



# Yukon Heritage Resources Board



Annual Report 2004–2005

## Ten Yukon Facts

On October 2, 1895 the Northwest Territories was divided into four Provincial Districts: Ungava, Franklin, Mackenzie and Yukon

In 1916 the Side Streams Navigation Company charged two cents a pound for freight from Dawson to Mayo on its boat, the *Vidette*.

In 1901 the total population of the Yukon was 27,219; this included 3,302 First Nations people.

Expenditures by the Yukon government for the year ending June 30, 1903 included construction costs of \$56,641.42 on the "Dawson-Whitehorse overland sled road."

When U.S. explorer Frederick Schwatka travelled through the Yukon in 1883 he employed two Tagish packers and an interpreter whose mother was Tagish.

In 1905 miners earned \$3.50 for an eight-hour day; ordinary labourers were paid the same amount for ten hours.

By mid-winter of 1897-98 police dog teams were hauling 500-700 pounds of mail between Bennett and Dawson approximately twice a month, a trip which averaged 7 1/2 days.

Aishihik was the jumping-off point for three major trails: west to the Nisling/White rivers; north to the Yukon River/Fort Selkirk; and southwest to Kluane Lake.

The Yukon forms 5.4 percent of the total area of Canada.

Mount St. Elias, named by Vitus Bering on July 16, 1741, was the first geographical feature in the Yukon to be named by a non-native person.

## Message from the Chair

As the first decade of land claims implementation and the Yukon Heritage Resources Board draws to a close, it is time to reflect on the accomplishments of the Board and to look forward to the challenge of our future as a UFA board charged with matters of heritage important to all Yukon people. In the past ten years the Board has worked hard to fulfil their mandate under the Umbrella Final Agreement and the *Historic Resources Act* to raise awareness and understanding of heritage issues. Perhaps the greatest challenge has been to become a strong and effective board, cognizant of issues and maintaining recognition and acceptance within a diverse and increasingly important heritage sector.

In 2004 there were a number of changes to the YHRB. We welcomed a new board in April, 2004 with four new members. Vice-Chair TJ Hammer assumed the position of Chair with the retirement of Clara Schinkel, while I took on the Vice-Chair position. When TJ was transferred to Ottawa, I became the acting chair and was affirmed by the Board as Chair with Patricia Cuning in the Vice-Chair position. Two new board members, Joyce Armstrong of Watson Lake, and André Bourcier of Whitehorse, rounded out our full complement of ten board members as the year drew to a close. We are fortunate to have a keen and accomplished group of members who bring a variety of perspectives, skills and abilities. Very special thanks to the outgoing members for their commitment and hard work, and welcome to the new and returning board members as we continue through the next years of our term.

A major initiative over the past year has been the continued work on our strategic plan. We welcomed the opportunity of discussing our strategic plan with then-CYFN Grand Chief Ed Schultz in January. With the completion and implementation of the plan in 2006, the Board will have taken great steps toward becoming more responsive and effective. Recommendations to government included approval of the Yukon Museum Strategy, project applications to the Yukon Historic Resources Fund and two Yukon Historic Site designations.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Board and an honour to serve as Chair. Getting to work with a team of dynamic individuals has been exciting and rewarding. I would like to thank those who worked on past Boards, our current Board members, our Executive Director Loree Stewart, and Rick Lemaire and the staff at Cultural Services, Department of Tourism and Culture.



*YHRB chair Ingrid Johnson/  
K'ayyadeh.*



## Who We Are

The Yukon Heritage Resources Board (YHRB) has ten members representing Yukon communities. The Council of Yukon First Nations nominates five people and the Yukon government nominates five. All of them are appointed by the Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture and all terms conclude at the same time.

YHRB was established in 1995 under the terms of the Umbrella Final Agreement. The duties and responsibilities of the board are outlined in the Yukon's *Historic Resources Act* (Part 1, Section 4) and the Umbrella Final Agreement (Chapter 13). Under the Umbrella Final Agreement, the Board may make recommendations to the Minister and to Yukon First Nations regarding the management of Yukon Heritage Resources and First Nation Heritage Resources. The Yukon Heritage Resources Board may also be asked to make determinations pursuant to Umbrella Final Agreement 13.3.2.1 and 13.3.6.



*Board members hosted a lunch for outgoing chair Clara Schinkel in September 2004.*

Under the Yukon's *Historic Resources Act*, the Board is to advise the Minister on appropriate policies and guidelines for the designation of historic sites and appropriate policies, guidelines and standards for the care and custody of historic objects; perform functions that land claims agreements assign to YHRB and advise on the use of the Yukon Historic Resources Fund.

YHRB is mandated to make recommendations to the federal and territorial ministers and Yukon First Nations with respect to the management of moveable heritage resources and heritage sites. Since its inception, the Board has assisted First Nation, territorial, federal and municipal governments in developing heritage resource policies to address the public interest in Yukon heritage.

Members have a common interest in ensuring the development of heritage policies which will serve all people of the Yukon. Board member terms were completed April 17, 2004. The Hon. Elaine Taylor, Minister of Tourism and Culture, appointed the following Board members effective April 18, 2004: Thomas Hammer, Carolyn Allen, Ingrid Johnson, Robert Munroe, Patricia Cunning and Susan Twist (reappointed); and new appointments Diane Strand, Sharon A. Peter (Mayo), Carl Sidney (Teslin) and Ron Chambers (Haines Junction).



At its inception meeting in June, the new Board selected Thomas Hammer as Chair and Ingrid Johnson as Vice-Chair. Mr. Hammer resigned from the Board in August, 2004 and Ms. Twist resigned from the Board in October, 2004. The Minister appointed Joyce Armstrong of Watson Lake and André Bourcier of Whitehorse, effective December 22, 2004, to replace Mr. Hammer and Ms. Twist. All appointments are effective for a term ending April 17, 2007. At the board's January meeting, the Board selected Ingrid Johnson as Chair and Patricia Cunning as Vice-Chair.

Jeff Hunston, Manager of the Heritage Resources Unit, assisted the Board as the Yukon government representative since its inception and the Board gratefully acknowledges his assistance. Rick Lemaire, Director of Cultural Services, assumed the role of Yukon government representative in October, 2004. The Board is assisted in its mandate by executive director Loree Stewart.

## Board Activities

The mandate of the Yukon Heritage Resources Board is to provide advice to government on issues that affect the territory's heritage resources. Board members work with a variety of groups and individuals across the territory and nationally to fulfil this mandate.

Liz Blair attended the designation ceremony of the Mabel McIntyre House in Mayo on April 3, with Minister Taylor officiating and NND Chief Steve Buyck in attendance.

The Chair and Vice-Chair welcomed Alaska Anthropological Association delegates to the Yukon at the opening reception held at the Beringia Centre on April 7th.

The Board and the Executive Director participated at the Yukon regional heritage fair on May 7th. Board member Thomas (TJ) Hammer presented three workshops to students on archaeology activities in the Yukon and Frank Jurak, the Yukon government's restoration craftsperson, demonstrated how replicas/casts are made of artifacts (*see photo p.4*). Students made necklaces from replica arrowheads and beads.



*Beringia Centre*  
Yukon government photo



YHRB continued to provide advice to the Yukon Heritage Training Fund, which met regularly to review applications to fund travel costs and registration fees for short-term heritage training courses.

Members of the Special Projects Committee met with government representatives to review the Board's decision in March to not recommend the Yukon Museum Strategy. The review was carried out so that the museum strategy could undergo revision and be recommended to the Minister. The committee reviewed YHRB's general and specific concerns about the strategy, which were forwarded to the minister in March, 2004: the language of the document did not reflect First Nation Centres as museums, costs and priorities were not indicated, it did not have an implementation plan, and an ongoing review panel was not provided for.

Board members were sorry to see the departures of TJ Hammer in August, 2004 (when he accepted a position with Parks Canada in Ottawa) and Susan Twist in October, 2004. Both of them were appointed to the Board in April, 2001, and TJ was selected Vice-Chair. They contributed greatly to the development of criteria and a process for the evaluation of historic sites nominated for territorial designation, guidelines for the use of interest generated by the Yukon Historic Resources Fund, the publication of the Adäka Proceedings, review of the museum strategy process since August, 2001, the first recommendation of a site nominated for territorial designation and presentation to the Implementation Review Group in November, 2003 for the 2003–04 review of UFA/YFNFA implementation plans. Both members were also instrumental in moving forward strategic planning after our first strategic planning workshop in August, 2003.



*Frank Jurak and students at the heritage fair in May, 2004*

Eight applications to the Yukon Historic Resources Fund were reviewed at the November–December board meeting. Approximately \$37,000 was available this year for projects. Further review of the oral history project applications was carried out by the Special Projects Committee in December and six projects for a total of \$26,000 were recommended.

The Grand Chief of CYFN attended the January board meeting. The Board had not wanted to move forward on strategic planning until it had met with the Grand Chief and received his input on how the board might proceed. He suggested that the board engage the communities in its strategic planning



process. The board also reviewed a background research paper on Yukon aboriginal languages prepared by the executive director.

Strategic planning continued, including the development of a strategic planning document format on duties assigned to YHRB under Chapter 13, to be linked with the objectives of the chapter.

YHRB's display panels were exhibited at the Alaska Anthropological Association conference (April 7–10); Yukon Regional Historical Fair (May 7); CYFN General Assembly (September 14–16); Yukon Historical and Museums Association's Heritage Awards at Yukon Archives (February 21); and at Taylor House as part of "Doors Open" on February 25.

## Guests of the Board

Honourable Elaine Taylor, Minister of Tourism and Culture and Rick Lemaire, Director of Cultural Services, attended the June board meeting to welcome the new board members. The Minister meets once annually with the YHRB Chair and twice with the Board.

At the September board meeting Rick Lemaire gave an update on the Yukon Museum Strategy and Michael Edwards, Historic Places Initiative (HPI) Communications Officer, presented two pamphlets: Overview of the Conservation Tools and The Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund. He also tabled the document "Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada".

At the November-December board meeting Rick Lemaire reviewed his report of recent activities of all sectors of the Cultural Services Branch.

Barbara Hogan, Historic Sites Registrar for Cultural Services, provided background information on two sites nominated for territorial designation: Yukon Saw Mill Company Office and Dawson Telegraph Office.

At the January board meeting CYFN Grand Chief Ed Schultz discussed various topics, including CYFN's language trust fund and YHRB's strategic planning to date.



*YHRB participated in Heritage Canada's "Doors Open" initiative on Heritage Day, February 25. Taylor House was open for four hours, and received about 100 visitors.*



## Recommendations by the Yukon Heritage Resources Board 2004–05

To the Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture that the Government of Yukon adopt the Yukon Museum Strategy with the provisos that the government produce an implementation plan and undertake a formal one-year review.

**Result: Minister forwarded Yukon Museum Strategy to Cabinet for consideration**

To the Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture that six projects be funded under the Yukon Historic Resources Fund.

**Result: Accepted**

To the Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture that the Dawson Telegraph Office be designated as a Yukon Historic Site under the provisions of the *Historic Resources Act*.

**Result: Pending**

To the Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture that the Yukon Sawmill Company Office be designated as a Yukon Historic Site under the provisions of the *Historic Resources Act*.

**Result: Pending**

To the federal Minister of Environment that the federal government continue to provide funding for the Historic Places Initiative (HPI).

**Result: Acknowledged**

To the Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture that she encourage the federal Minister of Environment to continue to provide funding for the HPI.

**Result: Acknowledged**

To the Premier of the Yukon that funds received by the Yukon Government under the Northern Strategy be allocated to preservation and promotion of aboriginal languages, promotion and the use of traditional knowledge and practices in northern decision making and that traditional knowledge be considered in other areas of the Strategy.

**Result: Acknowledged**



## Yukon Historic Sites

Under the provisions of the *Historic Resources Act*, nominations for the territorial designation of sites are referred to the Yukon Heritage Resources Board for evaluation and recommendation to the minister responsible for heritage. The Yukon Saw Mill Company Office and the Dawson Telegraph Office were reviewed by YHRB at its November meeting. The board evaluates the sites according to criteria developed for built sites which includes categories of physical characteristics, associative values of the building and other considerations such as whether the site is suitable for adaptive reuse or is recognized as a community landmark. Both sites scored very high and in December, 2004 were recommended to Minister Taylor for territorial designation as Yukon Historic Sites. Once the minister accepts the board's recommendation, Tourism and Culture staff advertise a Notice of Intended Designation and begin the process of officially designating the site according to the *Act*.



*Dawson Telegraph Office, 2005*  
Yukon government photo

## Directions for the Future

The YHRB will continue its involvement in many ongoing issues, including reviewing and making recommendations to the Minister of Tourism and Culture for the designation of Yukon Historic Sites, reviewing applications to the Yukon Historic Resources Fund and objectives, policies and programs of the Cultural Services Branch. The Board may also, at its discretion, review and monitor the implementation of First Nation heritage resources strategic plans. As specified in the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements, YHRB will review and make recommendations on management plans for historic sites, special management areas, and Yukon parks.

The Board will complete its long-term strategic plan during the 2005/06 fiscal year.

Over the next year, the Yukon Heritage Resources Board will continue to listen to the concerns, desires and opinions of Yukoners on heritage issues and attempt to inform all members of the community regarding the importance of heritage preservation.

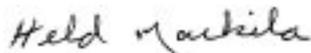
## Auditors' Report

To the Members of the Yukon Heritage Resources Board:

We have audited the balance sheet of the Yukon Heritage Resources Board as at March 31, 2005, and the statements of revenue, expenses and surplus and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



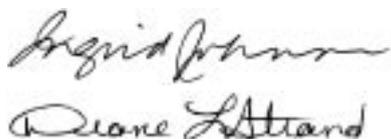
Chartered Accountants  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
June 7, 2005

**Balance Sheet**

March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
<b>Assets</b>		
Current		
Cash	\$ 84,403	\$ 58,907
Accounts receivable	1,207	1,424
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,097</u>	<u>1,939</u>
	<b>87,707</b>	62,270
Capital (Notes 2 and 3)	<u>21,678</u>	<u>22,551</u>
	<b>\$ 109,385</b>	<b>\$ 84,821</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 10,491</u>	<u>\$ 13,995</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Investment in capital assets	21,678	22,551
Accumulated surplus	<u>77,216</u>	<u>48,275</u>
	<b>98,894</b>	70,826
	<b>\$ 109,385</b>	<b>\$ 84,821</b>

Approved by the Board:



Ingrid Johnson  
Deane Lstrand

**Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Surplus**

For the year ended March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contribution	\$ 176,905	\$ 173,968
Investment income	1,676	1,841
	<u>178,581</u>	<u>175,809</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising	223	112
Accommodation	2,027	4,167
Honoraria	24,000	33,900
Insurance	2,719	2,243
Janitorial	1,873	1,863
Meals and incidentals	5,068	5,705
Memberships	172	76
Miscellaneous	1,050	760
Office equipment	4,363	1,086
Office supplies	2,176	3,110
Photocopying and postage	1,069	1,215
Professional fees	1,550	1,500
Repairs and maintenance	1,607	1,569
Support services	10,784	28,513
Telephone and internet	1,796	1,912
Training	3,246	823
Travel	5,815	5,092
Utilities	5,665	5,132
Wages and benefits	74,437	74,483
	<u>149,640</u>	<u>173,261</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	28,941	2,548
Surplus, beginning of year	48,275	45,727
Surplus, end of year	<u>\$ 77,216</u>	<u>\$ 48,275</u>

**Statement of Cash Flow**

For the year ended March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 28,941	\$ 2,548
Change in non-cash working capital items		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	217	(23)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(158)	(729)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	<u>(3,504)</u>	<u>(2,429)</u>
Cash provided by (used by) operations	<u>25,496</u>	<u>(633)</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of equipment	(4,363)	(1,086)
Equipment donated to other organizations	<u>5,236</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>873</u>	<u>(1,086)</u>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in investment in capital assets	<u>(873)</u>	<u>1,086</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	25,496	(633)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>58,907</u>	<u>59,540</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 84,403</u>	<u>\$ 58,907</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2005

### 1. Purpose of the Board

The Yukon Heritage Resources Board was established in March 1995 as one of the bodies required under the terms of the Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA) and the enabling settlement legislation, to make recommendations to the Federal and Territorial Ministers responsible for Heritage and to each Yukon First Nation regarding the management of Yukon Heritage Resources and First Nation Heritage Resources.

Since its inception, the Board has assisted First Nation, Territorial, Federal and Municipal governments in developing heritage resource policies to reflect the wishes of all Yukoners.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting practices generally accepted in Canada. In preparing these financial statements management has made estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### *Revenue recognition*

The Board follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the

related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

#### *Capital assets*

The full cost of capital assets is capitalized on the balance sheet in the year of purchase. Payments toward those costs are expensed in the year they are made. The Investment in Capital Assets represents the historical cost of all assets owned by the Society less loans providing funds to acquire equity in the assets. The Board does not amortize its capital assets.

#### *Financial instruments*

The Board's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, short-term investments and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Board is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

### 3. Capital assets

	2005	2004
Office furniture and equipment	<u>\$ 21,678</u>	<u>\$ 22,551</u>





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*Front:* The Yukon Sawmill Company Office, Dawson City, 1982.  
 Yukon government photo

*Back, above (l-r):* Pat Van Bibber and Doug Silverfox at Lutsaw Lake, Chris Thomas; Stone tools from Tr'ochëk, TJ Hammer; Robinson, Yukon government; Garry Njootli at LaPierre House, TJ Hammer; Fort Selkirk, Yukon government

*Below:* The Dawson City Telegraph office, 1902.  
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