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New support for preserving Yukon's past

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon today announced \$389,000 in funding for two new projects at Yukon Archives to support preserving the territory's past.

"The records of Yukoners are very important for understanding our past," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "This specialized storage will ensure that Yukon's irreplaceable documentary heritage is preserved for future generations to discover."

Following tender processes this summer, two contracts have been issued for work on the Yukon Archives building over the next year.

Kobayashi + Zedda Architects have been awarded a \$270,000 contract to create design and construction specifications for the expanded storage. This includes plans for a mechanical solution to improve control of temperature and humidity in the existing facility.

The expansion will provide additional space for paper records, as well as separate cold storage for preservation of photographs and films. Construction work is scheduled to begin in spring 2013.

Southpaw Construction was awarded a \$119,600 contract to install new siding and 10 triple-glazed windows to improve the aesthetics and energy efficiency of the archives building.

The Yukon Archives was established in 1972 to acquire, preserve and make available the territory's outstanding documentary resources including textual, photographic, audio-visual and digital records.

Visiton the Yukon Archives website for more information.

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