

Recommendations by the Yukon Heritage Resources Board (“YHRB”)

1995/96

1. YHRB supports recommendations for amendments to the Yukon *Historic Resources Act* (“Yukon *HRA*”) by the YHRB, which include:
 - Heritage designation, without obligatory compensation, is essential if we are to preserve Yukon’s heritage and further enhance our tourism potential.
 - Development of a strategic plan outlining measures to deal with disgruntled proprietors in order to enhance the competitiveness of their heritage properties.
 - That penalties be sufficient to deter any individual or corporation from willfully contravening Heritage legislation.
 - Synchronization of territorial legislation and municipal initiatives respecting heritage resources.

RESULT: Government accepted YHRB’s recommendations and will proceed to amend the proposed legislation accordingly.

1996/97

2. YHRB recommended that proposed amendments to the Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations (YASR) by the federal government be adopted to ensure that administrative processes related to the implementation of the regulations have a solid legal grounding and that important heritage resources in the Yukon will not be jeopardized.

RESULT: Canada will adopt the YASR amendments. *(See also Recommendation 15)*

3. YHRB recommended to federal and territorial ministers that the Yukon River be commemorated as an historical waterway, prior to and since the gold rush, during the Yukon’s Centennial Year celebrations.

RESULT: Federal and territorial ministers supported the recommendation and suggested YHRB contact HS&MBC to initiate implementation. First Nations and community support also received. *(See also Recommendation 5)*

1997/98

4. YHRB recommended to the Minister for Canadian Heritage that federally-administered tax laws which discourage the preservation of Canadian heritage buildings/sites be reviewed and, where needed, changed in favour of Canadian heritage buildings/site preservation.

RESULT: A national tax conference was organized by Heritage Canada Foundation, at which YHRB's position was tabled. To date (2007), the federal government has not implemented a tax system for Canadian heritage buildings. In its March 1, 2005 letter to the Minister of Environment, YHRB wrote: "We also support the conversion of the delivery of the Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund (CHPIF) from a grant to a tax credit system."

5. YHRB again recommended to Yukon First Nations and territorial/federal ministers that the Yukon River be recognized as being of historic importance and that such recognition be made during the Centennial celebrations of the Klondike Gold Rush.

RESULT: Federal government indicated support but directed that action would have to be directed through Canadian Heritage Rivers Board, etc. Recommendation abandoned as deemed to be too onerous for YHRB.

1998/99

6. YHRB recommended to the territorial/federal/YFN governments a "Legacy of '98 Aboriginal Language Strategic Planning Roundtable" as outlined in the language report "*What we gonna do?*"

RESULT: Territorial government and CYFN responded that such a conference was worthwhile but premature; federal government reaffirmed its commitment and support to FN languages through existing language programs.

7. YHRB recommended that the Yukon Minister of Tourism consider funding a commemorative plaque in memory of the men who lost their lives in the Pueblo Mine disaster of March 21, 1917.

RESULT: No written response received to date (i.e. September 1999) from the Minister's office.

8. YHRB requested that the Minister responsible for Yukon Lotteries consider reviewing methods for selecting members of the Lotto Commission so that there is fair and equitable distribution of lottery revenues to all Yukon groups, including Heritage.

RESULT: Minister suggested YHRB meet with YLC; such a meeting took place and the concerns were expressed.

9. (March) YHRB wrote the Minister of Canadian Heritage recommending that the Museums Assistance Program (MAP), an important source of funding for all Canadian museums, should be restored to its previous levels of funding.

RESULT: Minister confirmed MAP's importance and confirmed an additional \$2 million would be provided, beginning in 1999-2000, bringing its total allocation to \$9.4 million per year.

10. YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism that a new appointment to fill the vacant Board position should begin March 1st or April 1st, 1999 and run for a three-year term. This would begin the process of "staggering" Board appointments.

RESULT: Response not known. *(See also Recommendations 12 and 22)*

11. YHRB recommended the consolidation of the Yukon HRA and amendments to it.

RESULT: The Act was passed by the Yukon Legislative Assembly on July 1, 1996.

12. YHRB recommended to the Implementation Review Group (IRG) that appointments to the Board be staggered for continuity in Board membership.

RESULT: Response from IRG that the staggering of appointments would involve an amendment to the UFA, which is beyond IRG's mandate to recommend. *(See also Recommendations 10 and 22)*

2000/01

13. (September) YHRB recommended to the Premier of Yukon that the Krautschneider House and Chambers House should not be moved to 412 Main Street in Whitehorse, and that the historic integrity of the Taylor House property at 412 Main Street should be maintained.

RESULT: (October 5, 2000) Yukon Minister of Tourism accepted and supported YHRB's recommendation.

14. YHRB recommended to Minister of Canadian Heritage to reinstate funding for the Access to Archaeology program.

RESULT: No response. (The Access to Archaeology Fund, originally a Department of Communications program, was not re-established by Canadian Heritage.)

15. YHRB recommended to Minister of Canadian Heritage acceptance of Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations.

RESULT: DIAND approved and implemented the Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations under the *Yukon Act*.

2001/02

16. (February) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism to accept **Historic Site Nomination Form** and **A Guide to the Historic Site Nomination Form** for use by nominators to nominate historic sites for territorial designation.

RESULT: Receipt acknowledged by Minister Eftoda; no press release will be made, but the material will be posted on their website, etc.

2002/03

17. (August) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism that the White Pass & Yukon Route Locomotive Repair Shed (Roundhouse) be designated for its local significance under S.14(1)(a) of the Yukon *HRA*.

RESULT: (September 10, 2002) Recommendation not accepted. Minister responded that Yukon will not designate on the basis of local significance. Site is within the jurisdiction of the city of Whitehorse, who have municipal heritage responsibilities and jurisdiction.

2003/04

18. (June) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture to designate the Mabel McIntyre House in Mayo as a Yukon Historic Site under S.3(4)(e) of the Yukon *HRA*. YHRB also made certain site-management recommendations.

RESULT: (July 30, 2003) Recommendation accepted; copy of Minister Taylor's notification letter to Mayo and copy press release provided to YHRB.

19. (June) YHRB recommended that the Minister of Canadian Heritage appoint a Yukon representative on the Aboriginal Languages and Cultures Centre Task Force (ALCC).

RESULT: (July 9, 2003) Minister Coppins' Special Assistant responded that "the inclusion of a Yukon representative will be given every consideration" and that YHRB's interest in ALCC was appreciated.

20. (November) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that Yukon make available the interest earned from the Yukon Historic Resources Fund (fiscal year 2002/03) as funding for eligible projects pursuant to the Yukon *HRA* during fiscal year 2003/04.

RESULT: (December 9, 2003) Recommendation accepted.

21. (November) YHRB made the following five recommendations to the IRG as part of the 2003-2004 Review of Umbrella Final Agreement and Yukon First Nation Final Agreement Implementation Plans:

- (i) Recommend that mandate be reworded as outlined.
- (ii) Recommend set response time from government to our recommendations.
- (iii) Recommendations as outlined in Annex B of UFA Implementation Plan.
- (iv) Recommend that Board appointments be staggered.
- (v) Recommend that core funding be increased by 30% (\$52K).

RESULT: (January 15, 2004) IRG will prepare a review report with recommendations of the IRG. The Parties will then provide direction for implementation of any accepted recommendations. To date (2007), said report has not been completed.

22. (November) YHRB recommended to Canada, CYFN and Yukon that appointments to the Board be staggered, for the sake of continuity.

RESULT: (December 9, 2003) Yukon - concern duly noted; matter will be addressed with Grand Chief; extension/reduction of appointments will require agreement of all three Parties.

Canada – no response.

CYFN – no response.

(See also Recommendations 10 and 12)

23. (January) YHRB recommended to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development that Canada support and be involved as one of the parties in future reviews of the Umbrella Final Agreement Plan (UFAIP) and Yukon First Nation Final Agreement Implementation Plans (YFNFAIP).

RESULT: (March 22, 2004) Minister Andy Mitchell responded that Canada will share YHRB's recommendation with the IRG for its consideration. In making a decision, Canada will be "mindful" of YHRB's recommendation.

24. (March) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that Ft. Selkirk be designated as an historic site under the *Historic Resources Act*, per S.13.4.6.1 of the Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement.

RESULT: (March 31, 2004) Minister Taylor accepted YHRB's recommendation for designation and will initiate the designation process pending the resolution of a few land issues.

25. (March) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that seven (7) projects be funded under the Yukon Historic Resources Fund.

RESULT: (April 30, 2004) Minister Taylor accepted each of the seven recommendations.

2004/05

26. (October) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture as follows:

- 1) THAT the Government of Yukon adopt the **Yukon Museum Strategy**;
- 2) THAT the Government of Yukon produce an implementation plan;

3) THAT there be a formal one-year review, undertaken by a representative panel, and that particular attention be paid at the review to the definition of “museum” and the unique requirements of Yukon First Nations.

RESULT: (December 5, 2004) Minister Taylor accepted YHRB’s recommendations and will forward the Strategy to Cabinet for their consideration.

27. (December) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that eight (8) projects be funded under the Yukon Historic Resources Fund.

RESULT: (February 8, 2005) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendations.

28. (December) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that the Dawson Telegraph Office be designated as a Yukon Historic Site under the provisions of the *HRA*.

RESULT: (April 18, 2005) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

29. (December) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that the Yukon Sawmill Co. Office be designated as a Yukon Historic Site under the provisions of the *HRA*.

RESULT: (April 18, 2005) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

30. (February) YHRB recommended to Canada Minister of Environment that the federal government continue to provide funding for the Historic Places Initiative (HPI).

RESULT: (April 29, 2005) Minister Dion responded: “Your interest in and support of the Historic Places Initiative is appreciated.”

31. (February) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that she “write the federal Minister of Environment, Stéphane Dion, to encourage Canada to continue to provide funding for the Historic Places Initiative (HPI).”

RESULT: Minister Taylor copied YHRB with her thank you letter (dated March 24, 2005) to Mr. Dion, for the Canadian government’s commitment towards continued, long term funding for the Historic Places and Tomorrow Starts Today Initiatives.

32. (March) YHRB recommended to the Premier of the Yukon that funds received by the Yukon Government under the “Nation Building Framework for a Northern Strategy” initiative be spent on preserving, revitalizing and promoting culture and identity as defined in the Northern Strategy – specifically that monies be allocated to:

- Preservation and promotion of aboriginal languages, with particular emphasis on creation of an aboriginal language roundtable, as discussed in the YHRB *What we gonna do?* report on aboriginal languages; and
- Promotion and the use of traditional knowledge and practices in northern decision making.

Further, the Board recommended that traditional knowledge be considered in other areas of the Strategy including Northern Science and Research, Environment, Economic Development, and Building Healthy and Safe Communities.

RESULT: (March 8, 2005) Premier Fentie replied that he “would encourage you to participate in this process and discuss further your suggestions for preserving and promoting aboriginal culture.”

2005/06

- *(Recommendation #28 – YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that the Dawson Telegraph Office be designated as a Yukon Historic Site under the provisions of the HRA.)*

RESULT: (April 18, 2005) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

- *(Recommendation #29 – YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that the Yukon Sawmill co. Office be designated as a Yukon Historic Site under the provisions of the HRA.)*

RESULT: (April 18, 2005) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

- *(Recommendation #30 – YHRB recommended to the Minister of Environment that the federal government continue to provide funding for the Historic Places Initiative.)*

RESULT: (April 29, 2005) Minister Dion responded: “Your interest in and support of the Historic Places Initiative is appreciated.”

33. (July 8, 2005) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that the interest generated in the 2004/05 fiscal year from the Yukon Historic Resources Fund be used to fund ‘aboriginal languages projects only’ in the next application intake, scheduled for October 2005.

RESULT: (August 23, 2005) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

34. (November 29, 2005) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that one project (D. Grady) be funded under the YHRF.

RESULT: (December 30, 2005) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

35. (February 6, 2006) YHRB reiterated to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture two previously-made (October 4, 2004) Museum Strategy recommendations:

- (a) That the Government of Yukon immediately produce an Implementation Plan;
- (b) That the Government of Yukon immediately establish a representative panel to review the Museum Strategy one year from the date of its adoption as government policy.

RESULT: (March 23, 2006) Minister Taylor's response: "In conjunction with our government's announcement earlier today to add \$200,000 in new funding to the inventory of programs that support Yukon museums, I was pleased to also announce our government's intent to establish a Museums Advisory Panel. In addition to providing a mechanism for the implementation and ongoing review of the Museums Strategy, the panel will also be asked to develop criteria for the museums Special Projects Assistance Program."

36. (February 6, 2006) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that four projects be funded under the YHRF and that two projects be declined.

RESULT: (March 10, 2006) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

2006/07

37. (April 18, 2006) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that the Legion Hall and site in Mayo be designated as a Yukon Historic Site under the provisions of the *Historic Resources Act*.

RESULT: (May 8, 2006) Minister Taylor copied YHRB on her letter to the Chief of Na-Cho Nyak Dun notifying them of the government's intention to designate the Mayo Legion Hall, as recommended by YHRB.

(May 8, 2006) Minister Taylor wrote to YHRB that she will be notifying the First of Na-Cho Nyak Dun of her decision and that YHRB will be copied for our records.

(August 25, 2006) Minister Taylor copied YHRB on her letter to Na-Cho Nyak Dun informing them that the Mayo Legion Hall "is now designated a Yukon Historic Site".

38. (December 18, 2006) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that the Caribou Hotel and site be designated as a Yukon Historic Site under the provisions of the *Historic Resources Act*.

RESULT: (February 7, 2007) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

39. (January 2, 2007) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that four of five applications to the YHRF be funded.

RESULT: (February 7, 2007) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

40. (February 13, 2007) YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that a resubmission from the City of Dawson for Development of a Heritage Management Plan, utilizing unexpended funds, be funded under the Yukon Historic Resources Fund.

RESULT: (March 23, 2007) Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

2007/08

41. YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture that 100% of interest generated by the Yukon Historic Resources Fund, rather than 50% of the interest, be applied to this year's projects.

RESULT: YHRB was encouraged to work within the existing funding parameters in adjudicating this year's applications

42. The board recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that the following seven applications to the Yukon Historic Resources Fund be approved for 2007–08:

- upgrade of yard artifacts at the MacBride Museum;
- excavations of the Little John Site and related ethnographic documentation of the Upper Tanana River Basin;
- rehabilitation of the Caribou Hotel in Carcross;
- support of the book *My Country is Alive: A Southern Tutchone Life*;
- the Yukon River Survey;
- the Tlingit and Tagish aboriginal languages preservation project; and
- *Making a Modern Wilderness*, a study of the change in the relationship between aboriginal peoples and conservation officials in the Yukon during the second half of the twentieth century.

RESULT: Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation.

2008/09

43. YHRB recommended to the Yukon Minister of Tourism & Culture that eight applications to the Yukon Historic Resources Fund be funded. The projects recommended for funding were the following:

- *The Unsinkable Babe Richards: An Extraordinary Life* biography project
- Caribou Hotel Rehabilitation Project
- Dawson Firefighter Shelter planning and design
- A.J. Goddard Site Evaluation (Yukon River Survey)
- Hets'edan Ku Traditional Sewing Project
- Exterior Maintenance and Upgrade of the Odd Fellows Hall
- Vuntut Gwitchin Government: Gwich'in Language & Graphics Enhancement Project
- Yukon Historical & Museums Association conference

RESULT: Minister Taylor accepted the recommendation