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### Yukon museums receive support for capital projects

WHITEHORSE—Ten Yukon museums, along with the Yukon Historical and Museums Association, will share \$300,000 to implement various capital projects through the Special Projects Capital Assistance Program (SPCAP), announced Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor.

"Yukon community museums and First Nation cultural and heritage centres play an important role in preserving and protecting the territory's unique natural and cultural heritage," Taylor said. "Projects funded through the Special Capital Projects Assistance Program reflect a shared commitment and dedication to safeguard our heritage and allow our cultural legacy to continue to flourish."

The Museum Funding Review Panel, consisting of museum professionals from around Yukon, evaluates proposals submitted to the program. The panel adjudicated 14 proposals totalling \$310,200 in priority funding requests for 2011-12.

"The funding from the program allows the Teslin Historical & Museum Society to make small, steady improvements to the George Johnston Museum," society vice president and collections advisor Michael Hodgson said. "This year we are installing double glass doors to help maintain a clean environment and a constant interior temperature that protects our artifacts."

The society is also receiving SPCAP support to transport and install a 1942 radio transmitter on loan from the Yukon Transportation Museum. The transmitter is featured in an aeradio navigation range exhibit that shows 1940s Teslin through the eyes of the men and women working at a rural wartime radio transmitter site. The exhibit opens today at the George Johnston Museum.

"Contributions such as that of the Yukon Transportation Museum and the program funding help to make Teslin a must-see stop for many history buffs," Hodgson added.

The Special Projects Capital Assistance Program was first announced in March 2006. It supports specialized and small capital projects such as joint marketing initiatives, artifact inventory and cataloguing, exhibit planning and development, collections management and revenue generation.

In total, approximately \$1.3 million in Yukon government funding will be provided to Yukon's museums and interpretive centres in fiscal year 2011-12.

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See backgrounder below.

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**Backgrounder:****2011-12 Special Projects Capital Assistance Program Recipients:**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
Binet House Interpretive Centre	Museum Artifact Inventory and Cataloguing	\$20,000
Campbell Region Interpretive Centre	Computer Upgrade	3,712
Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum	Artifact Protection and Tour Development	15,419
Dawson City Museum	Archival Project	40,000
George Johnston Museum	Museum Entrance and Glass Double Doors	5,128
George Johnston Museum	Transmitter Transportation and Installation	630
Kluane Museum of Natural History	Exterior Painting	7,825
MacBride Museum	Courtyard Security and Safety Upgrade	40,000
MacBride Museum	Collection Work – Cataloguing and Inventory	20,000
MacBride Museum	Storage Reorganization	14,351
Northern Lights Space and Science Institute	New HD LCD Projector	19,995
Old Log Church Museum	Permanent Exhibit Refurbishment	35,000
Yukon Historical and Museums Association	Joint Marketing for Yukon Heritage Attractions	37,940
Yukon Transportation Museum	Museum Store	40,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$300,000</b>

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