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Ceremony honours Whitehorse historic site

WHITEHORSE—The Old Log Church and Rectory was commemorated as a Yukon Historic Site last Friday. Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor and Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis were joined by members of the heritage sector and the public at a plaque unveiling ceremony.

"These historic buildings stand as powerful reminders of Yukon's history," Taylor said. "The designation of historic sites means their place in history will continue to be recognized and ensures their existence for generations to come."

The Old Log Church and Rectory was officially designated as a Yukon Historic Site in September 2014 under the *Historic Resources Act*. The Yukon Church Heritage Society nominated the site for designation and the Yukon Heritage Resources Board made the recommendation for designation to the minister.

"The Yukon Heritage Resources Board was very pleased to recommend the Old Log Church and Rectory for territorial designation," Yukon Heritage Resources Board chair Anne Leckie said. "The designation acknowledges the importance of this site and its many stories, as well as the significance of the role played by the Anglican Church in Yukon's history."

The Old Log Church and Rectory site is located at the corner of Elliott Street and Third Avenue and now houses the Old Log Church Museum. It is the ninth officially designated Yukon Historic Site. The City of Whitehorse also designated the Old Log Church and Rectory as Municipal Historic Sites, making this the first and only site to be designated by both governments.

"The City of Whitehorse recognizes the importance of protecting the vitality and integrity of its historic resources," Curtis said. "The Old Log Church and Rectory have been part of our city's downtown for 115 years and we look forward to having these buildings around for many more years to come."

The commemorative plaques will be permanently mounted at the Old Log Church and Rectory site at a later date.

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