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### Yukon Historic Resources Fund supports five projects

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Historic Resources Fund is contributing \$15,300 to five projects that further the preservation, interpretation and appreciation of Yukon's historic resources.

"The Yukon government, working with the Yukon Heritage Resources Board, is pleased to support projects aimed at preserving important elements of Yukon history," Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said. "Each unique voice, each unique story, each unique project complements the important historical legacies that might otherwise be lost."

The Yukon Historic Resources Fund is an annual funding program that supports the objectives of the *Yukon Historic Resources Act*. The projects receiving funding in the latest round range from conservation and commemoration work at three historically significant Dawson City cemeteries to the production of an illustrated publication about Yukon sternwheeler and Whitehorse waterfront history.

Another publication project to receive funding will be the second phase of Erin McMullan's work to write and publish a biography on long time Yukoner, Evelyn Mae (Babe) Richards. McMullan is a Whitehorse based writer and editor who focuses on community history.

"The Yukon Historic Resources Fund was the first to support *The Unsinkable Babe Richards: An Extraordinary Yukon Life* as a viable and valuable story to share," McMullan said. "The funding support helped to give the project momentum, helped convince other funders to get on board, but most importantly, it made the dream of an 86-year old Yukon pioneer real—a woman who had given her lifetime to her community, family and friends."

The annual application deadline for the Yukon Historic Resources Fund is October 15. All applications are assessed by the Yukon Heritage Resources Board, which makes its recommendations to the Tourism and Culture minister. Those eligible to apply include private citizens, groups, First Nations and municipalities.

For further information, visit the Historic Sites Unit of the Department of Tourism and Culture website at [www.tc.gov.yk.ca/historicsites](http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/historicsites).

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**Yukon Historic Resources Fund: October 15, 2010 recipients**

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
1	Erin McMullan and Babe Richards	A multi-year project to write a biography of Babe Richards. Phase 2 will result in a completed manuscript ready to submit to a publisher.	\$2,000
2	Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club	Documenting the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club history for uploading onto the club's website.	\$2,000
3	Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society	Improved interpretation at the Copperbelt Railway & Mining Museum.	\$3,000
4	MacBride Museum of Yukon History	Illustrated book about Yukon sternwheeler and Whitehorse waterfront history.	\$4,000
5	Ed and Star Jones	Dawson City Cemeteries Restoration and Commemoration activities on three historically significant cemeteries: Hillside, Bet Chaim and YOOP 8th Avenue.	\$4,300
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$15,300</b>

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