a little more about the temperate business of keeping old things fresh. On behalf of the participants I'd like to extend a special thank-you to The Yukon Archives, Joe Iraci and Greg Hill from CCI, for making this opportunity possible and to the people at The Chocolate Claim for making learning delicious.



## Ready, Set, Grow!

January 24 - 26, 2007, Toronto

Don't miss out! Send your retail and visitor services staff to the only conference targeted to their needs -- to help you maximize your bottom line.

The early bird deadline is extended to January 15. Register now to save!  
You can't afford to miss this opportunity to grow your institution.

Check out the program:

[www.museums.ca/en/conferences/symposia/retail\\_conference/index.php](http://www.museums.ca/en/conferences/symposia/retail_conference/index.php)



## celebrate 1947 CMA 2007 CONFERENCE 60th Annual Conference March 28 – 31, 2007 Ottawa, Ontario!



Sixty years ago, in Quebec City, a small group of dedicated professionals created the Canadian Museums Association (CMA). Today, Canada boasts a network of world-class museums and professionals. In 2007, the CMA celebrates the vision and passion of those individuals, addressing the fundamental and changing roles of the museum sector as we look toward the next 60 years.

For more information visit [http://www.museums.ca/en/conferences/annual\\_cma\\_conference/index.php](http://www.museums.ca/en/conferences/annual_cma_conference/index.php)

## Interpretation Canada Training

Great for anyone who delivers tours, or group presentations, creates and staffs displays and creates interpretive brochures or signs or does marketing. Training provides a planning framework for new interpreters and is a great review for more experienced staff. All techniques taught can be used in marketing as well. Modules are a great starting point for anyone interested in the national certification process.

Module 1 Feb 24 & 25 Principles & Planning  
9:30am-4:30pm Nanaimo, BC

Discover what Interpretation really is and how to apply the principles to planning interpretive tours and experiences for specific audiences. Find out how themes help you build programs around a message to ensure the program is memorable. Explore an easy way to write objectives and learn how outcomes differ. Learn how provoke, relate and reveal is a useful tool for planning a quick speech or last-minute program!

Module 2 Mar 24 & 25, 2007 Group Communication & Delivery Skills 9:30am-4:30pm Nanaimo, BC

Learn and practice delivery techniques for group communication, and delivery skills for guided walks, slideshows/PowerPoint presentations, roving, information stations, display booths and more! Participants will create and deliver a short presentation during the training and see a variety of interpretive styles.

\$150 per module, includes workbook and Interpretation Canada certificate. No GST.

Confirmation package includes accommodation, food and other amenities.

Bring a topic you want to develop into an interpretive presentation.

Workshop is located 8 minutes from scenic downtown Nanaimo by car and is located across from a park with forest and lakes for a lunch-time stroll.

For more info:

[www.naturepark.com/idat/courses.htm](http://www.naturepark.com/idat/courses.htm)

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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The next intake for the **Yukon Heritage Training Fund** is March 14, 2007.

For more information on how to apply please visit

<http://www.yukonalaska.com/yhma/yhtf.htm>, call Rebecca Jansen, HTF Advisor, at 667-4704 or stop in at 3126 Third Avenue, Whitehorse to pick up an application.

### Museums Assistance Program

Please be advised that the new guidelines for 2007-2008 for the Museums Assistance Program are now available on the Department of Canadian Heritage Web site and can be accessed at [http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/pam-map/index\\_e.cfm](http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/pam-map/index_e.cfm)

The annual revision of the guidelines took a little longer than usual this year because last September's expenditure review resulted in a study of various options for the program. One of the few changes to the program is that organizations will be limited to receiving funding for only one new project during the year, with exceptions detail in the guidelines

Organizations will have six weeks to prepare and submit their application for funding. The deadline for the 2007-2008 fiscal year is February 23, 2007.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to consult a MAP program officer to discuss projects in advance.

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Department of Canadian Heritage  
205-300 Main Street, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2B5  
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## Young Canada Works

The Canadian Museums Association (CMA) is pleased to work in partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage to create summer jobs and internships in museums and heritage organizations through the Young Canada Works (YCW) program. Last year CMA funded over 475 summer jobs for students, and 5 national and 5 international graduate internships, with \$1.7 million in financial support from PCH.



Applications for the upcoming 2007-2008 YCW program are now available online. The application deadline for the summer jobs program is February 1, 2007.

Complete the online application [www.youngcanadaworks.ca/employer\\_application\\_e.cfm](http://www.youngcanadaworks.ca/employer_application_e.cfm)

## Virtual Museum of Canada (VMC) Community Memories Program

Community-based CHIN/VMC Member institutions are invited to participate in the Community Memories Program, part of the Virtual Museum of Canada (VMC)!

Our present call for proposals is open and will end on February 28, 2007 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Community Memories Program strengthens the capacity of smaller museums to create content for the Web by supporting their development of online local history exhibits. Museums whose proposals are selected are supplied with user-friendly software and a standard investment of \$5,000 for their first Community Memories exhibit and \$2500 for each additional exhibit selected for investment.

The resulting productions are part of a unique online portrait of Canada's history launched as a new section of the VMC in May 2003. Exhibits explore subjects as varied as a town's main industry, an historical event, or a way of life, and will draw from an institution's permanent collection and the personal photographs, documents and oral reminiscences of local citizens. Each participating institution contributes at least one exhibit developed in partnership with the community it serves, giving the opportunity to Canadians to promote their respective heritage.

The Program is open to public, not-for-profit museums that have demonstrated their commitment to work collaboratively with colleagues across the country by becoming Basic or Contributing members of the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN). Eligibility to submit proposals to the Community Memories Program is limited to museums with no more than five full-time paid staff, including museums that are entirely volunteer-run.

Prior to completing the Community Memories Program Proposal Form, please consult the Program Guidelines for more information, including Requirements and Criteria for Investment.

Participating institutions whose proposals are accepted receive a user-friendly software package that requires practically no previous computer experience! Find out more about what the software can do.

For more information visit [http://www.chin.gc.ca/English/Members/VMC\\_Memories/index.html](http://www.chin.gc.ca/English/Members/VMC_Memories/index.html)

Whitehorse Museums Open During the Canada Winter Games  
February 23- March 10, 2007

**Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre**

Open afternoons during the Canada Winter Games! Call (867) 667-8855 for more information.

**Yukon Transportation Museum**

Exhibits will be open February 23- March 7, 2007 from Noon – 4:00pm. A special Games rate of \$4.00 per person will apply! Call (867) 668-4792 for more information.

**MacBride Museum**

Open during the Canada Winter Games, Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm. Offering daily children's programs and a *History of Sport* exhibit. Call (867) 667-2709 for more information

**Old Log Church Museum**

Open during the Canada Winter Games Cultural Festival, February 28- March 6, 2007. Noon-4:00pm. Call (867) 668-2555 for more information.



The YHMA newsletter is the official newsletter of the Yukon Historical & Museums Association.

We welcome our members to submit articles, project reports pictures and other related announcements for publication in upcoming issues.

Submission deadlines for upcoming Newsletters are:

Spring: April 6, 2007

Summer: July 6, 2007

Fall: October 5, 2007

Please email submissions to [yhma@northwestel.net](mailto:yhma@northwestel.net)



**YHMA MEMBERSHIP**

Please support the Yukon Historical & Museums Association by purchasing a membership. Your support is essential to the operation of the organization!

**Type of Memberships available:**

Senior/Student: \$10.00	Individual: \$20.00
Organization: \$25.00	Family: \$30.00
Corporate: \$100.00	*prices do not include GST

As a member you will receive the quarterly YHMA Newsletter, free walking tours of Whitehorse, discounts in the gift shop and special member rates at conferences and events.

**Interested in becoming a volunteer?**

YHMA is always seeking volunteers willing to provide their skills and knowledge to our organization. If you are interested in any of the following committees please call Rebecca Jansen at 667-4704 or Email [yhma@northwestel.net](mailto:yhma@northwestel.net)

- **Conference Planning**
- **Heritage Buildings**
- **Newsletter**
- **Museums**
- **Fundraising or Training**