



December 2022

Tséi Zhéte/Sinwaa Éex'i Yé Conrad Historic Site



*Tséi Zhéte / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Historic Site Management Plan signing ceremony.
July 20, 2022. Overlooking Windy Arm from the historic site.*

Tséi Zhéte' / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Historic Site is located on the west-side of Windy Arm "Tséi Zhéte' Mene" (Howling Rock Lake) approximately 16 km south of Carcross and lies within the Traditional Territory of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN).

Use of the Tséi Zhéte' / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Historic Site by the Carcross/Tagish people for traditional practices was punctuated by the development (1905) and subsequent abandonment (1914) of the Conrad townsite.

Conrad was developed because of mining interests on Montana Mountain, which led to a period of

intense exploration and development of mining, technology and transportation in the region.

Continued use by Carcross/Tagish people demonstrates the resilience of their traditional practices, the values of a living heritage, and the Carcross/Tagish people's longstanding connection to the area.

Today, the site continues to be valued for its abundance of pre and post contact heritage resources and for its cultural, historical, natural and recreational values. The site is open for the use and enjoyment of all Yukoners and visitors.

Tsei Zhete

Sinwaa Éex'i Ye

A place for sharing, protecting, and reconnecting with our heritage and culture

Error in June 2022 Newsletter:

Rita Johns was incorrectly identified as Art Johns' granddaughter. Rita is Art's daughter.



L-R: Rita Johns (Art's daughter) and Darlene Johns (Art's sister) accepting the Yukon Historical and Museums Association 2021 heritage award that recognized Art for his outstanding service to the protection, conservation, promotion, and development of the Yukon's heritage.

Acknowledgments:

Tséi Zhéle' / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Steering Committee wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of CTFN businesses and citizens who have worked hard in the care and maintenance of the historic site.

- ▶ **Brushing** at the Conrad Historic Site was done by T&C Tree Services on July 20, 2022, in preparation for the Tséi Zhéle' / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Historic Site Management Plan signing ceremony. Thank you to Thomas and Christle Moulton for the exemplary service.
- ▶ Tséi Zhéle' / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Historic Site **Maintenance Crew** – Nyla Helm and Cheyanne Silverfox have done another year of outstanding work caring for the historic site.
- ▶ KC Contracting, for the exceptional work **brushing and grubbing** around Cabin 1. Kyle Cresswell has continued to provide amazing service.

Cabin 1

In October, the Historic Sites Unit's crew stabilized Cabin 1 and lifted it off the ground. The cabin will sit on cribbing until next year, when the replacement of the deteriorated logs will take place.

The replacement logs have been peeled and seasoned over the 2022 summer and will be ready to install summer of 2023.

Fun Fact: While lifting Cabin 1, an old food chopper was found under the walls. This artifact is being held by Yukon Archeology to be displayed in the eventual Interpretive Centre in Cabin 1.

West side with sandwich bracing and ratchet straps, ready to lift





Interior view of SW corner, after lift. Sandwich bracing with cribbing in place.



Approximately 18" lift on the highest corner.



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NW corner looking south prior to the lifting process, getting ready to place the jacks. Sandwich bracing is in place.



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Tséi Zhéte / Sinwaa Éex'i / Conrad Historic Site Management Plan - Signing Ceremony

July 20, 2022



Haa Shaa du Hen Maria Benoit, Carcross/Tagish First Nation and Richard Mostyn, Minister of Community Services, Government of Yukon sign the management plan, overlooking Tséi Zhéte Méne' (Howling Rock Lake) Windy Arm.

Thank you to all for attending the Tséi Zhéte' / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Historic Site Management Plan signing ceremony and for making the event a success.

The historic site is co-owned and co-managed by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation and the Government of Yukon. The Tséi Zhéte' / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Historic Site Management Plan reflects a shared vision for the future of the historic site and will ensure the heritage and cultural values of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation are protected and interpreted for everyone to appreciate.

The management plan describes current conditions, sets priorities and ensures the requirements of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Final Agreement and the *Historic Resources Act* are being met. Both governments will conserve the historic site by contributing financial support, human resources and expertise.

Copies of the 2022 Tséi Zhéte' / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Historic Site Management Plan are available at the Carcross/Tagish First Nation government office in Carcross and the Historic Sites Unit in Whitehorse. The Plan can also be accessed online at yukonheritage.ca.



Kevin Bayne, Dawn Alesna and Seqoya Bayne of the Tagish Nation Dancers.



Patrick James and Colleen James, C/TFN and Rebecca Jansen, YG.



Deputy Minister Justin Ferbey, Tourism and Culture, YG and Haa Shaa du Hen Maria Benoit, Carcross/Tagish First Nation.



Patrick James, C/TFN and Ron Chambers, YHRB



Back: Haa Shaa du Hen Maria Benoit, Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Minister Johns Streiker, Greg Hare and Barbara Hogan. Front: Red Grossinger, Yukon Heritage Resources Board.



Seqoya Bayne, Tagish Nation Dancer.

Conrad Campground:

Łèitú Déi (Butterfly Trail) – New trail at Conrad Campground

Have you walked the new trail at Conrad Campground? This summer, a new family friendly, multi-use, non-motorized trail was built in partnership by Singletrack to Success, Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN) and Yukon Parks (YG). The loops connect the walk-in and vehicle sites to the playground and several viewpoints. Yukon Parks will work with C/TFN and the Conrad Historic Site Working Group to develop interpretive signage.

The trail's name was recommended by C/TFN Elder Colleen James. She highlighted the metamorphosis the site has gone through, just like the many butterflies that followed the group the day of the photos. With this name she is also honouring her late mother-in-law Margaret Joe (nee McLeod) who always camped at Conrad and took her grandchildren there.

You can find the new trail at the Conrad Campground beside the Conrad Historic Site, which are both within the Traditional Territory of Carcross/Tagish First Nation.



This Old-world Swallowtail followed the group along the trail tour.

June 2022, CTFN and YG participated in the newly developed trail tour with Yukon Parks and Single Track to Success crew.





Elder Charlie James, C/TFN at the forefront, background Ben Puskas and Derek Dueling, trail crew with Single Track to Success.



Trail overlooking Tséi Zhéte Méne' (Howling Rock Lake) Windy Arm.



Dominique Smith-Johns and Shane Wally, C/TFN working with Single Track to Success in building trails.



Elder Charlie James, leads the group on the trail tour.



Dominique and Shane discussing the flora and fauna along the trail.

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