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FILMMAKERS FUND SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUKON FILM PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE – The Film & Sound Commission has awarded \$14,000 to support the development of two Yukon film projects.

“The film industry is an important part of Yukon’s economy,” Minister of Economic Development Jim Kenyon said. “Providing funding to these talented filmmakers as they develop their projects is just one of the many ways that the Film & Sound Commission continues to support this industry.”

Werner Walcher, a Yukon film industry veteran, is working on “*Last Journey to Wilderness Paradise*,” a project that will follow 87 year old Cy Porter’s return to his old home at Ben-My-Chree. Walcher will use a portion of his \$8,000 Filmmakers Fund award to hire a story consultant to help him tell this exciting story from interesting angles.

“This film project needs to be further developed before I can present it to broadcasters. The award from the Filmmakers Fund is essential to the progress of this film,” Walcher said. “The different funding options of the Yukon Film & Sound Commission, through Economic Development, allow Yukon filmmakers to get to markets, meet broadcasters, and get projects moving ahead.”

Filmmaker Patti Flather received \$6,000 to support further development of her script, *The Soul Mender*. She plans to hire a professional story editor to help with the second draft phase of this project.

The Yukon Filmmakers Fund is designed to assist Yukon film and video professionals as they develop viable careers in the industry. Application deadlines are June 1 and Dec.1.

For more information about this fund, or the many other services offered by the Yukon Film & Sound Commission, visit www.reelyukon.com.

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Yukon Filmmakers Fund Recipients –

Werner Walcher, Fresh from the Yukon – Awarded \$8,000.00

Project – Last Journey to Wilderness Paradise (Development Phase)

Synopsis: At age 87, Cy Porter leaves the comfort of his home on Vancouver Island and journeys north again to visit his old home at Ben-My-Chree, a remote piece of beautiful wilderness, in order to share his knowledge of the unique culture and amazing history of this "international oasis of peace: in Canada's North."

Patti Flather, Nanuht'ee Communications – Awarded \$6,000.00

Project - The Soul Menders (Development Phase)

Synopsis: This project is for development of the original script THE SOUL MENDERS, a quirky Christmas romantic comedy, from treatment to second draft stage, working with a professional story editor.