

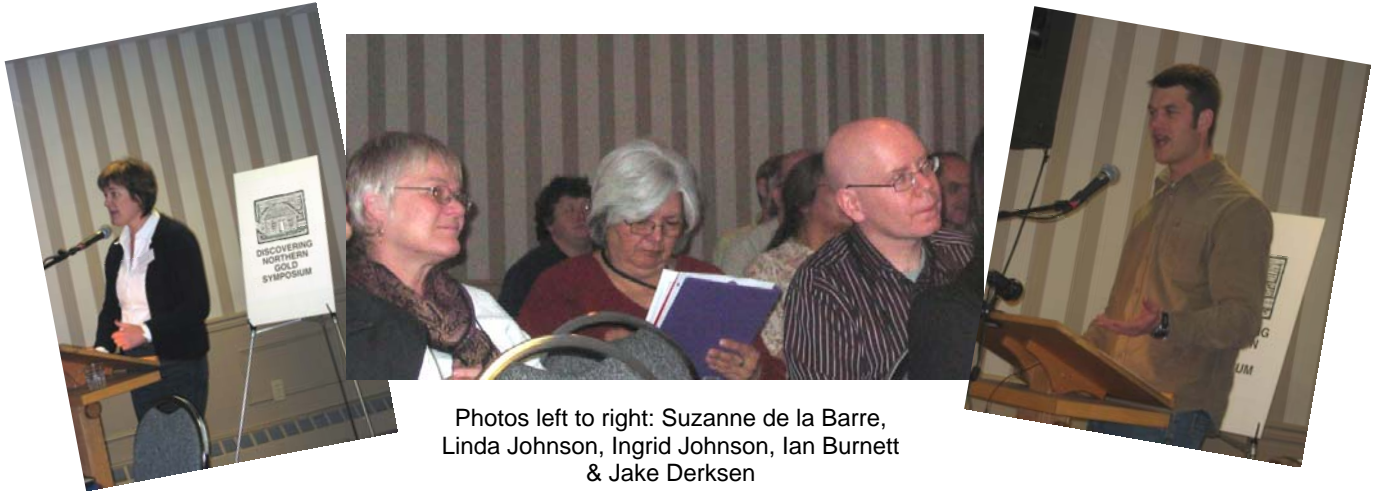


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**DISCOVERING NORTHERN GOLD:
 A HISTORICAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
 OCTOBER 12-14, 2006, WHITEHORSE YUKON**



Photos left to right: Suzanne de la Barre,
 Linda Johnson, Ingrid Johnson, Ian Burnett
 & Jake Derksen

YHMA's recent *Discovering Northern Gold* symposium was hailed a success by all who attended. On October 13 & 14th presenters from Yukon, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario engaged the audience of over 60 heritage professionals and enthusiasts from Yukon and Alaska. Presentations were varied and touched on many important topics relating to Yukon heritage, including: writing about place, isolation as a Yukon place value, relics in the bush, native copper technology and traditional clothing of Yukon First Nations to name a few.

Colin Beairsto, YHMA Secretary, shared his research of aircraft crash sites in the Yukon while YHMA members Jake Derksen, Michael Gates and Linda Johnson presented on Yukon Soldiers in WWI, The Truth about Gold Run, and the Kandik Map respectively. The Department of Tourism & Culture was represented by Ian Burnett who launched the symposium with his "post-modernist" analysis of Klondike road maps; Ed Krahn, Katie Johnson, Sarah Charlie and Susan Twist presented a case study on the Searching for Our Heritage project; Bruce Barrett gave an animated reading from a chapter from Ed and Star Jones' *Early Traders and Prospectors in the Yukon, 1873-1896*; and guest speaker Doug Olynyk's presentation on climate

change and heritage provided luncheon-goers with food for thought.

YHMA would like to extend a sincere thanks to everyone who made the symposium a success. Thank you to the Community Development Fund and the Historic Resources Fund for providing funding for the event; Commissioner Van Bibber and Elaine Taylor for speaking at the opening reception; Mac's Fireweed for the donation of presenter gifts; the symposium committee, Ian Burnett and Lesley Buchan from Yukon Archives and Rebecca Jansen of YHMA; to the Yukon Heritage Resource Board for providing session chairs; and Dave Neufeld for providing thoughtful and reflective closing remarks. Most of all YHMA wishes to thank the presenters who came from near and far to share their research, their passion and their enthusiasm for Yukon heritage. The Symposium concluded on Sunday with an Intro to Genealogy Workshop. For more information on the workshop see page 10.

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YHMA NEWS

SYMPOSIUMS, ELECTIONS AND CUTS, OH MY!

The last couple of months have been filled with events, changes, bad news and good. So let's start with the bad news before we venture into the good. On September 25, 2006 the Conservative Government of Canada announced sweeping cuts despite a 13.2 billion dollar surplus. The cuts targeted what were called "inefficient" and "wasteful" programs that were not priorities for Canadians. Though we are not certain exactly how the cuts would affect museums it is certain that cuts to the Museums Assistance Program, volunteer initiatives and Youth Employment programs will all negatively affect museum operations across Canada. However, museums and ordinary Canadians were quick to rally against cuts and have made some headway in proving that Canadians do care about museums and that museums are vital to Canadian identity and its economy. Despite the fact that on October 25, Members of Parliament voted in support of rescinding the recent unexpected cuts to MAP, and further that a new Canadian Museums Policy be established as soon as possible, museums are not in the clear and now more than ever we need to continue to advocate on behalf of the development of a new federal museums policy with adequate funding to support Canada's museums, large and small. For more information on the Federal Museums Policy and how to get involved visit: www.museums.ca.

Now, on to more promising news...I have already mentioned the success of the Discovering Northern Gold Research symposium on the cover page so YHMA hopes to build on the success of this symposium for similar events in the future. 2007 marks the 30th anniversary of the YHMA, suggestions for the celebration are welcome. Anyone wishing to take part in organizing the events should contact YHMA.

YHMA completed a new joint marketing logo for Yukon Heritage Attractions. The incorporation of hands in the "H" demonstrates the cooperation taking place between the organizations. YHMA will begin working with Yukon heritage attractions to develop new marketing opportunities by way of a new website and new advertising in hopes of increasing awareness and visitation to the attractions.



YHMA looks forward to working with the newly elected Mayor Bev Buckway and Council in Whitehorse and with the Yukon Party who was re-elected to the Yukon Government. YHMA congratulates Minister Elaine Taylor for being reelected and for being reappointed as the Minister of Tourism & Culture. YHMA is looking forward to beginning work on reviewing museums O&M and other important issues involving the safe keeping Yukon Heritage.

TREASURES OF THE YUKON

YHMA and The Canadian Heritage Information Network joined forces this fall to start work on producing a featured collection for Artefacts Canada. The on-line project entitled 'Treasures of the Yukon' will showcase over 120 chosen heritage items, highlighting our unique and diverse history. Under the guidance of Drew Ball and Rebecca Jansen, YHMA intern Erin Wall has begun research for the 'Treasures' project. In four months, we hope to have completed the project, covering six prominent Yukon museums, with the spotlight on the smaller museums such as the Kluane Museum of Natural History, Old Log Church Museum, and George Johnston Museum. The contributions from the larger collections of MacBride Museum, Yukon Transportation Museum and Dawson City Museum will focus on lesser known items that have been integral to our territories history. This partnership is an exciting opportunity to not only provide a curio cabinet into the lives of Yukoners but also to create a deeper understanding of the brave few that made the Yukon their home.



Réseau canadien d'information sur le patrimoine
Canadian Heritage Information Network

Examples of the project are available online at

<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/English/Gallery/index.html>

Click on "Treasures of ..." in the left sidebar.

Or visit the collection of Yukon artifacts already online at

<http://daryl.chin.gc.ca:8015/Webtop/CHINApps/artefacts/ws/human/user/www/ResultSet?w=NATIVE%28%27INSR+ph+is+%27%27Yukon%27%27%27%29&upp=0>



VIRTUALMUSEUM.CA



YUKON ARCHIVES NEWS

Clara Rutherford Presents Paper at Association of Canadian Archivists Conference

On June 28th Clara Rutherford presented a paper at the 31st Conference of the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) in St John's NL. Her paper, titled "The Collection and Preservation of the Yukon First Nations' Archival Record as Seen by One Archivist", explored the status of First Nations heritage, cultural, and information institutions in the Yukon and the issues facing them as they preserve their oral and written archival record. Clara also discussed the role the Yukon Archives/Yukon Council of Archives/Friends of the Yukon Archives Society Archives Advisory Program has had in assisting the First Nations with their emerging archives. This paper was presented in a session proposed by Clara and titled by

ACA as "First Nations on the Edge: Aboriginal Knowledge and Emerging Archives". Other session participants were Warren Sinclair, Chief Archivist (Acting), Dept. of National Defense, Directorate of History and Heritage (Chair), Kim Lawson, Union of BC Indian Chiefs and D. Richard Valpy, Territorial Archivist, NWT Archives. Clara also attended a one day workshop titled "Law and Original Order: Legal Aspects of Archives" and the meetings of the Archives Advisors from across Canada and the Special Interest Section on Aboriginal Archives.

Government Authorities and Descriptions

A new project is underway involving the description of Yukon Government records. The first phase involves creating and updating government agency "authorities", administrative histories that enable Yukon Archives to track which department, branch or unit was responsible for certain functions at certain times. The second phase entails the description of all Yukon government records series. The series descriptions will be linked to the agency authorities that created the records. Once completed, the descriptions will be available online on the Yukon Archives' Archives Descriptive Database and on the ARCHIVESCANADA.ca website. This project is partially funded by the Government of Canada through the Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives. Contract archivist Garnet Muething has been working on the project since June; the project will be completed in the spring of 2007.

New Teacher Orientation Day

On August 23, Clara Rutherford traveled to Airport Lake on Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation Traditional Land to participate as a resource person for the 3rd Annual New Teacher Orientation Day organized by the Department of Education. Two display panels were set up and various resources were laid out. Teachers dropped by throughout the day to check out the resources and to discuss various ways of incorporating these resources, virtual archival exhibits, and other online archival resources into their lesson plans. The "Teacher Guide to Tours at Yukon Archives" handout was well received. Clara also joined the teachers in a medicine walk lead by Elder Cathy Sam.

Yukon Archival Advisory Program

The Yukon Archival Advisory Program is up and running again in its eleventh year. So far this season, site visits have been made to the Teslin Tlingit Council Archives, the Selkirk First Nation, and Sport Yukon. The program provides on-going archival advisory services to support existing and developing archival programs in the Yukon. Archives Advisor, David Porter can be reached at www.archivesad@yahoo.ca or by telephone at (867)-667-8959.

Library Workshop

Each September the librarians from Yukon communities gather in Whitehorse for a three day workshop, organized by Yukon Public Library Services. The workshop is an opportunity for the librarians to share their experiences and develop their library knowledge. This year Yukon Archives participated in the workshop by hosting a training session on "Archives on the Internet" for the librarians. The September 21 event consisted of presentation of three information sessions on: 1) virtual exhibits and displays, 2) photo images on the Internet

and 3) community newsletters on the Public Access Catalogue. The information sessions were followed by a tour of the Archives facility and informal discussions over lunch.

Conservation News

Lloy Osburn is back at the Yukon Archives providing conservation advice and treatments for the archival and library material held by the Archives.

Yukon Archives Serials available on public access catalogue

The Yukon Archives recently acquired and installed the Library. Solutions serials database, allowing the Archives Library to add the Yukon newspapers/newsletters/periodicals to its public access catalogue (PAC). This makes these publications available to researchers accessing this database from the Yukon Archives, Yukon public libraries, or over the Internet at www.pac.gov.yk.ca.

The Friends of Yukon Archives Society hired Kathleen MacDonald this summer to inventory the community newspapers/newsletters and add them to the serial database. As each newsletter/newspaper is added to the serials database it will show up in PAC search results under the title with a brief holding note indicating what is held by the Archives Library.

If you are looking for a Mayo newspaper/newsletter, for instance "News at the Landing", you can do a title search and the record will appear with a holding note:

ARCHIVES LIBRARY

Newspaper

Last updated: 09/05/2006

v. 1 (Jan. 15, 1970) - v. 6 (June 25, 1970), v. 8, (October 3, 1970)-v. 13 (March 18, 1978)

Access to these newspapers/newsletters is by the following subject headings:

- 1) Community newspapers -- <community name> (e.g. Community newspapers -- Elsa)
- 2) Newsletters -- Yukon Territory (which will allow browsing of all newsletters/papers)
- 3) <Community name> -- Newsletters (e.g. Elsa -- Newsletters)

Currently 6 Yukon communities (Bear Creek, Bennett, Carcross, Carmacks, Clinton Creek, and Elsa) have completed records. The rest of the communities' titles will be added over the next year.

Staff Changes: Arrivals and Departures

We welcome Heather Jones back to the Reference and Research Rooms. Heather's term as Government Records Archivist has ended and she has returned to her substantive position as Reference Desk Attendant. Yukon Archives is pleased to announce that Lisa Skelly has joined us as our new Administrative Assistant. Lisa is on a three month assignment to the Archives.

Ian Burnett has accepted a one year term assignment as acting Director of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Tourism and Culture, effective November 1, 2006. At the same time, Lesley Buchan has accepted a term assignment as Territorial Archivist, replacing Ian. We wish them luck in their new assignments.

New Treasures in the Yukon Archives' Vault

Accession # 2006/1

20 black and white copy negatives made from originals on loan from Earl Schwindt. Images are of the RCMP Headquarters, RCMP personnel on parade and buildings in Whitehorse.

Accession # 2006/2

Photocopied manuscript of Professor Elmer Harp Jr.'s original field notes, compiled in the production of "Occasional Papers in Archaeology No. 14 - North to the Yukon Territory via the Alcan Highway in 1948: Field Notes of the Andover-Harvard Yukon Expedition". Also included in the accession are 367 colour slides taken by Prof. Harp and an inventory of the slides. A copy of "Occasional Papers...." was received with this accession and is located with the photocopied manuscript. Another copy is catalogued in the Archives Library.

Accession # 2006/4

Two reels of 8 mm film spliced from footage taken in Old Crow from 1962-1965. This accession also consists of 285 coloured slides of the Old Crow area during the same years.

Accession # 2006/6

Materials created and/or collected by A.C. (Nick) Nixon. Major Nixon was a Canadian representative on the joint U.S. - Canadian Alaska Highway Traffic Control Board with headquarters in Whitehorse. His photographs depict images along the Alaska Highway during its construction and completion, as well as scenes of Alaska. The accession also consists of newspaper clippings collected by him; folder of Northwest Service Command (NWSC) Whitehorse Veterans Affairs; folder of minutes and notes; memos and reports; two published documents, "843rd Signal Service Battalion U.S. Army Signal Corps", "The Alaska Highway: Trucks Tracks Vol.2, No.8- February 16, 1944".

Accession # 2006/7

19 colour photographs and 27 black and white photographs of the Whitehorse Shipyards taken in 1999 before the residents were moved out and the buildings torn down.

Accession # 2006/10

Eight photographs taken in 1973 of: the sternwheelers 'Whitehorse' and 'Casca' drydocked on the Whitehorse waterfront, a Lockheed Electra 1934 at the Watson Lake Airport, the Whitehorse Airport, a Dall ram in the McKenzie Mountains, and a view of the McKenzie Mountains. 1973.

Accession # 2006/11

Accrual to the records of Mickey Lammers (Accession # 82/172). The 10 pages of additional information describe a variety of wool-dyeing techniques she experimented with using materials available in the Yukon Territory. Also included are an additional 31 wool samples, #66-#95, from the various dyes used. The samples are number coded to printed explanations in the written manuscript.

Accession # 2006/12

Files relating to the public activities of James Smith, former Commissioner of Yukon. This is an accrual to Acc# 2002/7 and 2003/12. Further accruals are expected.

Accession # 2006/95

Records of the Chilkoot Sourdough Bakery, an enterprise that was run on the Chilkoot Trail at Lake Bennett from the end of June to the end of August 1998. Ione Christensen, Judy Dabbs, and Pat McKenna created this enterprise as a Klondike Gold Rush Centennial event. Their main sponsor was the Yukon Outdoors Club. The records include two captioned photo albums, promotion pamphlets, correspondence, financial records, etc.

Accession # 2006/139

Three boxes of textual records and one box of photographs created and/or collected by J.O. (John Ormond) Livesey, a former speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly and representative for the electoral district of Carmacks-Kluane. Ca. 1956-1992.

Accession # 2006/121

One box of business records for the OptiMSt newspaper including minutes, correspondence, financial records, etc. and two folders of photos/negatives. 1975-2002.

Accession # 2006/123

29 original b&w negatives and 14 matching original prints depicting scenes of the Menzies family at Fort Selkirk, Yukon, especially activities of the children. Also included is a panorama of Dawson City.

Accession # 2006/125

365 digital images created from a selection of 690 mostly colour slides created or collected by Bud and Thelma Harbottle. Images are of airplanes, aerial views, scenery, Nahanni, volcanic mountain, Canol Road, Prince Phillip, family and friends, 308 Elliot Street and other scenes of downtown Whitehorse including a fire.

Accession # 2006/129

Digital images created from 29 historical postcards and photographs.

Accession # 2006/130

Negative and reference print made from an original postcard printed in the early 1900s or possibly 1910. The view shown is of the Dawson City waterfront taken from across the Yukon River. The Hubrick Cable Ferry is in the foreground. The opposite view of the ferry is shown in YA # 2060.

Accession # 2006/135

Photocopies of a portfolio/scrapbook, original membership book #2, and 2 business cards of Capt. Dick's World Famous Sour Toe Cocktail business, operated by Captain Dick Stevenson from 1972 to 1995. Also included is an Arctic Brotherhood membership certificate, and a photograph of a flag painted by Edith Jerome based on the Arctic Brotherhood banner at Diamond Tooth Gertie's, which used to be the Arctic Brotherhood Hall.

Accession # 2006/138

183 slides created by George Cooper of Carcross, Whitehorse, and Elsa and a road trip to Alaska.



OLD LOG CHURCH MUSEUM

By Susan Twist, Director/Curator

Another busy summer season has come to an end at the Old Log Church Museum. Despite a noticeable drop in tourism in August, we still managed to see a 6% increase in attendance over the previous year. Our summer programs were well attended. For the second year Barb Forsyth presented "*In Journeys Often*", a first person interpretive program based on the life of Sadie Stringer and our summer students delivered a new program *Who Lies Beneath*, guided walking tours of Pioneer Cemetery.

Our much anticipated traveling exhibit *The Bishop Who Ate His Boots*, a celebration of the lives and legacies of Bishop Isaac and Sadie Stringer, previewed on Saturday September 16th. The exhibit will open again in February to coincide with the Canada Winter Games. It will then travel to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife the first stop on its three year tour to various museums across Canada.

If you have driven by the Old Log Church Museum lately you will notice that the work to replace the roof is underway. This is part of much needed building and security upgrades which also includes improvements to the grade to direct ground water away from the building. We are very grateful to have received funds from the Security Safety Upgrading Program and the Historic Properties Assistance Program, Culture and Tourism, Government of Yukon.



The Board of Directors and museum staff were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Carroll Cawley. Carroll was a wonderful person and dedicated volunteer who served for 16 years as Treasurer for the Yukon Church Heritage Society. She will be missed by all who had the privilege to know her. Our deepest sympathy to Marjorie, Helen and other members of Carroll's family.



YUKON HERITAGE RESOURCES BOARD

By Loree Stewart, Executive Director

The Yukon Heritage Resources Board

recently held its annual community board meeting in the Town of Watson Lake. The Board traveled to Watson Lake on September 28 and spent 3 days there. Board member Joyce Armstrong resides in Watson Lake and was a great host for our trip. As the “Gateway to the Yukon”, Watson Lake is situated at Km 1016.9 (Mile 635) of the Alaska Highway at its junction with the Robert Campbell Highway, making it the first community north of the 60th parallel as you enter the Yukon.

While in Watson Lake the Board visited sites, had a presentation on the Yukon Historic Sites Inventory, met with local government officials and hosted an Open House at the Northern Lights Centre. Barb Hogan, Yukon

government’s Historic Sites Registrar, presented the Yukon Historic Sites Inventory (YHSI). The YHSI is a database used by researchers, property owners, planning professionals and territorial, first nation and municipal governments to determine preservation and development priorities for Yukon heritage sites. There are currently over 2900 heritage sites, including trails, gravesites, log cabins, mining sites and WWII vehicle collections in the inventory. The criteria for inclusion in the YHSI is that the sites are in the Yukon and are more than 50 years old. Work on the inventory is ongoing, as new sites and information are continually discovered and more details are uncovered about existing sites.

One of the highlights of our site visits was to the Watson Lake hangar. In the late 1920s, Grant McConachie was vying for the first ever air mail route from Edmonton to Alaska. He developed a primitive dirt strip at the now Watson Lake airport to meet the requirement of refueling stations every 200 miles. In 1939, the government of Canada committed to building a chain of airfields across the northwest under the Northwest Staging Route Program, including Watson Lake and Whitehorse in the Yukon. In 1941, the air route took on a military function. To expedite the movement of men and supplies through a protected inland route to the Alaskan coast, the airstrips along the Northwest Staging Route were upgraded to handle large bombers. Watson Lake and its dirt strip was a natural site for the military to upgrade to their wartime purposes. Hangars such as the one at Watson Lake were added to the basic airfields. We were given an excellent tour of the airport and hangar by Deb Hadwen, with the Town of Watson Lake.

The BC Yukon hangar was constructed in 1943. After the war, the hangar was turned over to the RCAF who sold the building to Canadian Pacific Airlines. CPAir used the hangar until the early 1970s when BC Yukon purchased the structure. The hangar was sold in 1984 to the current owners who use it for airplane storage and repairs. Simple in style, this large two storey rectangular building resembles many wartime hangars. The simple massing broken by the regular pattern of the multi-light windows presents an impressive façade while the towers on east and west elevations present a symmetry that adds to the grandeur of the building. YHRB has offered to assist the new owner with information that will help preserve the historic fabric of the hanger.

We also had an opportunity to visit the Northern Lights Centre and view two shows (“Spell of the North” and “Yukon’s Aurora Borealis”) in panoramic video and surround-sound systems. The Northern Lights Centre is owned by the Town and has been in operation since 1997. The theatre is an “Electric Sky Theatre” which



YHRB members at the Watson Lake hangar (l-r): Ingrid Johnson (Chair), Carl Sidney, Patricia Cuning (Vice-Chair), Ron Chambers, Joyce Armstrong, Bob Munroe, Carolyn Allen and Sharon A. Peter. Missing – André Bourcier and Diane Strand. Yukon government Photo

means that the night sky in any place in the northern hemisphere at any time can be projected. Most of us had not seen to the Centre before and were impressed with the theatre, seating and great shows. It was fun to be tourists for an hour. We later hosted an Open House at the centre and were pleased to meet with locals, municipal workers and a councilor.

We enjoyed our stay in Watson Lake and wish to thank Joyce and Lorne Armstrong for their hospitality.

The Board will meet again December 1&2 to finalize our strategic plan, review applications to the Yukon Historic Resources Fund and review a nomination for designation as a Yukon Historic Site.

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





YUKON TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

Just how do planes stay in the air? How can a spaceship make it all the way to the moon? What was Sir Isaac Newton's Principle of Motion all about anyway? These and other questions are answered in our hands-on interpretive program, *It's Your Move: Learning about Lift, Thrust and Motion*. Brace yourself for a truly fun and interactive half day of programming featuring tons of crafts, laughter and participation.

Children are given the opportunity to try their hands at making a variety of paper airplanes and seeing how well their design flies off our mezzanine, create rocket ships that actually blast into space, and get a first hand look at how things in motion tend to stay in motion with our Cosmic Jet Racer experiment.

It's Your Move: Learning about Lift, Thrust and Motion Program is suitable for kids age's seven to ten and is run by our friendly Museum staff. Cost for the Program is \$20 for Members and \$25 for non-members. Call the Museum to inquire about these and other programs we have available for schools, birthday parties and rainy days.

Also, come out to our Christmas Open House, December 9th from 12-4pm. We will be having sleigh rides, a Christmas card craft table and plenty of yummy cookies and hot apple cider.



TIA Yukon Reorganization Proposal

At the Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon's (TIAY) Fall Roundup, the board of directors introduced a new proposal that will reshape the way TIA Yukon does business. The reorganization will turn the association into an umbrella group representing the interests of the Yukon's tourism sectors at the "30 000 foot level", thus allowing them to shift their focus to lobbying governments on broad issues of tourism research, product development and marketing.

Currently, TIAY operates like many other Yukon NGO's. Their members are appointed to the board at the AGM each year. TIA Yukon also provides room on the board for advisors to sit in during meetings and provide feedback to the board. Currently there are over 20 advisors on the board, however advisors are not given a vote. In the plans for the new TIAY, the board will be reduced to only having 13 voting members on the board. Seven of the seats will be reserved for key tourism partners. The criteria for determining who the seven key organizations will be are: the organization must be Yukon-wide in scope, must have at least one full time staff, and must be involved in marketing the Yukon. The one exception to the rule is the Klondike Visitors Association but it is felt that they are involved enough to warrant a seat. YHMA is one of the seven identified representatives. The other organizations are: Yukon Convention Bureau, First Nations Tourism Association, Yukon Quest, Yukon Outfitters Association and the Wilderness Tourism Association of Yukon. This new plan will not only give the seven organizations a voice, but it will also allow all of the members of the seven key organizations to gain membership to the association. This will reduce the number of organizations trying to sell memberships and will increase TIAY's overall number of members.

The six remaining seats on the board will be elected from the membership. Each seat will represent one of the six tourism sectors. Currently TIAY identifies eight tourism sectors but for the sake of streamlining, some of the smaller sectors will be merged together on the TIAY board. Each sector will appoint a representative from within their own sector. The executive of the board will be appointed from the six sectoral seats.

At the Special General Meeting the TIAY membership approved a motion to continue developing the reorganization proposal but nothing will be set in stone until the AGM in April. For more information on the proposal please contact TIAY at (867) 668-3331 or tiayukon@klondiker.com, or for questions on how this will affect YHMA and it's membership please contact YHMA at (867) 667-4704 or yhma@northwestel.net.

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Call for Nominations

Do you know of someone who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the transportation industry in the Yukon?

Now is your chance to bring some special recognition to that person by nominating him or her for one of the following awards:

TRANSPORTATION PIONEER OF THE YEAR

TRANSPORTATION PERSON OF THE YEAR

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To find out more, pick up a Transportation Hall of Fame brochure from:

- Motor Vehicle Section
- Yukon Transportation Museum
- Government of the Yukon Information Desk
- Yukon Transportation Association Members
- Territorial Agents
- Yukon Weigh Stations
- Yukon Airports
- or call 667-8835
- www.gov.yk.ca

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE
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TEMPLE DE LA RENOMMÉE
DU TRANSPORT
DU YUKON
2007

Appel de candidatures

Connaissez-vous quelqu'un qui a apporté une contribution importante et durable à l'industrie du transport au Yukon?

Vous avez maintenant la chance de rendre hommage à cette personne en la présentant comme récipiendaire possible d'un des prix suivants :

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PERSONNALITÉ DE L'ANNÉE DANS LE DOMAINE DU TRANSPORT

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Pour obtenir plus de renseignements, procurez-vous une brochure :

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- au Musée des transports du Yukon
- au service de renseignements du gouvernement du Yukon (Édifice administratif principal)
- auprès des membres de la Yukon Transportation Association
- auprès des agents territoriaux
- aux postes de pesée du Yukon
- aux aéroports du Yukon
- ou en composant le (867) 667-8835 ou, sans frais, le 1-800-661-0408, poste 8835.
- www.gov.yk.ca

**LA DATE LIMITE EST LE
31 DÉCEMBRE 2006**



In an effort to bring our members closer together and to encourage the sharing of ideas and initiatives related to the creation, presentation, management and preservation of digital content, the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) is publishing snapshots of experiences and best practices in each province. The fourth in a series, the following article looks at the benefits of e-learning.

Trust in e-learning!

Just as is happening in the rest of the Canada, the Yukon's heritage community is embracing online learning opportunities.

The Yukon Historical and Museums Association (YHMA) and the territorial government together administer the Yukon Heritage Training Trust Fund, which provides financial support to heritage professionals and those interested in entering the field. Many funding recipients choose to study online through the University of Victoria (UVic) Cultural Resource Management Program. They can even complete an entire diploma at a distance.

The UVic program is highly regarded both in Canada and abroad. Distance courses include online discussions with instructors and participants, as well as audio and visual portions. Instructors are chosen from among the top professionals in their fields.

Rebecca Jansen of the YHMA took the UVic course on Management of Heritage Resources and found the experience of e-learning very positive. Besides saving her travel expenses, she found she could fit her studies into her work schedule. "It was easy to participate on my own time," she says, "and it allowed for conversation with colleagues in Canada and the US."

When asked about online training, Ed Krahn of the Department of Tourism and Culture brims over with ideas. He and his colleagues in the Museums Unit have been working closely with a number of national organizations to develop new ideas and methods, including the use of broadband technology in education. They are also collaborating with the Yukon Volunteer Bureau to develop e-learning opportunities. Other online projects in the works include a library of resource material and a training manual for seasonal workers.

Krahn and his colleagues recognize that distance education is particularly advantageous for museum staff in remote communities, for single parents, and for mothers returning to the workforce. Their group has received funding to hire a First Nations coordinator to provide online training for Aboriginal cultural professionals.

It's all in the formative stages, says Krahn: "We're very embryonic at this point." Still, the momentum is impressive and some of the technology is already in place; every community but one in the Yukon has broadband capability.

Other online learning opportunities for Yukon museums professionals include the newly re-vamped Cultural Management program at the University of Waterloo. They can also purchase *The Bare Essentials*, a training CD developed by the Heritage Network Atlantic.

There is no doubt that the need for e-learning is strong in the Yukon; indeed, in all of Canada. "We're a huge country!" says Krahn. You can't help agreeing with him.

Additional Resources:

For online learning in museums studies, check out the Yukon Heritage Training Fund (www.yukonalaska.com/yhma/yhtf.htm); University of Victoria, Cultural Resource Management Program (www.uvcs.uvic.ca/crmp); University of Waterloo, Centre for Cultural Management (www.manageculture.com); Heritage Network Atlantic, The Bare Essentials of Museums (www.museumstoresatlantic.ca).

Take Your Professional Development to a New Level at the **Knowledge Exchange** at www.chin.gc.ca

Since 1995, Canada's heritage community has turned to www.chin.gc.ca for resources and tools supporting the creation, management and presentation of digital content. With the introduction of the Knowledge Exchange, CHIN's Web site is now more interactive than ever.

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Collaborate on projects
Share documents and links
View presentations

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Museums Vote Passed in House of Commons

Ottawa, October 25, 2006 - Yesterday, Members of Parliament voted in support of rescinding the recent unexpected cuts to MAP, and further that a new Canadian Museums Policy be established as soon as possible. The vote was 146 in favour, 114 against, with the three Opposition parties voting for it, and the government members voting against.

This vote follows Monday's unprecedented three hour debate in the full House of Commons on the need for stable long-term funding for Canada's museums, and a new museums policy — as per the Conservative Party's election commitment — as soon as possible.

Over the past two days, museums have been front and center in the House of Commons. Never before has there been such a debate in the full chamber on the federal role in supporting museums across Canada.

Here is some of what was said during Monday's debate:

—**MP Maka Kotto** (BQ): "The Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage and the Standing Committee on Finance have presented successive recommendations to previous governments and the current government in favour of new investment in museums. The urgency of having a federal museum policy is supported by the current Government of Quebec, by the provinces and territories of Canada, by the tourist industry, the cities, municipalities and several other entities. In light of this data, the Canadian Museums Association and the Soci  t   des mus  es qu  b  cois recently called on the Government of Canada to immediately honour the election promise by the Conservative Party of Canada to implement a new Canadian museum policy with multi-year funding for museums across Canada as soon as possible."

—**MP Jim Abbott**, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage (CPC), repeated that his government intends to bring in a new policy for museums but needs time to consider the issues. He went on to discuss "third party delivery" of the new programs and the need to raise public support for museums. He stated: "There is a fundamental question that has to be answered. What museum, at what place in Canada, should be getting federal funding, and for what purposes? There is, within museums, the entire issue of the facilities, the building of the facilities. There is the maintenance of the facilities. There is the issue of acquisition and storage of artifacts. There is the staffing issue. What portion of museum costs should be borne by the federal taxpayer and why?"


—**MP Charlie Angus**, NDP: "What we need in this House is a commitment. We need to tell our cultural arts sector, not only that they are the ones who tell our stories and make of us a nation, but that they are also a serious industry. These museums are a serious player in the creation of jobs. If we go to any small town in Canada and ask people in the town about their tourism

strategy, what do they point to? They point to their museum. Every small town knows that culture is what brings in tourists and tourists play a major role in the ability of our smaller communities to survive."


CMA will be meeting with the Honourable Bev Oda, Minister for Canadian Heritage, shortly to present preliminary recommendations for the long awaited museums policy and funding requirements. CMA hopes she will make a commitment to bring this in as early as the next federal budget expected in February or March. CMA encourages members, trustees, volunteers, and all those who support Canada's heritage to talk to MPs, and inform them of their needs.

For the complete transcript of the debate, select media coverage, and reactions to the MAP cuts, visit www.museums.ca

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TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

That was excellent! When is the next one?

An **Introduction to Genealogy** workshop was held on October 15, 2006 at the Westmark Whitehorse, in conjunction with the Discovering Northern Gold Symposium, with instructor Pat Ryan, a humorous, informative, and engaging professional genealogical educator from Regina. Over 45 participants registered and the workshop was suitable for beginners as well as the more experienced family researchers looking for an up-to-date refresher course. Sessions included: Where to Begin? What Am I Missing? How Do I Find It? And Why Can't I Find My Relatives?

Pat showed the participants how to interpret local newspapers as well as official documents. She incorporated the use of the Internet and provided website addresses for free, trusted, and useful websites. The workshop ended with a show and tell presentation by local genealogical researchers of exciting products such as scrapbooks, albums, CD-ROMs, etc. that can be created from family research. Funding for this workshop was provided by the Yukon Heritage Training Fund (YHTF).

Many participants expressed an interest in finding out more about genealogical sources about people who have lived or are living in the Yukon. Staff of the Yukon Archives offered to present a session in the near future entitled, "**A summary of the genealogical sources held by the Yukon Archives**". Twenty-four people have already signed up and the date and time of the session will be announced. To add your name to the list phone 867-667-5321.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



The Next Intake for the Yukon Heritage Training Fund is November 15, 2006. 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.

Funding Resource Guide

Interested in learning more about funding sources available for heritage individuals and organizations? This on-line funding resource guide has been created to better assist Tourism & Culture clients involved with the arts, archives, tourism, heritage and museums communities as a tool to access funding resources.

To view the funding resource guide please visit: <http://www.yukonheritage.com/funding/funding.htm>

The funding resource guides includes alphabetical listing of all funding opportunities including Yukon Government, Federal Government and private foundations.

YUKON ARCHIVAL ADVISOR PROGRAM

will run from September 2006 through March 2007.

THE ARCHIVES ADVISOR SERVICE INCLUDES:

- Providing help with surveying and assessing archival needs
- Advising on preservation measures for archival material
- Helping with policy and procedures development for archival collections
- Assisting with the appraisal, arranging, describing of archival records, and explaining the Rules for Archival Description (RAD)
- providing assistance and training with the Yukon Archival Union List (YAUL) project
- Providing information about resources available (e.g. publications, educational/training opportunities, etc.)
- Assisting with the grant writing process - availability of grants and how to apply
- Advising on records management issues pertaining to archives

WHO CAN USE THESE SERVICES?

- both Yukon Council of Archives and non-Yukon Council of Archives members
- all archival repositories
- organizations and groups interested in establishing an archives or improving an existing archival program (First Nations, museums, historical societies)
- groups and individuals interested in learning more about archival programs and repositories in the Yukon.

ARCHIVES ADVISOR SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE:

- on an on-going basis by phone, fax, or e-mail until March 31, 2007
- by site visits
- through presentations at meetings or forums

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HOW TO REACH THE ARCHIVES ADVISOR:

The Archives Advisor can be reached at the Yukon Archives on Friday mornings, 9:00-1:00, until March 31, 2007.

Appointments can be arranged for other times.

Voice mail is always available to take your messages.

Please contact David Porter at:

- Phone: (867) 667-8959, toll free 1-800-661-0408 (ext. 8959); Fax: (867) 393-6253
- E-mail: archivesad@yahoo.ca
- The office is located at the Yukon Archives in Whitehorse.

YHMA 30th Anniversary

1977-2007

To share in the celebration of YHMA's 30th anniversary since its founding convention, March 12, 1977, YHMA is inviting all past and present members to share their memories of the past 30 years of YHMA existence. Please forward any stories, pictures or other information to YHMA by email at yhma@northwestel.net, or by mail at 3126 Third Avenue, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1E7.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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:

Winter: January 12, 2007
Spring: April 6, 2007
Summer: July 6, 2006

Please email submissions to yhma@northwestel.net

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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

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