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Whitehorse

First Avenue Gets a New/Old Name!

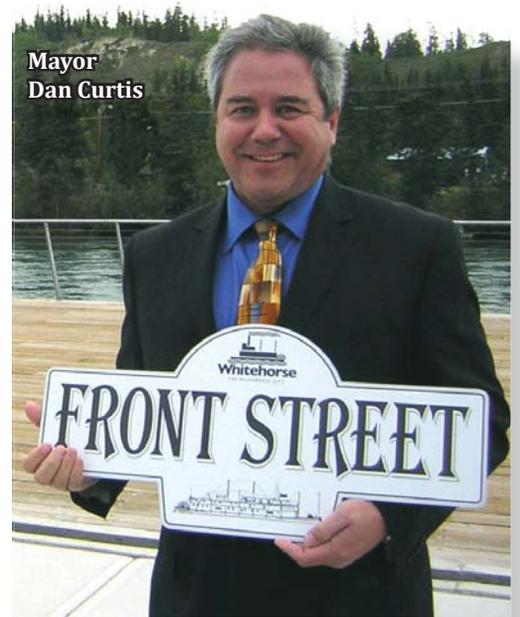
In August, City Council voted in favour of reuniting First Avenue with its historical name, Front Street. The renaming was suggested by members of the Whitehorse business community and was a recommendation of the 2006 *Whitehorse Downtown Retail Strategy*.

Return of the original name will help to promote the history of the waterfront as the place of arrival into the city by river and rail transportation. The area has played a major role in shaping our city's industries, architecture, and cultural identity.

The initiative follows the completion of the *Whitehorse Waterfront Revitalization Project* which has resulted in improvements from Shipyards Park to Rotary Peace Park, including: the re-construction of Front Street (2007); construction of the wharf (2011); and new landscaping completed this past summer. Funding was provided through the Canadian Strategic Infrastructure Fund.

A ceremony was held on September 6th to celebrate the completion of the project and reveal the new street sign.

For information visit:
www.whitehorse.ca/frontstreet



Mayor
Dan Curtis

Radon: is it in your home?

Fall and winter are the seasons to have your home's radon levels checked. Radon is a radioactive gas that is colourless, odourless, and tasteless. The gas forms through the breakdown of uranium which is a naturally occurring material found in soil, rock, and groundwater.

Outside, the gas is diluted to low concentrations and is not a health concern. Radon that enters an enclosed space, however, can accumulate to high levels and is a

health concern (radon is a carcinogen responsible for approximately 10% of lung cancers).

The occurrence of radon in homes and other buildings depends on soil conditions, construction techniques, ventilation, and weather. Since the mid 1970s, Health Canada has been surveying houses across the country and has found low concentrations of radon in every community. Yukon is in a slightly higher risk area with between 10-20% of homes exceeding safety guidelines.

The Yukon Housing Corporation provides radon testing equipment to home owners at no charge. If your home is found to have high levels of the gas, the following steps can be

taken to reduce risks:

- Seal all cracks and openings in foundation walls, floors, and around pipes and drains;
- Paint basement floors and foundation walls with two coats of paint and a sealant;
- Ventilate the basement subflooring by installing a small pump to draw the radon from below the concrete slab to the outside before it can enter your home; and
- Renovate existing basement floors, particularly earth floors.

For information on radon testing contact Yukon Housing Corporation at 456-6731.



Upcoming Consultation: Join us!

RANGE ROAD NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



A new planning process is underway that will focus on potential improvements to the area encompassing: the Takhini and Northland Mobile Home Parks; Mountain View Place; Mountain Air Estates; Stone Ridge; several Kwanlin Dün First Nation parcels; and the surrounding green space. The City kicked-off the process on September 21st with a neighbourhood-walk. Future public events are scheduled to occur this winter, which will include a design workshop.

For information visit:
www.whitehorse.ca/rangeroad

SCHWATKA LAKE AREA PLAN

Another planning project launched! The City has initiated a process that will focus on improving current uses – and exploring potential new uses – in the Schwatka Lake area (west shore). The lake functions as an aerodrome with locations for float-plane docks and a boat launch; the surrounding area features trails and other recreational opportunities. A contract has been awarded to Urban Systems Ltd. to develop and deliver a consultation process that will commence this fall with stakeholder interviews and a public workshop.

For information visit:
www.whitehorse.ca/schwatkalake

Hillcrest NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A Draft of the *Hillcrest Neighbourhood Plan* is now available for public comment. The Plan is the result of a collaborative process between the City and residents, facilitated by Inukshuk Planning and Development Ltd.

To view the Draft Plan visit www.whitehorse.ca/hillcrest. Comments can be submitted via email to erica.beasley@whitehorse.ca until November 1st.

For information and announcements on all City consultation processes visit:
www.whitehorse.ca/publicconsultation

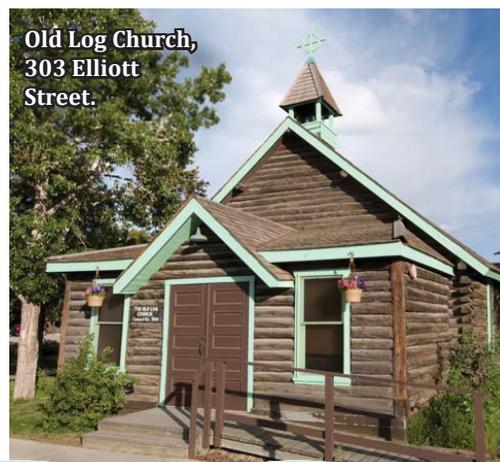
Heritage Restoration Incentive: Old Log Church



The City has awarded a Heritage Restoration Incentive to the Yukon Church Heritage Society.

Funds in the amount of \$14,445 will be used to assist with the exterior restoration of the Old Log Church. A process to formally designate the building as Municipal Historic Site will occur later this fall, which will include opportunities for public input.

For information on City heritage visit:
www.whitehorse.ca/heritage



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