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FUNDING INCREASES AWARDED TO YUKON MUSEUMS

WHITEHORSE - Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor is pleased to announce new funding for Yukon museums.

“Our government is proud to provide additional funding to the unique and diverse Yukon museums community,” Taylor said. “Museums face specific challenges across Yukon. It is our hope to continue to work with our museums community to alleviate challenges and assist museums in their operations. This will allow for growth and improvements in programming and collections management.”

\$240,000 in additional funding will be disbursed among the 16 eligible Yukon museums, interpretive centres, and First Nation cultural/heritage centres throughout Yukon. Together with special initiative funding, direct government support to Yukon museums in 2006-07 is \$1.28 million.

The Museums Advisory Committee met and endorsed the distribution of the new Museums Contribution Program funding. Yukon museums will benefit from increased funding to assist them in offsetting the expenditures associated with rising utility, insurance and staffing costs.

“This increase will permit the Town of Faro to address some deferred maintenance issues and update some of our displays in the Campbell Region Interpretive Centre,” said Hermann Minderlein, Chief Administrative Officer for Town of Faro, which oversees the management and operations of the centre.

“The interpretive centre is the hub for our visitor traffic. The facility receives praise and accolades from all those returning, passing through or staying on to visit,” Minderlein added.

The additional funding supports the objectives of the *Yukon Museums Strategy*, developed in 2005, and continues to support museums’ efforts towards sustainability.

The Museums Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from the Yukon museum community. The committee provides advice and recommendations to improve the sustainability of Yukon museums.

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Attached is a list of Museums Contribution Program recipients and photo.

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Museums Contribution Program increases for Yukon museums:

Museum	2006-07	2007-08
Binet House	\$ 11,500	\$ 30,000
Campbell Region Interpretive Centre	11,500	30,000
Copperbelt Mining Railway and Museum	11,500	30,000
Northern Lights Space and Science Centre	11,500	30,000
Big Jonathan Cultural/Heritage Centre	30,000	38,000
George Johnston Museum	30,000	38,000
Keno City Mining Museum	30,000	38,000
Kluane Museum of Natural History	30,000	38,000
Tagé Cho Hudän Interpretive Centre	30,000	38,000
Old Log Church Museum	48,500	61,500
Yukon Historical and Museums Association	48,500	61,500
Dänojá Zho Cultural/Heritage Centre	80,000	100,000
Dawson City Museum	80,000	100,000
MacBride Museum	80,000	100,000
Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre	80,000	100,000
Yukon Transportation Museum	80,000	100,000
Total Funding:	\$693,000	\$933,000



Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor (left) and MLA for Pelly-Nisutlin, Marian Horne, (right) visit with Jackie Irvine, facility attendant at the Campbell Region Interpretive Centre during a recent visit to Faro.

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