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FILMMAKERS FUNDING AWARDED TO FIVE YUKON PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE – The Film & Sound Commission has awarded a total of \$15,000 to five Yukon productions, including three film scripts, through the Yukon Filmmakers Fund.

“It is inspiring to see local filmmakers creating and helping develop a robust Yukon film industry,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “We expect these five productions to generate approximately \$86,000 in local economic activity.”

Whitehorse writer Patti Flather received funding for *Kiss That Alaska Highway Before I Die*, a screenplay depicting the fictional story of an African-American soldier who returns to the Alaska Highway he helped build, only to be reunited with a son he never knew he had.

“I’m really optimistic and I think this funding is really going to help us,” Flather said. “It’s a great project, a touching and unique story, and I’m very hopeful that we can get broadcasters interested in supporting it.”

Projects and filmmakers funded this term include:

- ***Kiss That Alaska Highway Before I Die*** - Patti Flather - to secure broadcasters to develop a television movie set in the Yukon.
- ***Borderlands*** - Richard Lawrence - to develop a script
- ***Winter Stories*** - Troy Suzuki - to develop and produce a series of vignettes
- ***The Colourful 2%*** - Arthur Mercredi - to develop a script
- ***Frolf*** - Andrew Whittaker - to produce a trailer for his comedic, sports “mockumentary”

Projects are reviewed by a jury of film, video, broadcast and other cultural industry professionals, using established criteria focused on films that demonstrate a likelihood of success.

The Yukon Filmmakers Fund was designed to promote the local film industry and is one of the Yukon Film Incentive Programs. Application deadlines are December 1 and June 1 of each year. Learn more by visiting the Yukon Film & Sound Commission website at www.reelyukon.com or by phoning (867) 667-5400.

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