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**YUKON HISTORIC RESOURCES FUND SUPPORTS HERITAGE RESEARCH**

WHITEHORSE – Glenn Hart, acting tourism and culture minister, announced the second instalment of awards under the recently established Yukon Historic Resources Fund.

During its first year, the fund has awarded more than \$47,000 to a variety of heritage projects that interpret, preserve and promote appreciation of Yukon’s historic resources.

“The Yukon has a rich and diverse heritage that has played an important role in shaping all aspects of our lives today,” Hart said. “The research and documentation of our history provides us with a better understanding of the diverse origins of our territory, and of what it means to be Yukoners.”

Money set aside in the Yukon Historic Resources Fund since 1992 has created an endowment fund. Half of the yearly interest earned from the \$1 million fund has been allocated for heritage projects throughout the Yukon, with the other half reinvested in the fund. The first awards were made in the fall of 2004.

The Yukon Historic Resources Fund supports the objectives of the Historic Resources Act by providing financial support for projects in archaeology, palaeontology, community museums and heritage/cultural centres, historic sites, native language preservation, historical research and place names.

The Yukon Heritage Resources Board reviews applications based on established criteria and makes recommendations to the minister.

Private citizens, businesses and not-for-profit groups, First Nations, and municipalities are eligible for funding, with preference given to Yukon-based applicants. For further information or for application forms, contact the heritage resources unit of the Department of Tourism and Culture or visit the web site [www.yukonheritage.com](http://www.yukonheritage.com).

The next application deadline is October 15, 2005.

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**Historic Resources Fund Recipients – September 2004 First Intake - Total: \$20,905.**

*Grandmothers Backbone* was allocated \$3,500 for a video project that explores the life of Kitty and Fred Smith along the Yukon and Teslin Rivers.

*Ta'an Kwacha'an Place Names Project* was allocated \$6,370 for place names research and documentation. A project to research and document known place names, collect new place names, record pronunciations, collect and take photos.

*Re-opening of Lhú'än Män Heritage Trails* was allocated \$600 for oral history research on a Burwash area elder. This is a project is a small component of a larger plan to restore 16 heritage routes through Kluane First Nation traditional territory.

*Creating a Sense of the Past with Horse Packsaddles* was allocated \$3,250 for project detailing research, writing and public presentation on horse pack-train history and technology.

*Made in the Yukon - Historical Research on Yukon Manufacturing* was allocated \$3,945 for historical research on Yukon manufacturing. The project will provide an overview on manufacturing for trade, and a look at specific manufacturing facilities.

*Yukon Expedition 1887/88: William Ogilvie* was allocated \$780 for the first phase of a 5 year re-enactment of the Wm. Ogilvie 1887/88 survey of the Yukon. After the research phase, a canoe will be built and travel along Ogilvie's routes will be undertaken.

*Investigation of Yukon Air Crash Records* was allocated \$2,460 to investigate Yukon air crash records at the United States Air Force Historical Research Agency. Located in Alabama, this is the most extensive archives related to WWII aircraft.

**Historic Resources Fund Recipients – November 2004 Second Intake - Total: \$26,219.**

*Restoration of Alex Nicol Warehouse (Legion Hall)* was allocated \$3,725 for work toward the restoration of an historic building in Mayo. It will be used as a boat restoration shed, and will be open to the public.

*Alaska Highway Historical Benchmarks* was allocated \$3,210 for historical and archival research and travel costs. This is a project to re-establish 1943 US Army survey benchmarks along the Alaska Highway, and to create a website.

*Ross River Men Historical Stories and Legends* was allocated \$5,000 for research and honoraria costs. This project will involve interviewing Ross River Dena men to gain their perspective about traditional life ways.

*Van Bibber Oral History Research* was allocated \$5,000 for research, honoraria and transcribing costs. This project will document the lives of the Van Bibber family on and around the Macmillan River.

*The Loon* was allocated \$4,284 for transportation relocation costs, labour and research costs. The Loon will be moved from Whitehorse to Mayo, and will be researched and given a marine survey.

*Dendrochronology at Forty Mile* was allocated \$5,000. A project to develop a tree ring reference chronology for the Forty Mile area and to develop a non-destructive technique for sampling tree rings from historic structures.