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Safeguarding Yukon's built heritage

WHITEHORSE – Nine restoration and preservation projects in Yukon communities will share \$100,000 in Historic Properties Assistance funding.

"The Yukon government is committed to preserving Yukon's many important legacies, which include historic sites," Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said. "We are pleased to assist commercial and residential owners, First Nations and community groups in maintaining the territory's built heritage for future generations."

The program makes available contributions on a matching basis each year to applicants who own sites that are historically significant, and whose plans for preservation of those sites are in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

"The Heritage Properties Assistance fund has been an invaluable resource that has assisted me to complete heritage projects ranging from boats to buildings," recipient Marc Johnston said. "The program has allowed me to hire workers and acquire expertise that would not have been available otherwise. It has enabled the preservation and conservation of artefacts and structures unique to Yukon."

More than 180 projects to preserve Yukon's built heritage have received \$1.2 million since the program began.

For more information on the Historic Properties Assistance program, criteria and guidelines call 867-667-3463 or visit www.tc.gov.yk.ca/hpa_program.html.

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See backgrounder and photo below.

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Backgrounder: Historic Properties Assistance 2010 funding recipients and photograph

Project	Applicant	Allotted Funds
Frank and Aggie Slim Cabin, Upper Laberge: phase 1 of 2 – partial wall, window and door replacement	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	\$22,000
The Loon, Mayo: fourth and final phase – passenger cabin repair, new walls, floors, seating and wheelhouse reconstruction	Silver Trail Tourism Association and Chamber of Commerce (Marc Johnston)	\$17,386
Van Bibber House, Pelly Crossing: phase 1 of 3 – ground floor removal, excavation and backfill, wall bracing and gathering building logs	Michelle Kolla	\$16,006
Caribou Hotel, Carcross: wash house stabilization	Anne Morgan	\$13,400
Bud Fisher Residence, Mayo: foundation replacement and exterior restoration	Steve Therriault	\$13,000
Whitehouse Cabins, Dawson City: foundation and wall replacement	Doug Cotter	\$ 9,629
Turai House, Dawson City: exterior siding	Terrie (Theresa) Turai	\$ 4,281
Smith House, Dawson City: window replacement	Colleen Smith	\$ 2,393
Captain Martin House and Smith House, Whitehorse: window repairs	Yukon Historical and Museums Association	\$1,905
TOTAL		\$100,000

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Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor (left) at the Captain Martin House in Whitehorse with YHMA executive director Tracey Anderson and YHMA walking tour guide Ursula Geisler. (Government of Yukon photo)