

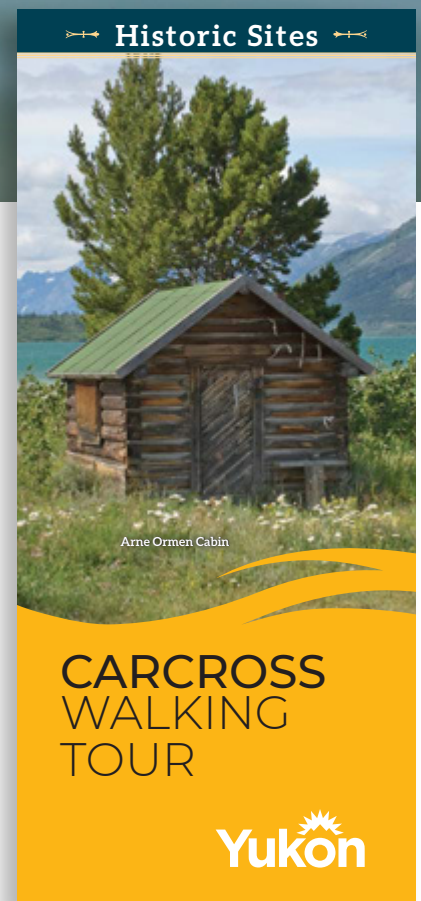


December 2021

Tséi Zhéte/Sinwaa Éex'i Yé Conrad Historic Site

View of Conrad Tram Terminal and Tséi Zhéte Méne' / Windy Arm. High water. July 2021.

The town of Conrad was surveyed in September 1905, and settlement of the town began later that year, with the North-West Mounted Police establishing a post in 1906. The town was established as a support to the various Conrad Consolidated Mines that operated in the area, which employed nearly 200 men. There were a variety of services available to serve the miners at Conrad, including hotels, restaurants, and a steamer service from Carcross, which ran twice weekly. With the lack of substantial ore deposits and poor management, the Conrad Consolidated Mining Company went bankrupt in 1912, and the town was abandoned shortly after. Many of the buildings were moved to Carcross or other nearby areas. See the Carcross Walking Tour Guide or for more information, visit yukon.ca/en/walking-tour-carcross.



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Cabin 1

Cabin 1 is a small structure, which currently consists of the four walls of the log main structure and portions of a framed rear addition. The roof and floor of the original portion of the building no longer exist and have left minimal evidence behind of their appearance. All the openings in the original portion of the building are missing sash and doors. The building was erected utilizing a construction technique commonly found in the southern Yukon that consisted of horizontal log construction and framed corner posts. Top and sill logs are connected to each other and the framed posts in a manner that may be unique to the immediate area.

The exterior of the building will be restored based on various information sources including historic photographs and the existing building fabric while the interior will be rehabilitated to provide space for the on-site interpretive centre. All work will be in conformance with The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada and the Conrad Historic Site Management plan.



Sheena Johns screening backdirt in shed extension.



Top: Jen Herkes digging in NE corner of Cabin 1. | Bottom: Testing in the clearing north of Cabin 1.



Archaeology

An Archaeological Impact Assessment was conducted at Cabin 1 in June 2021 by archaeologists Ruth M. Gotthardt and Greg Hare, with assistance from Sheena Johns and Jen Herkes of Carcross/Tagish First Nation.

The objective of the work was to identify any heritage resources (historic or archaeological objects or features) that may be affected by building stabilization and planned development in the clearing on the north side of Cabin 1.

With no significant heritage resources or features identified in shovel testing in the area of Cabin 1, no further assessment or mitigation work is recommended for this area of the townsite.



4mil/6mil poly, round nails, fragment of a bearing casing and 2 wood fragments found during the assessment.

Site preparation

In June 2021, T & C Professional Tree Services removed the brush in and around Cabin 1 to allow for archaeological work to begin.

Grubbing and gravel pad

In August 2021, K.C. Contracting grubbed, cleared and prepared a gravel pad on the north side of Cabin 1. This area north of the building will be a work area for the conservation of Cabin 1 and eventually used for programming and interpretation.



KC Contracting owner and operator Kyle Cresswell



North side of Cabin 1 after site preparation.





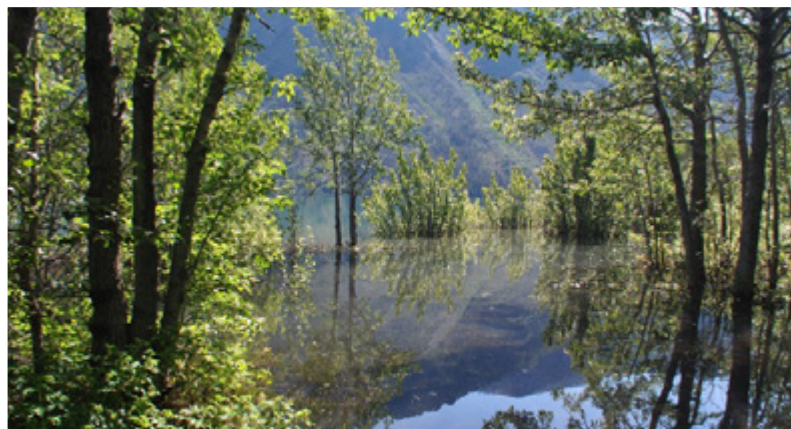
High water at the beach.



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High water at the south end of the Historic Site.



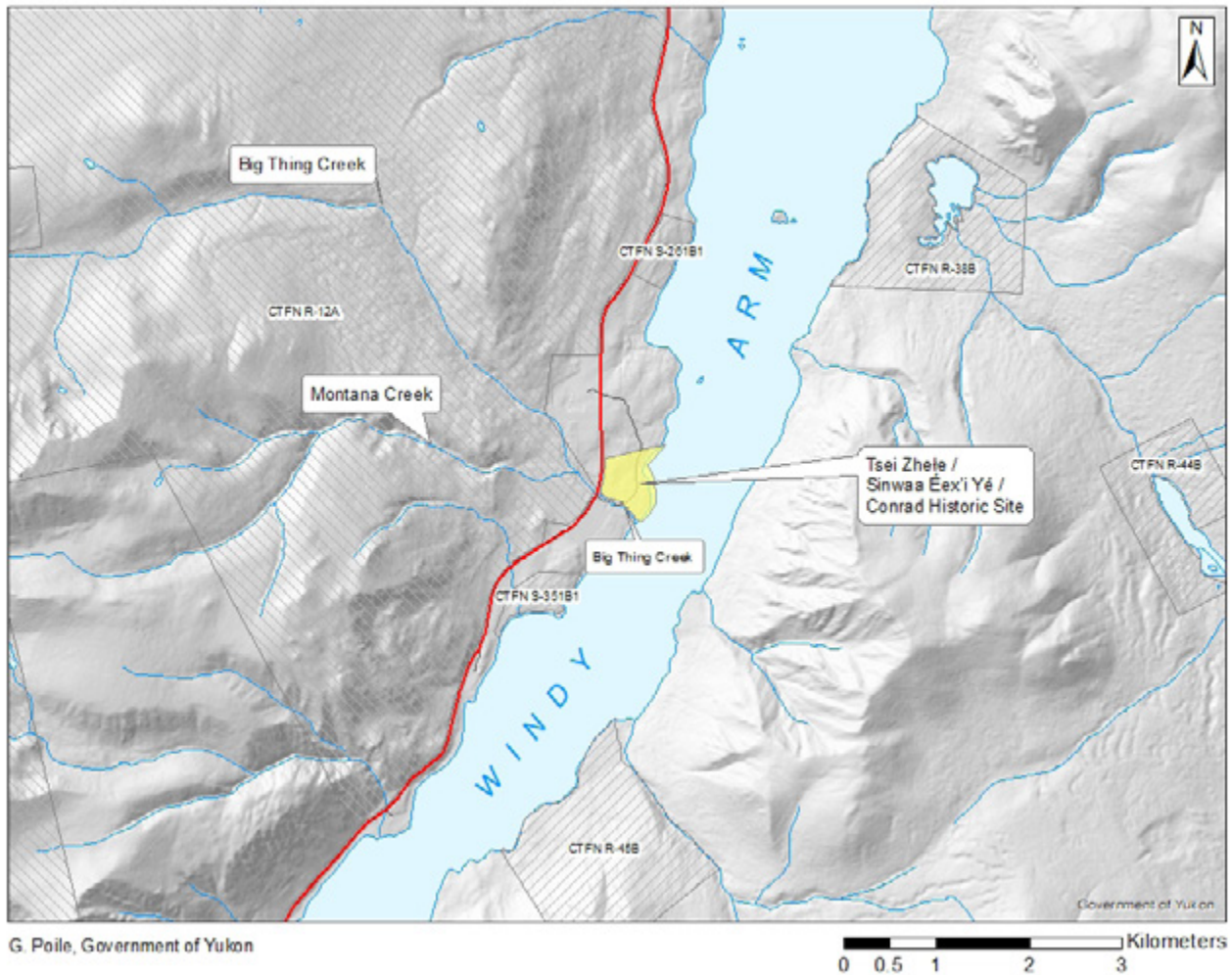
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High water levels: June to September 2021

Portions of the Conrad Historic Sites were closed this summer due to flooding in the Southern Lakes. The peak levels were recorded on July 10 and 11, when Bennett, Tagish and Marsh Lakes all measured more than 20 centimetres above the levels reached during previous historic flooding in 2007. The normally sandy beach and day use area were completely submerged and flooded trail access to the walk-in campsites located in the historic site.

No structures or artifacts were at risk during the flooding, but staff made regular monitoring visits to ensure there were no impacts to the site. A site cleanup may be required in 2022 to remove debris washed into the site during flooding. We thank the public for their understanding and for avoiding the site. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2022.

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Big Thing Creek Footbridge

The creek that runs down Montana Mountain, south of the Conrad Historic Site into Windy Arm, is officially called Big Thing Creek, also referred to as Montana Creek.

The bearings and steel structure of the new bridge were fabricated and delivered by Klondike Welding. The contract for the wood decking of the new footbridge was awarded to YT2 Construction, Tytus Hardy.

The contract for the installation of the steel components of Big Thing bridge was awarded to Takhini Valley Contracting in cooperation with KC Contracting.

Conrad Steering Committee Members

All activities for the historic site are managed by the Conrad Historic Site Steering Committee.

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▲ Big Thing Creek, looking north into the Conrad Historic Site. August 5, 2021.



▲ Photo credit: Michael Soto. Transportation Engineering Branch. Culvert installation at Big Thing Creek. October 2021.



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Photo: YA. University of Washington. UW 36846. Bird's eye view of Conrad, Yukon Territory, Sept. 1906.

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