



# YHRB

Yukon Heritage  
Resources Board

## Who we are

The Yukon Heritage Resources Board (YHRB) has mandates under the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements (FAs) and Yukon's *Historic Resources Act* primarily to make recommendations to federal, territorial, and Yukon First Nation governments on issues related to heritage management in the Yukon.

Under the Final Agreements, the board may make recommendations to the Ministers responsible for heritage and to Yukon First Nations regarding the management of Moveable Heritage Resources and Heritage Sites. Under sections 13.3.2.1 and 13.3.6 of the Final Agreements, the board is also mandated to make determinations related to ownership of certain heritage resources. The *Historic Resources Act* additionally mandates the board to advise the Yukon Minister on a wide variety of heritage matters in the Yukon, and to carry out its duties under the Final Agreements.

*Above: Beaded mooseskin bookmark from the Adaka conference organized by YHRB in 1999. YHRB photo*

*Right: Watson Lake signposts. Yukon government photo*

*Left/front: Fort Selkirk. Yukon government photo*



## Board members

The board is made up of ten appointed members from throughout the Yukon who operate in the public interest. The Council of Yukon First Nations nominates five appointees and Yukon government nominates five, one of whom is chosen with the concurrence of the Government of Canada. All appointments are made by the Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture for three-year terms. YHRB members undertake extensive training, engage governments and heritage professionals, and participate in community and public events in order to stay informed about heritage issues in the Yukon and ensure that the board continues to provide informed, timely, and relevant recommendations.



*Palaeontological resources such as this ice-age bison skull are protected under the Yukon's Historic Resources Act. YHRB photo*



*The old telegraph office in Dawson City. Yukon government photo*







Husky headframe, Keno Hill Silver District.  
YHRB photo



## What We Do

Heritage and historic resources in the Yukon include not only objects, artifacts, and buildings, but also trails and routes, documents, landscapes, sites, oral and written history, and Yukon First Nation languages. These are some of the issues on which the board may make recommendations:

- designation and management of historic sites;
- documentation and preservation of Yukon First Nation languages;
- development of and changes to territorial objectives, policies, guidelines, standards, programs, and regulations for heritage management;
- consideration of traditional knowledge in the management of heritage;
- ways to foster public awareness and appreciation of heritage resources and sites;
- development and revision of a strategic plan for the preservation of Moveable Heritage Resources and Heritage Sites in the Yukon;
- administration of the *Historic Resources Act*;
- development, revision, and updating of a manual to facilitate management and interpretation of Yukon heritage by the Parties to the FAs;



Above: Toboggan from Tatlain Lake.  
Yukon government photo

Top: The Caribou Hotel in Carcross was designated as a Yukon Historic Site in 2008. Yukon government photo

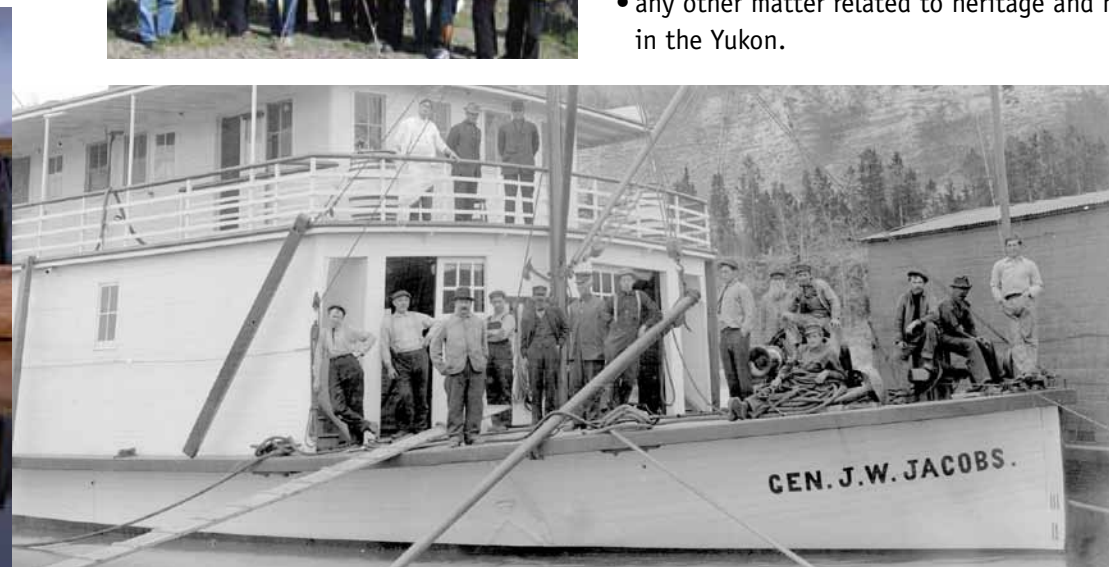
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Herschel Island schooner, 2007.  
Yukon government photo



- development, revision, and updating of an inventory of Yukon First Nation heritage resources;
- use of the Yukon Historic Resources Fund; and
- any other matter related to heritage and historic resources in the Yukon.



Above, left: Ceremony at Lake Laberge for the designation of the A.J. Goddard as a Yukon Historic Site. Yukon government photo

Left: Crew members on the deck of the Gen. J.W. Jacobs, Whitehorse, n.d. YA, E.J. Hamacher fonds (Margaret and Rolf Hougen coll.), 2002/118 #99