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Knowledge preservation supported by the Yukon Historic Resources Fund

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Historic Resources Fund (YHRF) is contributing \$17,850 to three projects in 2012 that further the preservation, interpretation and appreciation of Yukon's historic resources.

"The Yukon Historic Resources Fund assists special projects that are focused on native language preservation and local history and helps build historical legacies for both residents and visitors, now and into the future," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "We applaud the work of the Yukon Historic Resources Board for facilitating this important funding."

The Association of Professional Engineers of Yukon is receiving \$5,000 to research the history of engineering in the territory. The project goals are to inform the public about Yukon engineering history and prominent engineers, promote the profession to youth, and provide members with accessible information about their history in Yukon.

"For many of us, we know about the building of the White Pass Railway and the Alaska Highway but there are many other engineering projects that have taken place in Yukon, benefitting the territory's growth socially, economically and scientifically," Association of Professional Engineers committee chair Jack Cable, P. Eng. said. "The funding we are receiving through the Yukon Heritage Resources Fund will help document this important uncharted history and allow us to share the stories about the people and the projects—their passions, vision, accomplishments and dreams that helped shape and define the Yukon of today."

The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is receiving \$4,000 to research and publish an illustrated booklet based on the traditional stories of Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Elder Hazel Bunbury. The book will be made available to the public, adding to the cultural and linguistic knowledge about Yukon First Nations. Heritage and culture consultant Mark Nelson will work with Bunbury to research, edit and proof the booklet.

The Whitehorse History Book Society, led by Ione Christensen, is receiving \$8,850 to research, write and publish a comprehensive history of Whitehorse that will include sections on morphology, transportation, sport and recreation, businesses, arts and culture, and architecture. Personal stories will be included to enhance the chronological history.

The Yukon Historic Resources Fund was established to help Yukoners appreciate and promote their heritage. As an endowment fund, projects are supported from earned interest, while the balance continues to grow. The fund is adjudicated by the Yukon Historic Resources Board and administered by the Government of Yukon. For more information on the application process or to donate to the endowment fund, contact Bruce Barrett, Historic Sites project officer at 867-667-3463 or email.

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