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LOG BUILDING CONSERVATION WORKSHOP AT FORT SELKIRK

WHITEHORSE –The Yukon government, Selkirk First Nation and Parks Canada will deliver a log building conservation workshop at Fort Selkirk from May 31 to June 3.

The workshop offers three days of instruction, demonstration and hands-on learning about the conservation of heritage log structures. Fort Selkirk is one of Yukon’s premier heritage sites, home to more than two dozen well-preserved heritage log structures. It is co-owned and co-managed by the Yukon government and the Selkirk First Nation.

”Three partners worked together to make this happen,” Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said. “The Yukon government is committed to working with Yukon First Nations to preserve heritage resources and make them available for future generations.”

A wide cross-section of the Yukon heritage community will attend the workshop, including First Nation members, Parks Canada employees, municipal employees and the private sector.

The workshop instructors are Andrew Powter, Kym Terry and Andy Johnsgaard.

Andrew Powter is a conservation architect with over 25 years experience who has worked on historic buildings in Dawson City.

Kym Terry manages the Parks Canada restoration workshop at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site near Winnipeg.

Andy Johnsgaard is a log building conservation craftsman with Yukon experience, including work on log buildings at Rampart House Historic Site, a site co-owned and co-managed by the Yukon Government and the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.

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