

Land applications and heritage resources

General info:

www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/info.html

Map viewer:

maps.gov.yk.ca/imf.jsp?site=miningLands

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This sheet describes heritage resources and how they are recognized in the land application process.

Yukon's heritage

There are more than 3,000 known archaeological sites in the Yukon, representing the years from the Ice Age to the construction of Alaska Highway. They may consist of simple scatters of stone chips, discarded stone tools, ancient hearths, Gold Rush artifacts or World War II aircraft wreckage.

Heritage resources are protected

Heritage resources include historic and archaeological resources such as cabins, caches, graves, brush camps and other man-made structures, and features or objects that have been abandoned and are greater than 50 years old.

Under the *Yukon Historic Resources Act* and the Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations, heritage sites cannot be disturbed and no objects may be removed from sites.

Land applications and heritage sites

Much of the Yukon has never been surveyed for heritage sites and many archaeological and historic sites are yet unrecorded.

Land applied for by the public may contain known heritage resources, or may be in locations where undocumented heritage resources exist. Places favoured for residential and agricultural development today are very often the same places people made their camps hundreds or thousands of years ago.

To obtain information on heritage sites and resources for a specific application, Lands Branch and the Agriculture Branch will forward all land applications to the Yukon Government Archaeology Programme for review. Applications requiring a *Yukon Environmental Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA)* assessment will be forwarded to the Archaeology Programme as a preliminary step.

As part of the review for heritage concerns, the Archaeology Programme may need to conduct an archaeological overview assessment of the land application. This can only be carried out when the ground is thawed and free of snow. Land applications made in the winter months may have to wait for the completion of field assessments in the following spring and summer to obtain the required heritage information for the application to proceed through the YESAA review. Applicants will be notified.

ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTIONS

YUKON GOVERNMENT

Controls the majority of all vacant land in the territory.

ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

Lands Branch accepts applications to sell, lease, develop and use land under Yukon government control.

Agriculture Branch administers Yukon agricultural and grazing programs.

Community Land Planning

develops local area plans, manages zoning regulations, administers subdivision outside Whitehorse and Dawson City, and provides mapping services

Minerals Management Branch

administers placer and quartz claims, rights and use in the territory.

Forest Management Branch

administers timber permits and forestry planning.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Development

Division develops planned subdivisions.

YUKON FIRST NATIONS

Control their own settlement lands.

MUNICIPALITIES

Administer lands, community plans and zoning bylaws within their jurisdictions.

Whitehorse and Dawson City also control subdivision within their boundaries.

The Government of Canada, through Natural Resources Canada, Canada Centre for Cadastral Management provides maps and plans for a fee.

For more information:

For more information on Yukon archaeology, heritage protection guidelines, the *Historic Resources Act* and the Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations, permits and reporting, contact:

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- land applications, sale of developed lots, land use permits

Community Land Planning Branch

Tel: (867) 667-8945

Toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext 8945

Fax: (867) 393-6258

- subdivision and zoning in rural Yukon

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Building Safety

Tel: (867) 667-5741

Toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext 5741

Fax: (867) 393-6249

- building and construction permits outside Whitehorse

JUSTICE - Land Titles

Tel: (867) 667-5612

Toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext 5612

Fax: (867) 393-6358

YUKON HOUSING CORPORATION

Loans Administration

Tel: (867) 667-8114

Toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext 8114

Fax: (867) 667-3664

- lot financing, A/S program

OTHER AGENCIES

CITY OF WHITEHORSE

Planning Services

Tel: (867) 668-8335

Fax: (867) 668-8395

- development cost charges
- land planning and zoning

Building Inspection

Tel: (867) 668-8340

Fax: (867) 668-8395

CITY OF DAWSON

Tel: (867) 993-7400

Fax: (867) 993-7434

- subdivision approval
- land planning and zoning

NRCAN CANADA CENTRE FOR

CADASTRAL MANAGEMENT

Tel: (867) 667-3950

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- legal survey maps, plans, approvals

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Tel: (867) 667-8391

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- septic systems