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HISTORIC PROPERTIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AWARDS FUNDING

WHITEHORSE - The Yukon government's Historic Properties Assistance Program is providing more than \$82,000 in funding for the restoration and preservation of privately-owned historic properties announced Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor.

"Historically significant sites and properties are treasured and highly valued aspects of Yukon's character and history," Taylor said. "The Yukon government is proud to assist private owners in maintaining Yukon's built heritage for future generations."

A total of 11 projects will share \$82,410.72 in funding. These projects vary from developing management plans and exterior restoration to foundation stabilization and roof repairs for a number of properties throughout Yukon.

"Funding received through the Historic Properties Assistance Program has allowed Ta'an Kwäch'än Council to do substantial landscape management at key heritage sites," Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Heritage Manager Mark Nelson said. "These sites are still actively used today, so the work done through these projects helps contribute to the on-going practice of First Nations' culture in Yukon."

The Historic Properties Assistance Program makes available contributions on a matching basis each year to applicants who own sites that are deemed historically significant, and whose plans for preservation of those sites are in accordance with specific guidelines.

The program was created in recognition of the need to preserve Yukon's many privately-owned historic properties. The funding makes technical and financial assistance available to those who wish to undertake preservation, restoration, development and/or interpretation of their historic properties.

For further information on the program criteria and guidelines, contact the Heritage Resources Unit at (867) 667-3463 or e-mail Heritage.Resources@gov.yk.ca.

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Attached is a list of Historic Properties Assistance recipients.

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Historic Properties Assistance Program 2007/08 Recipients:

	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS	FUNDING AWARDED
1	Dr. Dirk Krumsiek	<u>Cottoneva Creek Cabin Roof & Window Repair</u> Stabilization of a cabin in the historic Livingstone Creek mining district	\$4,300
2	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	<u>Upper LaBerge Village</u> Assistance for the creation of a Heritage Management Plan for an important Ta'an Kwäch'än Village on Lake LaBerge	\$8,000
3	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	<u>Ta'an Kwäch'än Gravesite</u> A project to restore the Ta'an Kwäch'än Village gravesite	\$8,000
4	Anne Morgan	<u>Caribou Hotel Structural & Roof Improvements</u> Assistance for structural upgrading, reroofing and fire protection for this well known hotel	\$20,000
5	Melanie Cole (Owners Edwina Stone & Bob Fantina)	<u>Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) Office, Dawson City</u> Foundation stabilization of a Dawson City commercial landmark building	\$8,000
6	Anglican Church of Canada	<u>St. Barnabas Church, Moosehide</u> Foundation stabilization of an Anglican log church near Dawson City	\$6,000
7	Gilbert Bradet	<u>Keno City Hotel, foundation upgrading</u> Structural stabilization of Keno City's only hotel	\$8,000
8	Anglican Church of Canada	<u>St. Mary with St. Mark Church, Mayo</u> Foundation and flooring stabilization for Mayo's Anglican Church	\$4,000
9	Anglican Church of Canada	<u>Old Mission House, Old Crow</u> A project to conduct an engineering assessment on this 70 year old former log church and school	\$2,000
10	Frostbite Music Society	<u>Chambers House Perimeter & Exterior Doors, Whitehorse</u> Final phase of the restoration of Frostbite Music Festival's new home	\$6,110.72
11	Duncan Spriggs	<u>Westminster Hotel Foundation, Phase II</u> Assistance for ongoing repairs and replacement of the foundation of this landmark Dawson City hotel	\$8,000
		TOTAL:	\$82,410.72