



YUKON HISTORICAL & MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## **Flo Whyard Continues her Founding Convention Speech** *In a Continuation of our Celebration of YHMA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the following is the remainder of Flo's speech*

It only takes one or two people. Bill MacBride demonstrated that. All those years when he was clipping things and keeping his own scrapbooks; he didn't subscribe to any news service, he didn't have any grants and he didn't have any encouragement either. He took his own time to do this as a White Pass employee. And you know, those scrapbooks and his enthusiasm were the beginning - the core around which this whole complex is developing. And Bill didn't get any money for it. He did get some recognition in his lifetime, for which I am very very grateful. And this building was opened by a member of the Royal Family in Canada's Centennial, which is something to be proud of, and I think he was very proud, as an American.

But the point I'm trying to get through here is that you don't need a lot of people, or a lot of expertise to start these things. You do need some wisdom and some planning and some guidelines to keep the thing going in the right direction, but there are a lot of people like Bill MacBride here, who can do their own thing, and are doing it in their own area.

Yukoners are blessed with other museums. The original in Dawson, which burned and has risen from the ashes to grow to unexpected heights has been spurred on always by one or two women with a bee in their bonnet - and watch out for a woman with a bee in her bonnet! There is always an Iris Warner or a Kathy Jones when you need them. It's wonderful to see the new museum building at Burwash, Father; that's a tremendous asset to this country.

And in Teslin and at Atlin. There's a new log building in Teslin and the building in Atlin is old, and I like them both and the same determination and spirit is there in each community. I know that we will be seeing more and more museums throughout the Yukon because people like Pierre Berton are making it fashionable now to guard our heritage. Some of you were probably at the workshops in Vancouver where he told you how to do this. So you are riding on a crest of public interest, and your timing in forming this Association, whatever you are going to call it, is right on! I think you can just take the ball and run with it.

The other part of your umbrella organization, I understand, besides the museum aspect, will be the historical society, whatever name you give it, and this is what really pleases me. Generally speaking your goals, I understand, will be "to promote and foster a more pronounced interest and understanding and appreciation of Yukon history and culture, and to unite and coordinate the efforts of all individuals and groups interested in preserving and furthering the knowledge of Yukon history and culture." Well, that's a pretty ambitious objective, and it sounds great and I wish you luck!

I hope that your next eight objectives as I read them in the old constitution can be achieved. I hope that you will ensure that the Dept. of Education introduces and/or improves the extent and

quality of Yukon history and culture in the curriculum and that you succeed in all your other objectives and if you need any help, I'd be happy to give it. But please, could I ask one small thing? Start now. Do it now. Don't wait until you have achieved an overall blanket, a million dollar grant or a complete program. Start at the beginning and do it one step at a time. And if I could steal an old advertising cliché, I would say to you today - "Don't Delay - Write Today!"

The reason I put these little booklets out here is just to demonstrate what you can do now without waiting until the program is established. This little pamphlet [A Brief Description of the Great Gold Regions in the Northwest Territories and Alaska](#) by Joseph Ladue, 1896 - 7 or 8 priced 10 cents. Here's a little pamphlet by Henry Wilkinson, [Walking Around Carcross](#). That's history! Things have changed already since that was printed. When that new road comes through from Skagway - a lot more is going to change in Carcross, the walk won't be the same. That is a printed replica of how that settlement looked on that day and that is the kind of history I beg you to devote your energies to - all you writers. It is going to be different tomorrow - and the day after it is going to be even more different. I don't know how much stronger I could make that message. Everything changes all the time.

It's easy to find in your history books the records of the treaties and the wars and the kings. But just ask any researcher and they will tell you the tough part is finding the every-day record of what went on with those people. Dawson named their historical citizen of the year recently and it was a man who has been keeping a diary every day - year in and year out for forty something years. And I'm sure a lot of people said "what did he get that for - all he did was keep a diary". Aside from his other activities in that area. Well, it's very hard to keep a diary every single day for forty years. How many people here keep a diary? I don't have time. And where is somebody going to find out what happened on that day in that year in that community, if someone isn't recording it? Don't tell me that it's in the newspapers. It isn't. It isn't. It used to be in the days when small town newspapers recorded who was visiting whom and who had a tea, and who attended, and what meeting was held and which Brownie got the award. But that isn't the way journalism works anymore, and you will not find the living record of this community in the printed word in the Yukon twenty-five years from now when you are looking back. It's not there. And you can't expect to hear it on the radio or watch it on T.V. because it's gone. How many of you are sitting down now writing what you know? So that it's in print and it's accurate and it's true. These people did.

And another thing I want to ask of you, please. Make accuracy your goal. Make it your Holy Grail, with apologies, Father. I want you to pounce on every error, point out every mistake you see anywhere in print. Please! Mite it out and destroy because when researchers come in and use today's material fifty years from now; they are going to accept what they read there as fact. Now when we read it and say "Oh well, that's wrong and the name isn't spelled right, and that's not the right initial and it wasn't on that date and the street number is wrong - we say oh well, you know, we know that but it doesn't matter." It does matter. And you are the only people who can set the record straight. Obviously if they had known the right information they would have printed it and they don't. So get it straight. Correct it. Be a nuisance. If you are going to be an historical society you can now do it in a dignified way on proper letterhead. Up until now it's depended on crotchety old bats like me who said MacBride is spelt M A C because over and over I see it slipping through the wrong way. And it didn't seem to bother anybody but me and I'm delighted to know that it matters to a whole lot of other people or you wouldn't be here today. Because it's important; individuals are important and unless you get it right they are going to be forgotten and what they did is going to be told the wrong way. The story is not going to be true. And you are the only people who can do anything about it. I hope that this society is going to be a channel to accomplish something I have longed for many years.

You don't need a lot of money to get something printed. You can recover your printing costs by selling the brochure or the booklet and you are not supposed to be interested in a big profit, if you are really historians. One of the little booklets I have brought along today, this one - is in its second

edition, or third? Third. It's a story about 5 women in the Yukon. It grew out of our studies during our Centennial for the Anglican Church. We found that the lives of the women who came with the pioneer missionaries were fascinating and had great relevance to us today, and so there had been studies in our little Women's Auxiliary meetings; each member took one of these women and did some research and gave a paper. The papers were too good to waste. We put them together and we printed them. Yes, it is 30 cents. And eventually each batch recovers its cost of printing and you've got the word out and they travel all over the world. That's the kind of thing I want you all to do.

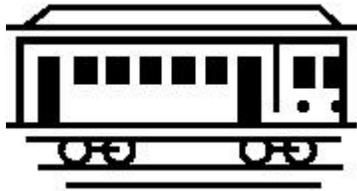
Now we can't all be as single minded and dedicated as people like Al Wright and put in twenty years on one tremendous project which is now finally being accepted and acclaimed. And there won't be many more Pierre Bertons among us, starting from this country. But we owe that man an unpayable debt for what he has done to tell the rest of the world about this country and particularly now for his leadership in this heritage movement which will bring benefit to all of us and to all societies such as yours, I hope. But there are people here who can write as warm and human a story as his mother, Laura Berton, did. About their own special northern experience. And I hope that you will encourage them to do it.

Cervantes said "Historians ought to be precise, faithful, and unprejudiced; and neither interest nor fear, hatred nor affection, should make them swerve from the way of truth."

And Shakespeare said "There is a history in all men's lives."

*And I guess what I'm saying is Go Get It! Thank you very much. ----- MacBride Museum -----*  
*Taken verbatim from the Yukon Historical & Museums Association, Minutes of the Founding Convention, March 12, 1977*

Miles  
Canyon  
Historic  
Railway  
News



On Thursday, July 25, the waterfront trolley was extended down to Second Avenue by Rotary Park. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony on that day, with many local dignitaries present. The extension of the railway signified the cooperation of the Canyon Historic Railway Society with the City of Whitehorse and the Yukon Government. There is a new platform near Second Avenue now. The project manager, Rob Bellamy, and his crew replaced ALL the ties, and put in new ballast (gravel) for this extension. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony on that day, with many local dignitaries present. The extension of the railway signified the cooperation of the Miles extension. The accomplishments of different levels of government and the community working

together can be seen in this new route extension. Hurray!



News from MacBride  
Museum

A brand new exhibit opens at MacBride on September 20. The exhibit is called "Many Hats: The Passions and Pursuits of Yukon Women" and features photographs and artifacts donated by a bunch of notable Yukon women, including Martha Louise Black, Victoria Faulkner, Deyo Levake and Peg Crook. Come enjoy this new exhibit! Call MacBride at (867) 667-2709 for fall hours.

George Johnston Museum  
News

It's been a financially sound and safe year partly because we were unable to find more than two staff members, and we cut out internet and

disconnected another couple of "essential" services to free funds. Bus tours were down to a miserable three but our bread and butter highway traffic went up. Three thousand admissions! A gift shop that is beginning to show the benefit of a YTG investment and the first increase in O&M in 10 years made all the difference to morale and planning.

The main thrust of planned expenditures has gone into on-the-spot and local advertising, as most of our visitors are drop-ins. The museum now sports 12 brilliant, red and blue signature coloured banners on 35 poles, painted and sealed along the highway entrance, refurbished and weather sealed by Keith Wolfe Smarch. Tlingit art signs out front and red foil logo labels are on all gift shop products. Semi-completed is a brochure pack to be placed in the hand of every tourist who enters any Teslin area site which touts the Heritage Centre, Museum and Yukon Gallery, a Teslin Walking Tour and the Chamber of Commerce business map. A table centre piece for every restaurant table that depicts two of these three tourist sites, and matted, framed posters of museum artifacts for every motel room in town. Our three highway signs are about to get a major facelift and have recognizable mini-banners added and we are investing time and money in a stunning sign for the new south entrance highway pull-off for tourists. We have invested \$2,500 over two years in brush cutting a 130 degree view of the museum for both northbound and southbound approaching traffic

Old problems remain. The Board is tiny and over-worked, wearing all the other hats each committed individual in a tiny town wears. The position for part time and temporary Manager has received no applications from the village, the competent work pool that is already fully employed. The furnace room ceiling is sagging and the add-on office pilings have slipped another few degrees off vertical this winter. Yet, the Gift Shop has begun to take on an individuality and a sparkle for all its cramped space, and we cleaned the Museum top to bottom, beams and all, and fixed all the superficial scars, holes and chips for the first time in 7 years. Individual exhibit lights remain a mystery; on today and off tomorrow. The mice are gone.

The George Johnston Museum remains a beautiful little gem. If you have not visited the trio of Heritage Centre, Yukon Gallery and George Johnston Museum some lovely summer day traveling that scenic lake and mountain highway stretch, put it on your "unforgettable Yukon field-trip" agenda.

Sharron Chatterton, Past President

## News

from the



### Dawson City Museum

The Dawson City Museum and Historical Society received a \$5000 contribution from the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief and Council supporting the new pre-gold rush history exhibit. The new exhibit features both summer and winter camps of the Hän people before the arrival of non-Native people. The winter camp features a dog pack which was contributed by elder Annie Henry, and the summer camp exhibit focuses on the importance of the mouth of the Klondike River as a key fishing location. There are also trade goods that were exchanged between Athapaskan and Tlingit First Nations in a display in the John G. Lind Gallery. A diorama illustrating the involvement of First Nations in the creation of the Kohklux map is in the Lind Gallery as well.

### Discovery Days 2002

Dawson City planned a fantastic mixture of events to celebrate Discovery Days. The opening occurred on Tuesday, August 13, 2002 with a presentation in the evening by John Gould. He put on a slide show entitled "The Life and Times of a Klondike Family". Over the weekend, the museum offered a sleuthing game called "Dawson City Detective", and a prize was awarded to the museum guest with the highest score of each day. On Thursday of that week, there was a special movie night, during which the

museum showed two different film depictions of Jack London's story "The Unexpected". One of the films was a Canadian production, filmed in 1986, and the other was a 1926 Russian film. On Friday, there was a guided tour in French with some special French guests. Saturday's event was a Mini-Raft Race Raffle. Each ticket bought a little raft that floated 7 km down the Klondike River, and the first raft there received a prize of \$500. These events contributed to the Discovery Day celebrations, which were participated in by some former residents and descendents. Because this year was the Centennial of the Incorporation of Dawson City, the celebrations were especially exciting! **Happy Centennial Dawson!**

## NOMINATIONS for the

### Yukon Transportation HALL OF FAME



Nomination forms for the Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame are now available! The categories are "Transportation Person of the Year" and "Transportation Pioneer of the Year". Each award has specific criteria, but for both the person must have been closely involved in moving goods and/or people. The Yukon Transportation Museum, the Yukon Transportation Association and the Yukon Government (Community & Transportation Services) fund this award. Each nomination requires the signature of two people, and a typed narrative (100-500 words) describing what the nominee has done to merit the award. We have some nomination forms available for distribution. The award ceremony will be part of National Transportation Week at the beginning of June, 2003. The deadline for nominations is November 15, 2002. For more information, contact the Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame at (867) 667-5756.

## News from the Canadian Heritage Information Network

The next Provincial Museums Association meeting will be held in Ottawa on Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th, 2003. This is the first weekend of the annual winter carnival, "Winterlude".

The new Virtual Museum of Canada program, Community Memories, was launched on June 7, 2002 and a first call for proposals was issued. There were 49 proposals in the first round!

A basic copyright course is being offered to CHIN members this fall for free. The course is in the form of 18 lessons which will be sent by e-mail to participants. Lesley Ellen Harris has prepared the lessons.

A copyright guide will be available online, from our site, this fall.

In September, a handbook for the creation of virtual exhibits will be online and in print!

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES & TRAINING

*with the*

**University of Victoria**

**From Concept to Blueprint:** A Mentored Workshop for Museum Educational Web site Development at the University of Victoria. Armed with your museum's objectives and resource materials, this 11-day course will immerse you in the technical details of creating, managing and maintaining your own website.

The following are six-day courses offered through the Cultural Resource Management Program:

**Conserving Historic Structure:** Leading Change in Cultural Organizations

This immersion course develops your ability to analyze the situation and context, and plan and lead change initiatives. You strengthen your capacity to define institutional goals, adapt organizational structure to meet needs, anticipate change, develop personal leadership skills, and implement change. Team and leadership skills, and the critical role of community relationships are



emphasized throughout the course.

**Instructors:** Gail Lord and Margaret May

**Dates:** November 4-9, with a preparatory assignment

**Please register by:** October 4, 202

**Fee:** \$643 For more information on any of these UVic courses, e-mail: [crmp@uvcs.uvic.ca](mailto:crmp@uvcs.uvic.ca) or visit: <http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/crmp>

## Yukon Church Heritage Society/Old Log Church Museum

The Old Log Church Museum closed its doors on Labour Day after a busy summer season. While visitor attendance was down 5%, our visitors' were enthusiastic shoppers as gift shop sales doubled last year's figures. My thanks to our summer staff Tara McDowell, Paula Kubica, Harris Fisher, and Ben Campbell who did a tremendous job attending to our visitors as well as completing a number of behind the scenes projects.

It seems each summer a descendant of an Anglican clergy or missionary who worked in Yukon Diocese visits the Old Log Church Museum. This year we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Christine Roe from Hove, England. Mrs. Roe is the grandniece of pioneer missionary Rev. Vincent Sim who worked at Fort McPherson and Old Rampart House in the 1880s. Mrs. Roe had hoped to visit Rev. Sim's grave at Old Rampart House, unfortunately, time constraints and poor weather prevented this. However, she was able to fly by helicopter over the region and to gain a bird's eye view of the area where her ancestor laboured.

We were also very pleased to welcome Beth Anne Exham to the museum. Beth Anne and her husband Rev. Kenah worked in Old Crow in the 1960s. Beth Anne renewed old acquaintances in Whitehorse and brought a few more items to add to our Exham collection. Of particular note is a beaded caribou hide chasuble made by several of the ladies in Old Crow. Rev. Exham wore the chasuble with great pride and Beth Anne believes there is not another one like it in the world.

Our virtual exhibit entitled "*The Bishop Who Ate His Boots*" and features the stories

about Bishop Stringer and several other notable missionaries is near completion and is anticipated to be online through the Canadian Heritage Information Network by mid-September.

## Yukon Archives

September 2002

Archival Database on the Internet

There is now access to descriptions of archival records in Canada and the Yukon through CAIN (the Canadian Archival Information Network) and YAUL (the Yukon Archival Union List). YAUL now contains over 1000 descriptions of archival records held in five Yukon institutions. These descriptions are a great research tool! Both of these can be accessed

at:  
<http://www.whitehorse.microage.ca/yca/section/s/yaul/yaul.html>

Follow the links to thousands of archival descriptions!

**Reference Room News:** After a busy summer with many researching visitors, the Reference Room is gearing up for the Fall/Winter local researchers. We began this seasonal change by participating in Yukon College's Orientation Week with an Open House on September 5. College students and others were welcomed to the Yukon Archives with on-going film showings, access to the recent display, refreshments and tours of the Reference/Reading Rooms. We also held a draw for a reproduction of a photograph from our collection. The lucky winner was Lorene Robertson. This event brought approximately 30 new faces to our building, many of whom look forward to making the Archives a resource for their studies at the College.

Research requests continue to come to us on a daily basis, always presenting interesting challenges and satisfactions. With requests coming from all over the world and from all types of researchers, the interest in Yukon and its rich history only seems to be growing. One group of sisters arrived this summer with photographs of their father's



construction camp somewhere along the Alaska Highway. With much sleuthing and use of magnifying glasses to identify any possible details in the photograph, a map was found within the Archives collection showing the exact location of the camp. Talk about satisfied researchers! They were so excited they rented a car the next day to go and see the actual site.

#### **Young Canada Works Project (YCW)**

Karen White, the YCW student, catalogued 618 pamphlets that were published during the years 1979-1989. These pamphlets covered a wide range of subjects—political science, permafrost, biology, etc. Plus Karen researched and wrote 677 short biographical/historical notes for specific Yukon names (people and corporations). Karen then added the notes to the Yukon Archives Names and Subject authority database that was started last year.

#### **National Archivist of Canada visit to the Yukon cancelled**

Mr. Ian Wilson's planned visit to the Yukon Sept. 11-13 was cancelled! Unexpected change in his schedule. He still is very keen to visit the Yukon at another time. The Yukon Council of Archives has decided to postpone the launch of the Yukon Archival Union List (YAUL) until later this fall, possibly during an Archives week. Stay tuned!

#### **CBC Program**

Stay tuned to CBC at the end of the month for the start of a biweekly interview on Wednesday afternoons with Archives staff describing new and interesting collections.

#### **Vault Treasures at Yukon Archives**

**2002 / 96** records of the United Way Society of Yukon

**2002 / 97** two colour photographs of the F.H. Collins Secondary School graduating class of 2001.

**2002 / 99** six 16mm film reels taken by the donor's uncle, Harry McConachie. The films depict Yukon Southern Air Transport and aerial views of the building of the Alaska Highway and Whitehorse.

**2002 / 100** one photograph of Col. R. [Robert] D. Ingalls, 35th Engineers Regiment on his way to meet Col. Hoge to make reconnaissance for a highway from U.S. through Canada to Alaska.

**2002 / 101** 20 boxes of administrative and operational files of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce dating from ca.1996-2000.

**2002 / 107** recorded interviews conducted by Helene Dobrowolsky with three former Shipyard area residents: Fred Musial (former owner and resident of the Sewell House), Joe Lindsay and his wife Virginia, and Ed Jenni (the former owner of the Jenni House or Pioneer Hotel 2).

**2002 / 120** oral history interviews conducted by Linda Johnson with Violet Storer and Violet's niece, Frances Woolsey.

*Clara Rutherford receiving donation from Beth Dempster, granddaughter of Jack Dempster*

**2002 / 122** diaries, photos and photocopies from the scrapbook of W.J.D. Dempster, Sergeant and later Inspector in the North West Mounted Police/RCMP, serving in the Yukon Territory. The eleven handwritten diaries are records of his days in the Yukon. The photo album depicts scenes of the MacPherson Patrol from 1906-1912, including some identified First Nations families of the Fort MacPherson area and identified creeks, mountains and rivers of the northern Yukon. 29 reproductions from a second photo album and a scrapbook on loan for copying depict scenes from Mayo and family shots. Textual records also include the Oaths of Office and Appointments, correspondence between Dempster's son and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and photocopies of newspaper clippings, photographs and memorabilia from the scrapbook.

#### **Government Accessions:**

Also received at the Yukon Archives were 189 boxes of government records transferred from Community & Transportation Services, Education, Finance, Health and Social Services, Infrastructure, Justice, Renewable Resources, Tourism and the Executive council Office.

#### **Yukon Archival Advisory Program**

The Archives Advisor Program will run once again from September 2002 through March 2003. The Archival Advisory Service includes:

- Providing help with surveying and assessing archival needs;
- Advising on preservation measures for archival material;
- Helping with policy and procedures development for archival collections;
- Assisting with the appraisal, arranging, description of archival records, and explaining the Rules for Archival Description (RAD);
- Providing information about resources available (e.g. publications, educational/training opportunities, etc.);
- Assisting with the grant writing process - availability of grants and how to apply;
- Advising on records management issues pertaining to archives;
- Providing assistance and training with the Yukon Archival Union List YAUL) project.

#### **Who can use these services?**

- both YCA and non-YCA members;
- all archival repositories organizations and groups interested in establishing an archives or improving an existing archival program (museums, historical societies, First Nations);
- groups and individuals interested in learning more about archival programs and repositories in the Yukon.

#### **Archival Advisory Services are available:**

- on an on-going basis by phone, fax, or e-mail until March 31, 2003
- by site visits
- through presentations at meetings or forums

#### **How to reach the Archives Advisor:**

The Archives Advisor can be reached at the Yukon Archives on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 9:00-1:00, until March 31, 2003. Appointments can be arranged for other times. Our answering machine will be on 24 hours a day to take your messages. Please contact David Porter at: Phone: (867) 667-8289, toll free at 1-800-661-0408 (ext. 8289) ----- Fax: (867) 393-6253

E-mail: david.porter@gov.yk.ca

Funding to provide this service has been provided by the Canadian Council of Archives, the Friends of Yukon Archives Society, the Yukon Council of Archives, and the Yukon Archives.

#### **Whitehorse Historical Walking Tours**

The YHMA has offered this service for the Whitehorse community since 1983. During these nineteen years this program has received funding from the student program sponsored by the Human Resources Federal Government and Yukon Territorial Government called "Summer Student Placement Program". This program provides minimum wages to hire students returning to school in the fall. The wage support this year provided 1 student with 10 weeks of work and the other student 12 weeks of work. Each year the YHMA provides a top-up to the wage bringing it to \$9.00/hr. The association has paid a higher wage for returning students to the program.

The summer walking tours were down this year with 266 fewer people taking the tours. The statistics showed that advertising sign boards, the Whitehorse Visitor's book, the referrals from YTG Visitor Reception Centre and City Reception Desk and relatives visiting Yukon families were the most effective. It was interesting that no one mentioned downtown businesses promoting the walking tours.

A part of our training program is done by representatives from Heritage Interpretation occupations. We invited Andree Gaulin, a staff member from Parks Canada to come and speak about good presentation and listening skills for a heritage interpreter. Pam Braun, who has her certification from YTEC as a Heritage Interpreter, provided a full day's training on what is required as a step-on tour guide for bus groups.

The YHMA is always very grateful for the funding assistance we receive. This support helps to keep the walking tour operating every year and provides summer employment for Yukon students. Thanks to Julianna Scramstad and Ashley Johnston, for doing a great job this year.

**A BIG THANK YOU!! TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS:**

Summer Student Placement Program - Minimum wage support for two guides; City of Whitehorse, Parks & Rec -Advertising and Training; Parks Canada - Heritage Interpreter Staff.

## **LEPAGE PARK REDEVELOPMENT**

The Lepage Park had a busy season with the final stages of development being done and the Arts in the Park program in full swing from June to August. The park looks great with a new amphitheatre for seating, a larger stage, walkway through the park, new shrubs and trees, and a new wooden deck.

The YHMA worked with the Yukon Art Society to give them support in continuing the Arts in the Park program. Arts in the Park had it's 6<sup>th</sup> season this year and put on 48 noon-hour performances, featured 10 visual artists working in the park 11am to 2pm Monday to Friday, and had attendance of approximately 4800 people (300 identified as visitors to the territory).

Thanks to Steve Slade, the Arts in the Park Coordinator, the YHMA received donations from the musicians and audiences during two fundraising events held to raise funds for the LePage Park. The amount received was \$395. YHMA would like to research a design and install a sign for the park and also purchase benches to be installed next-year.

## ***THANK YOU!! TO THE SPONSORS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO LEPAGE PARK***

City of Whitehorse - Parks and Recreation - \$53,030  
Project Yukon - Community Spaces - \$50,000  
Kobayashi & Zedda Design Group - \$2,000 (donated services)

## **YHMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND TRAINING SEMINARS** **October 18 & 19**

Plans are underway to hold training sessions for museum workers on Friday the 18 Oct. from

9AM to 4PM, and Saturday 9AM till Noon at the Transportation Museum, followed at 1 to 5 PM Sat. by the AGM. A "Meet and Greet" reception will be held at the Gold Rush Inn, General Store, Friday night from 6pm-8pm. (No Host Bar, but Appetizers!). The seminars are for those who are doing 5 year financial plans. There will be a round table discussion on results of gift shop sales, marketing and funding. Representatives from the CHIN (Canadian Heritage Information Network) will give two sessions:

- 1) Community Memories – with possible review of funding applications,
- 2) Update on CHIN and Virtual Museums of Canada with time to answer any questions on programs.

If time permits a possible review on how "Guide and Artifacts Canada" updates are done. The Yukon Archives would like to do a 45 minute presentation and demonstration session on YAUL (Yukon Archival Union List) and CAIN (Canadian Archival Information Network). Topic: How to get your archival treasure's documented on the internet.

**Dr. John Storer**, Yukon Palaeontologist will give an update on "Proposed Palaeontological Regulation" for the Yukon Historic Resources Act.

**Rick Lemaire**, Director Cultural Industries will give an update on Museums Strategy.

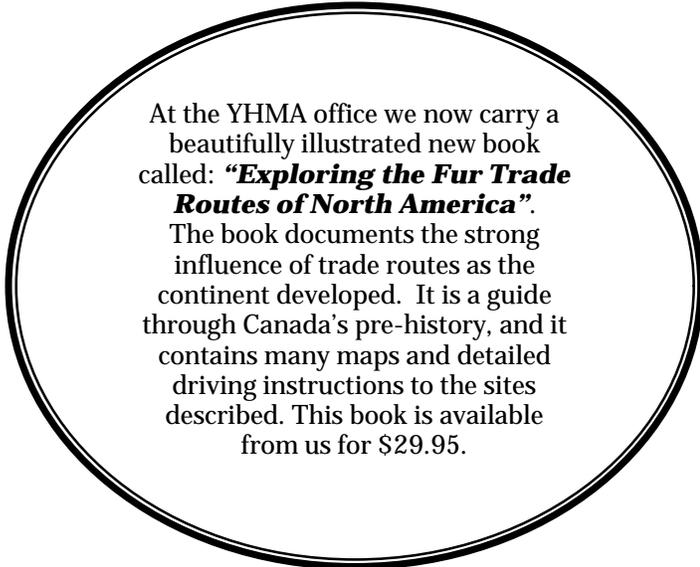
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**A very appreciative THANK YOU!!!** to all YHMA members who supported our efforts to convince the City Council and YTG to save the roundhouse. YHMA received a very good response to email requests for this support. The City has postponed a decision to Oct. 15. Let your voices be heard!

### **A PIPER NEEDS HELP!**

My name is Brad Heath. I'm a freelance writer/photographer and member of the NWT Pipe Band, and I'm currently researching a book on the history of the bagpipes and pipers in the Canadian north and would like to ask the members of your association if they have any archival materials containing information about pipers and/or bagpipes in the Yukon?

I was also wondering if anyone could recommend any people who might have some knowledge about pipers and/or bagpipes and who would be willing to be interviewed on the subject? I would also be grateful if you could recommend other sources of materials that would be helpful to my research.

I can be reached at: [bcheath@theedge.ca](mailto:bcheath@theedge.ca)



At the YHMA office we now carry a beautifully illustrated new book called: ***“Exploring the Fur Trade Routes of North America”***. The book documents the strong influence of trade routes as the continent developed. It is a guide through Canada’s pre-history, and it contains many maps and detailed driving instructions to the sites described. This book is available from us for \$29.95.