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## **25th anniversary of Yukon government support for historic properties**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government's Historic Properties Assistance Program marks its 25th anniversary this year. The program was created in recognition of the need to preserve Yukon's many private and First Nation owned historic properties.

"Since 1987 the Historic Properties Assistance Program has provided over \$1.3 million to property owners," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "This program provides access to heritage conservation expertise to ensure that historic properties are saved for future generations."

The Historic Properties Assistance Program preserves Yukon's heritage by making technical and financial assistance available to those who wish to undertake preservation, restoration, development or interpretation of their historic properties. The Yukon government matches applicant contributions for projects preserving historically significant sites.

"Prior to the fund's creation many important historic resources, commercial buildings and industrial structures were being lost due to limited resources and technical expertise," Nixon added.

The program has supported over 200 projects in 12 communities including work at 13 historic sites and conservation work in 11 cemeteries.

Assistance has been provided to a broad range of projects including historic vessels such as the Yukon Rose and historic hotels such as Bombay Peggy's, the Caribou Hotel, Klondike Kate's and the Keno City Hotel. Other historic properties funded include turn of the century schoolhouses as well as churches, farms, trading posts and stores, and roadhouses.

The next deadline for application to the Historic Properties Assistance Program is March 1, 2013.

For more information on the program, visit [www.tc.gov.yk.ca](http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca).

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