



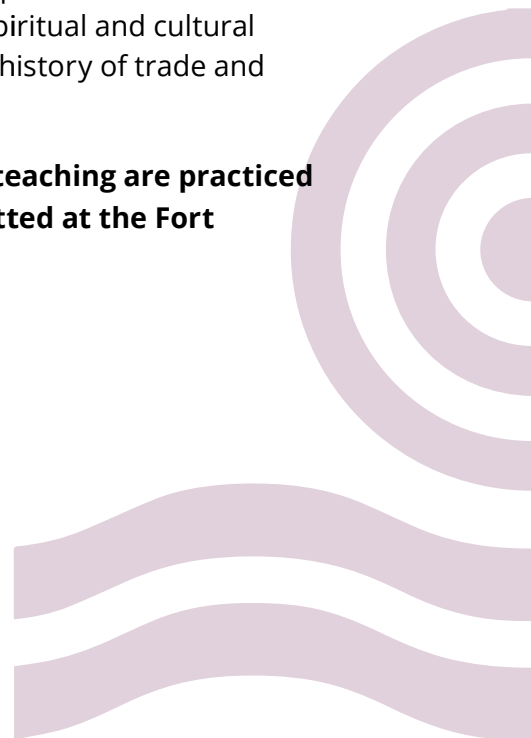
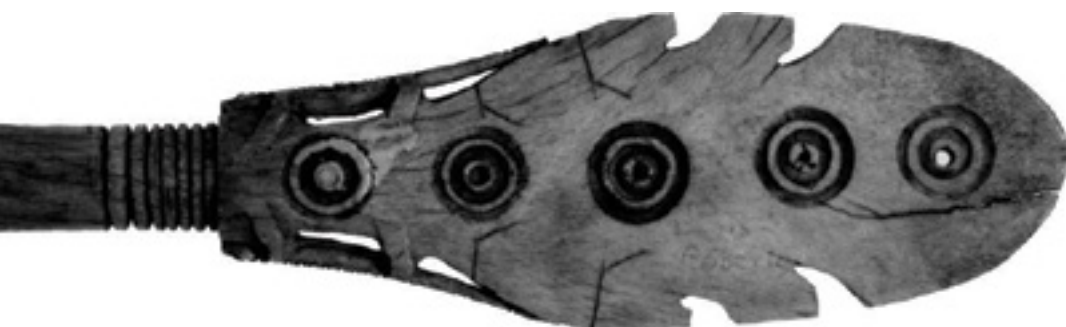
▲ Interpreter Freda Alfred leads guests on a tour following the Fort Selkirk Historic Site Management Plan signing ceremony, August 20, 2021.

Huchá Hudän / Fort Selkirk

As a living cultural heritage site, Fort Selkirk is a place to share, respect and preserve for future generations.

Fort Selkirk is a special place that connects the past with the present. The heritage of Fort Selkirk allows every person that visits to experience First Nation heritage and the history of Yukon settlement through the site's cultural resources and interpretation. To the Selkirk First Nation people, it is a part of their homeland and a place for spiritual and cultural renewal. For the visitor, Fort Selkirk provides a rare glimpse at the history of trade and settlement in the north.

Selkirk First Nation values of caring, sharing, respecting, and teaching are practiced at Fort Selkirk; therefore, there are no alcohol or drugs permitted at the Fort Selkirk Historic Site.





HUCHÁ HUDÄN / FORT SELKIRK HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Signing Ceremony

August 20, 2021

The updated management plan reflects a shared vision for the future of the site and will ensure that the heritage and cultural values of the Selkirk First Nation continue to be protected and interpreted for everyone to appreciate. As co-owners and co-managers of the site, the partnership between the Selkirk First Nation and the Government of Yukon illustrates the continuing spirit of cooperative care for Fort Selkirk. Both partners will continue to conserve the Fort Selkirk Historic Site by each contributing financial support, human resources and expertise.



For generations, Fort Selkirk has been a gathering place where trade, game harvesting, potlaches and other cultural activities take place. A network of traditional routes that pass through this region connected people from all walks of life. We want to preserve this sacred and important area, and the management plan for Fort Selkirk is key for that conservation. Developed collaboratively with Yukon this beautiful place and ensure that future generations will know its exceptional history.

Deputy Chief of Selkirk First Nation, Morris Morrison

► *Lizzie Hall, Language Mentor translating to Northern Tutchone for Deputy Chief Morris Morrison*





We are a very proud partner in the crafting of a document to oversee and guide the evolutions of this important site so that its heritage values are respected in all decisions.

*Hon. Ranj Pillai,
Minister of Tourism and Culture*

▲ Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Tourism and Culture shakes hands with Deputy Chief Morris Morrison. The Fort Selkirk Management Committee looks on. L-R: Roger Alfred, Ellie Marcotte, Joel Le Baron and Teri-Lee Isaac.

Highlights of the updated Management Plan:

- New and revised vision, goals and objectives
- Updated to Historic Resources Inventory
- Updated management zones
- Updated and new Action Plan and Budget

The Government of Yukon and the Selkirk First Nation have worked in partnership since 1982 to protect, preserve and promote Fort Selkirk.

The updated Management Plan reflects current conditions, sets new priorities and ensures the requirements of the Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement and the Historic Resources Act are being met. It is a continuation of the vision, goals and principles that were established by the previous Management Plans (1990 and 2000).

Thank you to all for attending Huchá Hudän / Fort Selkirk Historic Site Management Plan signing ceremony and for making this gathering a success.



▲ Selkirk First Nation Elder Peter Isaac shares a laugh with Lone Christensen and RCMP members.

Special thanks to:

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- Superintendent Dak Dara
(Criminal Operations Officer for the Yukon)
- Constable Andrew Perry
(Pelly Crossing Detachment)

RCMP Boat Driver

- Cpl. Ryan Salant
Detachment Commander, Pelly Crossing

Copies of the 2021 *Huchá Hudän / Fort Selkirk Historic Site Management Plan* are available at Selkirk First Nation in Pelly Crossing and Historic Sites Unit in Whitehorse. The plan can also be accessed online at **yukonheritage.ca**.



▲ ▼ Selkirk Spirit Drummers and Youth dancers



The Selkirk Spirit Drummers were so confident and skilled in their dancing and singing, it was great to see.

It's a great testament to the positive encouragement and support for youth today.

Greg Hare, retired Yukon Archeologist



This plan, in conjunction with the tireless work of the management committee and the many people who care for Fort Selkirk, will help ensure that it remains vibrant and engaging for years to come.

◀ Anne Leckie, Chair, Yukon Heritage Resources Board



I was incredibly honoured to take part in the Fort Selkirk Management Plan signing ceremony. The updated Management Plan reflects the work of many dedicated people, many of whom were able to join us to mark the occasion. The Plan provides a solid framework for the continued co-management between Government of Yukon and Selkirk First Nation that will ensure Fort Selkirk remains a significant living heritage site for future generations.

▲ Rebecca Jansen, A/Manager, Historic Sites, Government of Yukon



The signing ceremony was a memorial event that I was very happy to be apart of, especially after five years of working hard on making it happen with YG's historic sites staff, Ft. Selkirk's Committee and all the SFN citizens and everyone else that contributed their input to create the 3rd edition of the Management Plan."

▲ Teri-Lee Isaac, Heritage Manger, Selkirk First Nation









SPECIAL EVENTS

Culture/Science Camp

August 17-23, 2021 - Selkirk First Nation collaborated with Yukon University to host a Culture/Science Camp at Fort Selkirk for Pelly Crossing Youth from Grades 4-6. Science and culture were the main themes of education, with Elders teaching the Northern Tutchone ways of living off the land. The camp of 25 was very successful.

Teri-Lee Isaac, Heritage Manager, Selkirk First Nation



▲ Selkirk First Nation Elder Peter Isaac and Don Trudeau at Culture Camp.

◀ Children and youth participating in Culture/Science Camp.



PARKS DAY

Parks Day is an annual event promoting the importance of Canada's parks and historic sites. Special events and activities at hundreds of sites are hosted across the country, including a popular open house at Fort Selkirk.

Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, Parks Day events at the site were cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions.

We hope to welcome guests for next year's Parks Day on July 16, 2022.



WRAP UP

The Fort Selkirk work season went from late May to September 2021.

Staff at Fort Selkirk Historic Site for the 2021 field season:

- Franklin Roberts, Project Manager
- Richard Hager, Carpenter
- Clayton Roberts, Carpenter
- Daniel Luke, Carpenter
- Hank Hager, Carpenters Helper
- Scott Roberts, Carpenters Helper
- Freda Alfred, Interpreter
- Morgan Williams, Student Interpreter
- Jessa Klugie, Student Interpreter
- Joy Silverfox, Cook
- Sharon Silverfox, Cook
- Delany Alfred, Watchman
- Teri-Lee Isaac (SFN Heritage Manager)
- Joel Le Baron
(Historic Sites Project Officer, YG)
- Garth Stoughton, contract
carpenter instructor

WORK CAMP MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS

Wash House

Work began on the work camp wash house this summer. An area near the septic field was excavated to accommodate the wash house's crawl space, which will provide access to plumbing beneath the building. With the foundation levelled and the subfloor in place, the crew installed the wall logs and the interior framing. Work will continue next season with the aim of having the wash house up and running before the end of the next work season.



Wash house

Camp Kitchen Improvements

The flat top grill was repaired this spring and a new microwave was purchased for the kitchen. Measurements were taken from inside the kitchen to help plan for future kitchen renovations, such as new countertops and cupboards.

Solar System Assessment

This year Solvest was hired to assess Fort Selkirk's solar power system and provide a report outlining ways to improve and expand the system. Funding for this project was provided through Yukon government's "Our Clean Future" climate change program. The Fort Selkirk Management Committee will review the report and look at ways to implement the report's recommendations.

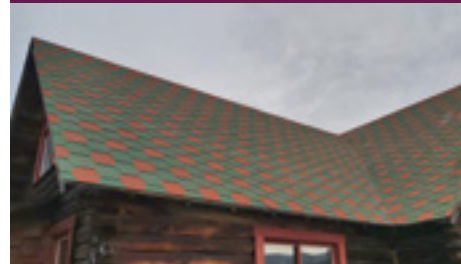
CONSERVATION WORK

Stonehouse Roof

P-VB Construction was hired to complete the Stone House roof repairs. The work took place in August and involved removing the old shingles on the east side of the roof and installing the hand-cut hexagonal shingles on the entire roof. Part of the reason the old shingles had failed was because strong winds were lifting up the ends of the shingles, causing them to bend and eventually break in half. To help prevent this from happening with the new hand-cut shingles, the end of each and every shingle was individually glued down to prevent uplift. Although this was a very painstaking process, it will greatly improve the longevity of the new shingles.



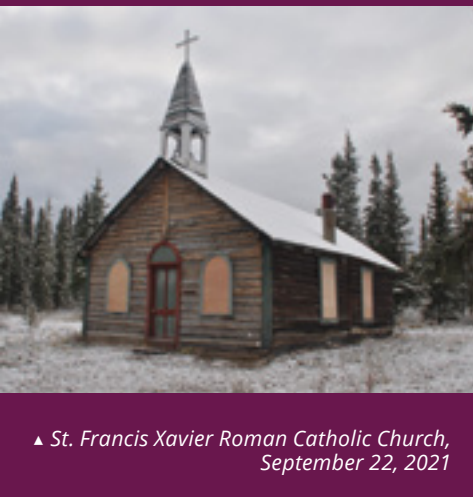
▲ Stone House roof shingles - Before



▲ Stone House Roof shingles - After



▲ Taylor and Drury, September 22, 2021



▲ St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, September 22, 2021

Building Assessments

This fall building assessments were conducted on the Coward Garage, Taylor and Drury Store (T&D Store) and St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church. The Coward Garage was assessed for future repairs, which may take place as early as next season.

The T&D Store was assessed in 2016 and at that time wall deflection was noted in the top of the west wall. Measurements taken in 2016 were compared to those taken this fall. Results of the comparison showed that little or no wall movement has taken place since 2016. Although there were no significant signs of change, metal brackets were installed to strengthen the connection between the rafters and the top of the wall logs. Wall measurements will continue to be taken periodically to monitor change.

The St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church is also beginning to show signs of wall deflection, with the base of the walls pushing outward slightly around the entire foundation. Measurements of each wall were taken to determine how much deflection was present in each wall. After assessing the building it was determined that stabilization of the Church is not needed at this time, however measurements will be repeated each season to monitor changes.

Erosion Monitoring

Despite higher-than-average water levels for most of the season, monitoring of the Fort Selkirk riverbank showed minimal erosion over the study area. The largest amount of bank loss observed totalled 16 inches at a section of riverbank between the School House and the Rectory.



◀ YA. Anglican Church, Diocese of Yukon Coll., Pho 382, #1839. Storekeeper William Shofield shaking hands with Chief Peter McGinty next to the oldest building in Fort Selkirk, the schoolhouse. circa 1920.

The Fort Selkirk Management Committee manages the site on behalf of Selkirk First Nation and Government of Yukon and encourage all to contact them regarding on-site events and other activities.

Contact information is provided on the back page of this newsletter.



▲ YA. Father Bobillier Coll. Steamer Klondike at Fort Selkirk. L - R: Edith Joynt & Annabelle Adami, Martha Cameron, lone & G.I. Cameron. (1942 - 1949)

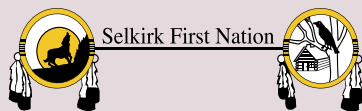
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