



Who We Are

The Yukon Heritage Resources Board (YHRB) has mandates under the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements, the Yukon's *Historic Resources Act*, and various sections of Yukon First Nation Heritage Acts. Under these pieces of legislation, the mandate of the YHRB is to make recommendations to Yukon, Canada, and Yukon First Nation governments on the conservation, designation, and stewardship of heritage resources and sites in the Yukon, and to make determinations regarding ownership of heritage resources in disputes referred to the Board under the Final Agreements.



Board members

The Board is made up of ten appointed members from throughout the Yukon who operate in the public interest. Members are nominated by the governments of Yukon First Nations, the Yukon, and Canada, and are appointed for three-year terms. YHRB members undertake extensive training, regularly engage governments and heritage professionals, and participate in community events and discussions in order to stay informed about heritage issues in the Yukon. The Board is committed to providing informed, timely, and relevant recommendations and fair decisions, rooted in the spirit and intent of the Board's legislated mandates and of the Principles of Reconciliation, as set out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.



Above: The wreck of the A.J. Goddard at Lake Laberge is a Yukon Historic Site. YHRB photo

Above, left: Beaded mooseskin bookmark from the Adaka conference organized by YHRB. YHRB photo

Above, right: YHRB member Roger Ellis at the Moosehide Gathering. Photo: Testloa Smith
Far left/front: Board members and Carcross/Tagish First Nation staff at Conrad Historic Site. YHRB photo

Below: The old village near Mayo. YHRB photo



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Working on the sign from the Caribou Hotel in Carcross, a Yukon Historic Site. YHRB photo

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The Old Log Church and Rectory in Whitehorse, a Yukon Historic Site. 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, archaeological and palaeontological resources, cultural landscapes, oral and written stories, and Yukon First Nation languages.

Below: Robinson Roadhouse. YHRB photo



The YHRB may make recommendations on a wide range of issues, including the following:

- designation and management of Yukon Historic and Heritage Site
- management of documentary and archival resources
- development of intergovernmental programs to support heritage stewardship and interpretation
- documentation and preservation of Yukon First Nation languages
- development of and changes to Yukon's legislation, regulations, objectives, policies, guidelines, standards, and programs for heritage management
- incorporation of traditional knowledge in the stewardship of heritage
- development of policy, programs, and funding for museums and cultural centres
- use of the Yukon Historic Resources Fund
- ways to foster public awareness and appreciation of heritage resources and sites

- administration of the *Historic Resources Act*
- management planning for heritage sites and resources
- any other matter related to heritage and historic resources in the Yukon

The YHRB is also mandated to make final, binding decisions regarding ownership of heritage resources in disputes referred to the Board under sections 13.3.2.1 or 13.3.6 of the Final Agreements.



Above: The Selkirk Dancers at Fort Selkirk, a Yukon Historic Site. YHRB photo



Above: Historic structure, Keno area. YHRB photo

Left: The Watson Lake Sign Post Forest is a Yukon Historic Site. YHRB photo