

# Land Applications and Heritage Resources

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[www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/info.html](http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/info.html)

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[maps.gov.yk.ca/imf.jsp?site=miningLands](http://maps.gov.yk.ca/imf.jsp?site=miningLands)

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*This info 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, spanning the years from the Ice Age to the construction of Alaska Highway. They may consist of simple scatters of stone chips and 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, features or objects that have been abandoned and are of greater than 50 years antiquity.

Under the *Yukon Historic Resources Act* and the Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulations, no disturbance is permitted to heritage sites 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 unrecorded as yet.

Lands applied for by the public may contain known heritage resources,

or may be in locations where undocumented heritage resources exist. Places that are favoured for residential and agricultural developments 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. Please be aware, land applications made in the winter months may have to wait on the completion of field assessments in the following spring and summer season 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.

**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 and local area plans, manages zoning regulations in rural Yukon, administers subdivision outside Whitehorse and Dawson City, and provides mapping services.

### 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:

Archaeology - Heritage Resources Unit

Department of Tourism and Culture

Government of Yukon,  
Box 2703, Whitehorse,  
Yukon Y1A 2C6  
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## CONTACTS

### YUKON GOVERNMENT

#### ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

##### *Lands Branch*

Tel: (867) 667-5215

Toll free: 1-800-661-0408, ext 5215

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[land.disposition@gov.yk.ca](mailto:land.disposition@gov.yk.ca)

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

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

##### *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

##### *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

Fax: (867) 393-6707

- legal survey maps, plans, approvals

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Tel: (867) 667-8391

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- septic systems