

Conrad Historic Site

Questionnaire – Summary of Responses

January 20 – May 31, 2016

In January, the consultant team, members of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation and the Conrad Steering Committee had an initial meeting in Carcross and a site visit in the beautiful winter landscape at Conrad. The experience of the landscape and the conversations held helped everyone to better understand this historic place.



Community workshops and questionnaire

On January 20 and 21, 2016, three community workshops were held, two in Carcross and one in Whitehorse. Their purpose was to actively engage citizens and site users in conversations about what they valued about Conrad and how they felt the site should be used and developed in the future.

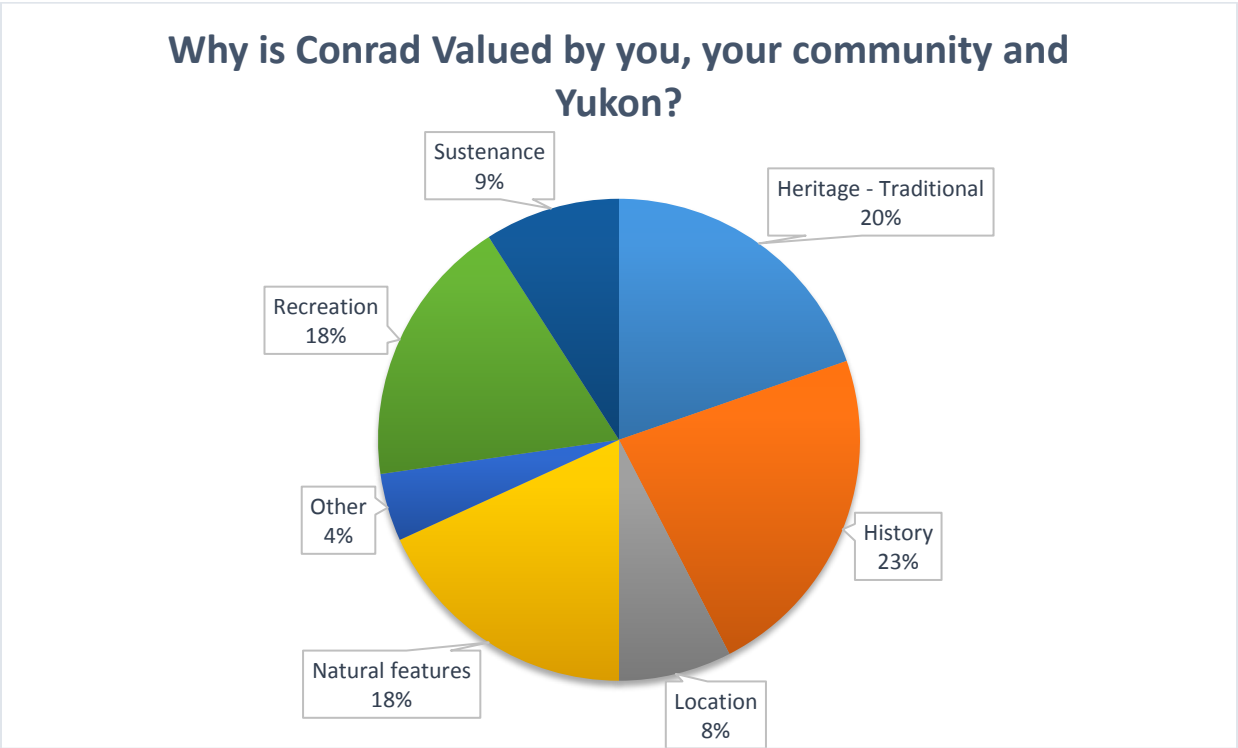
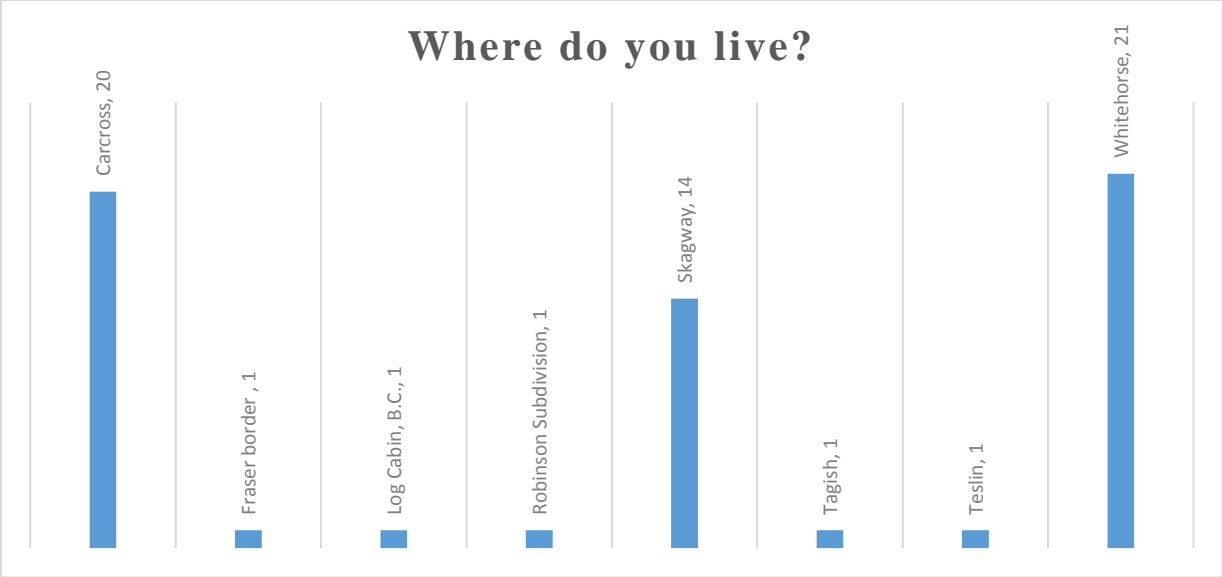
The workshops were well-attended, and those who participated represented a good mix of ages and interests. A highlight of the first Carcross workshop was the participation of students from Ghùch Tlâ Community School. They offered their insights and memories on Conrad's appeal for summer fun and on the remaining mining structures as unique features to explore.

It was especially valuable to have input from young families who use the site for summer camping as well as from long-time residents who remember the site as it was years ago. All of those who attended the workshops were interested in the process and appreciated that the Yukon Government and Carcross/Tagish First Nation are planning for the future of the site.

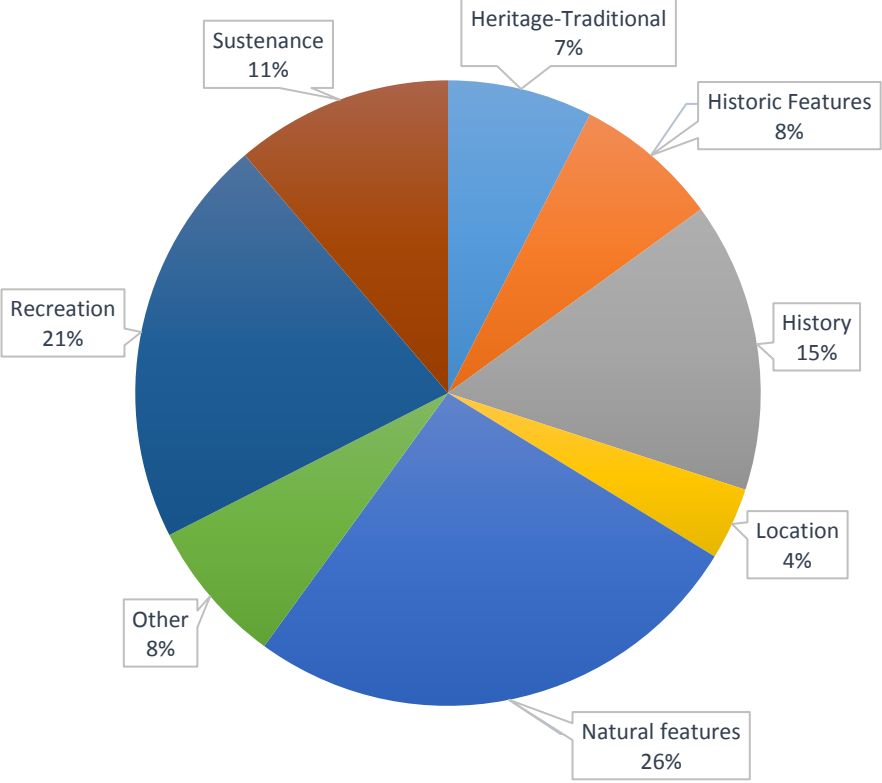
The site was valued as a place to return to year after year, both as a recreational spot, and for food gathering, whether plants or fish. Conrad is valued for its simplicity, natural beauty and quiet.

Visions for the future of the site referred to maintaining that simplicity, but also to providing economic opportunities for the community by promoting the interesting remnants and history of this historic place.

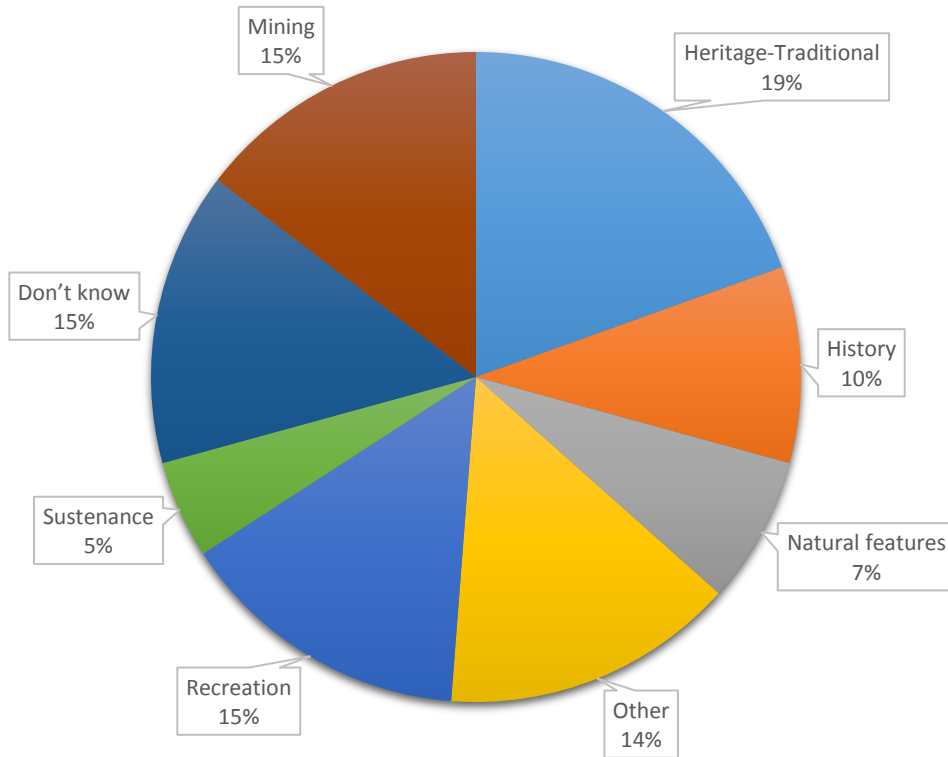
Heritage – Traditional = First Nation cultural traditions
Historic Features = historic buildings and structures
Location = easy access and distance from Carcross/Whitehorse
Natural Features = the scenery, the peace and beauty
Recreation = camping, hiking, biking and fishing
Sustenance = hunting, fishing, berry picking, harvesting



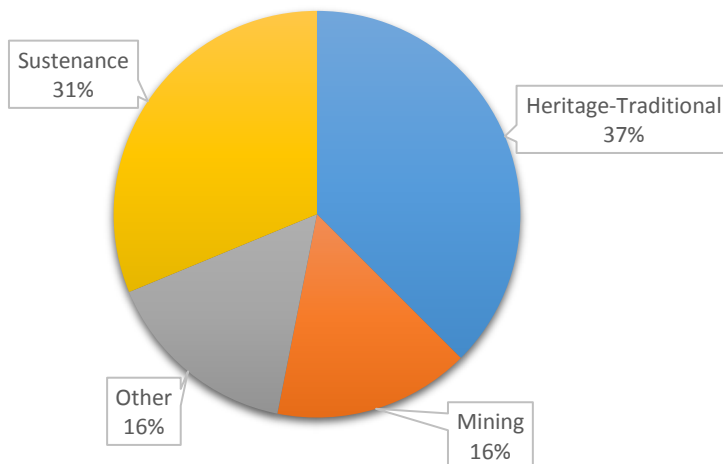
What particular features or characteristics of Conrad make it a significant place?



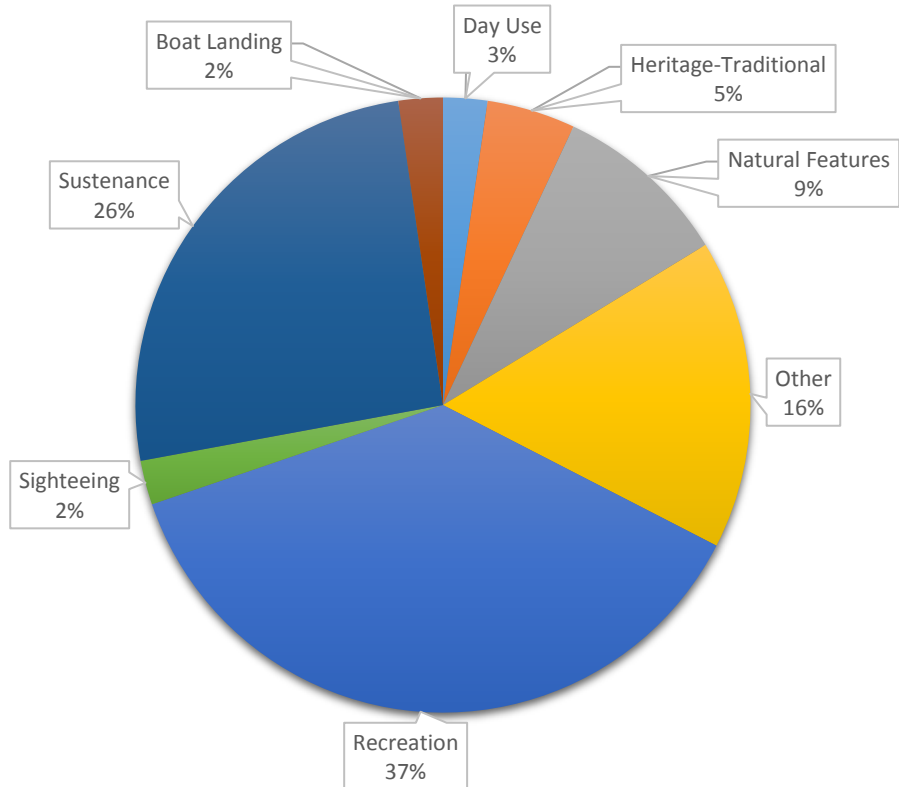
What are some stories or traditions related to Conrad?



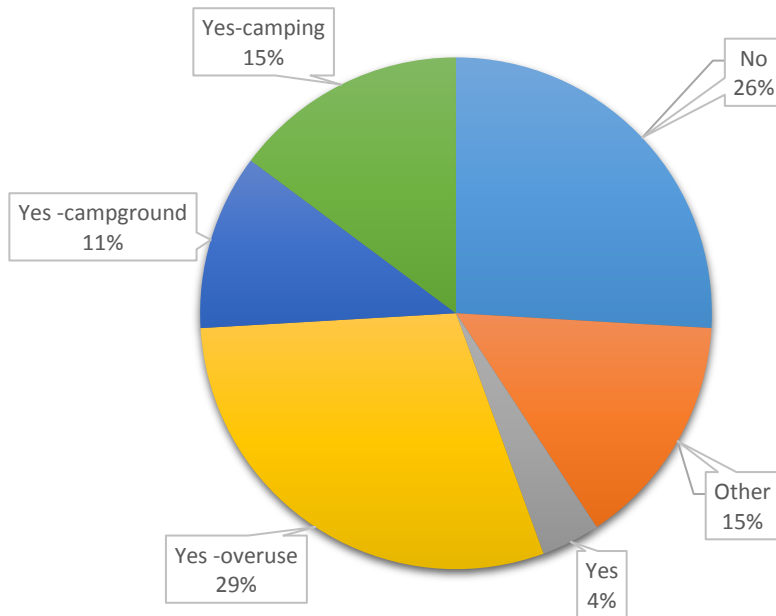
What are some traditional and historical uses in Conrad that are important?



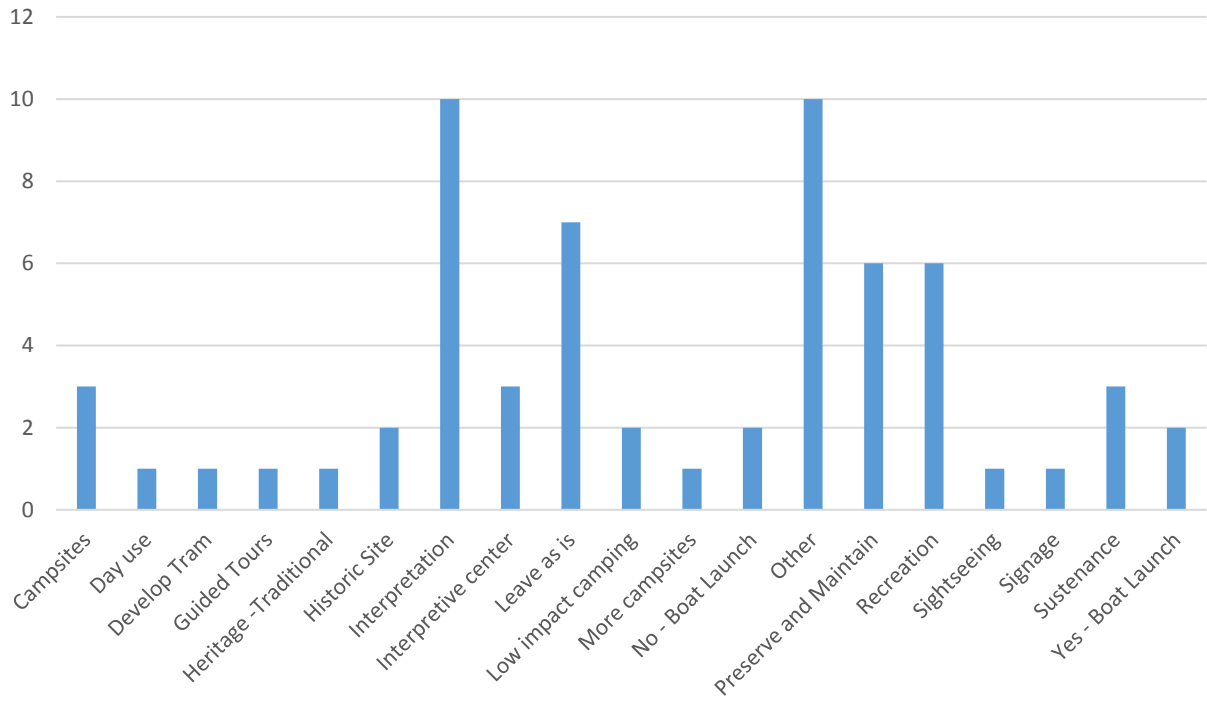
What are some current uses that are important?



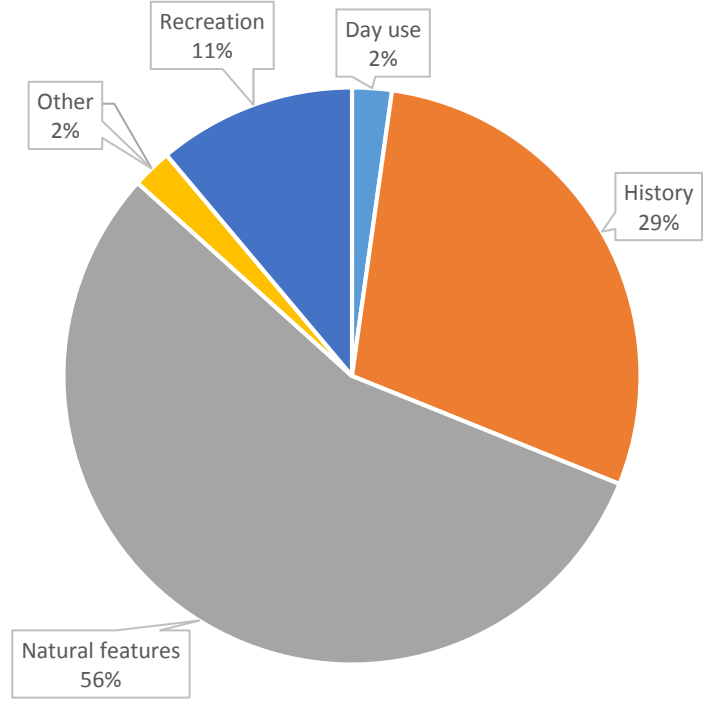
Do any current uses conflict or have an impact on Conrad's heritage?



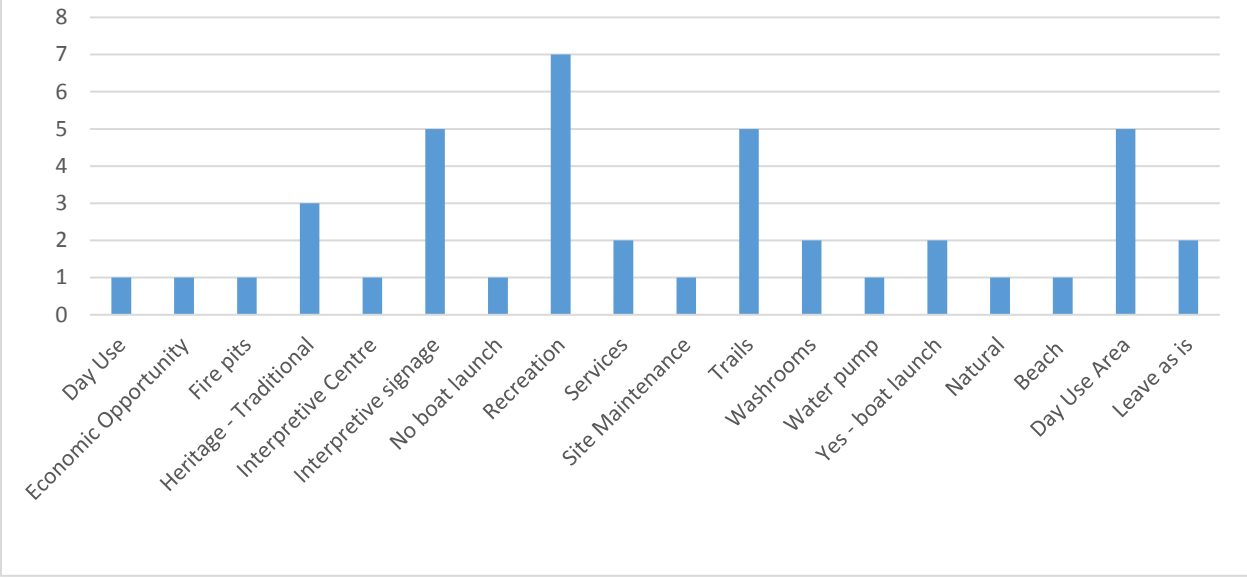
What might be the best future for Conrad?



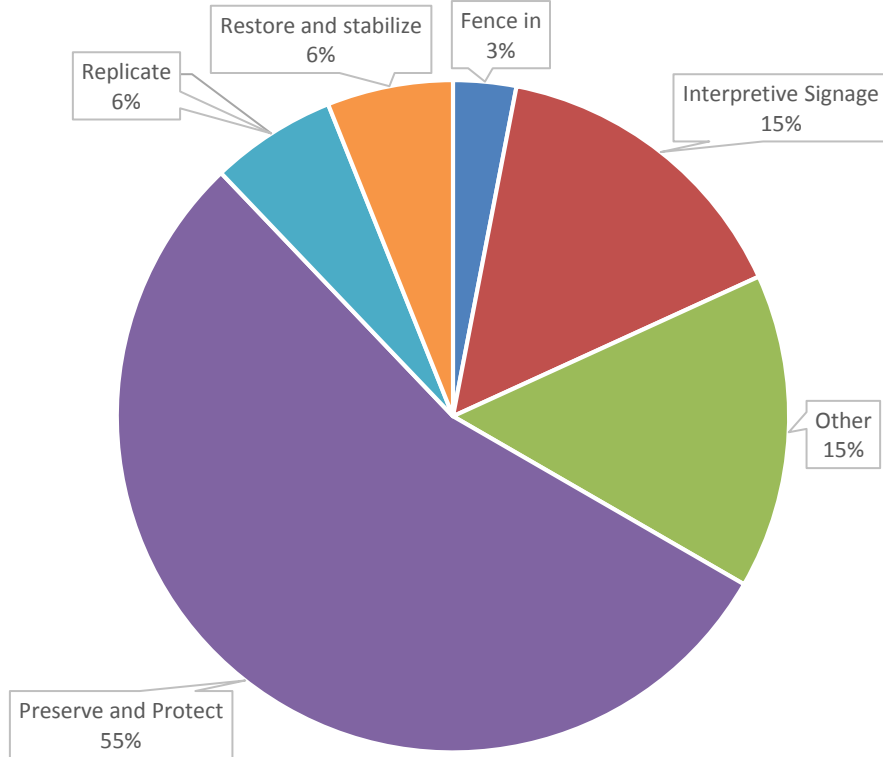
What should people experience when they come to the site?



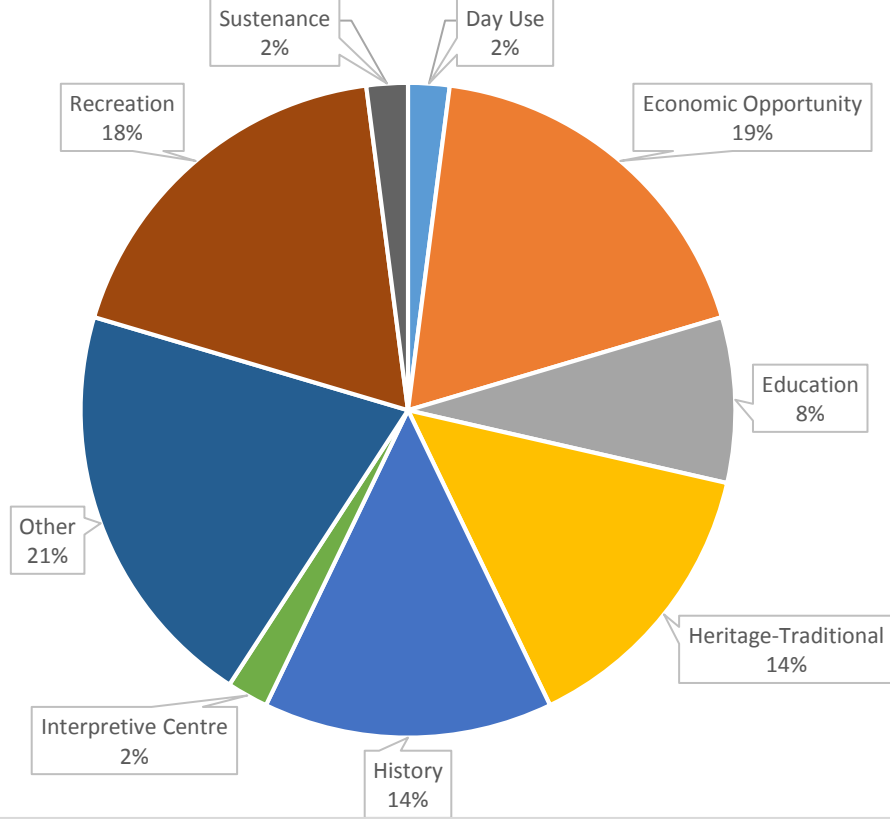
What facilities and activities would enable that experience?



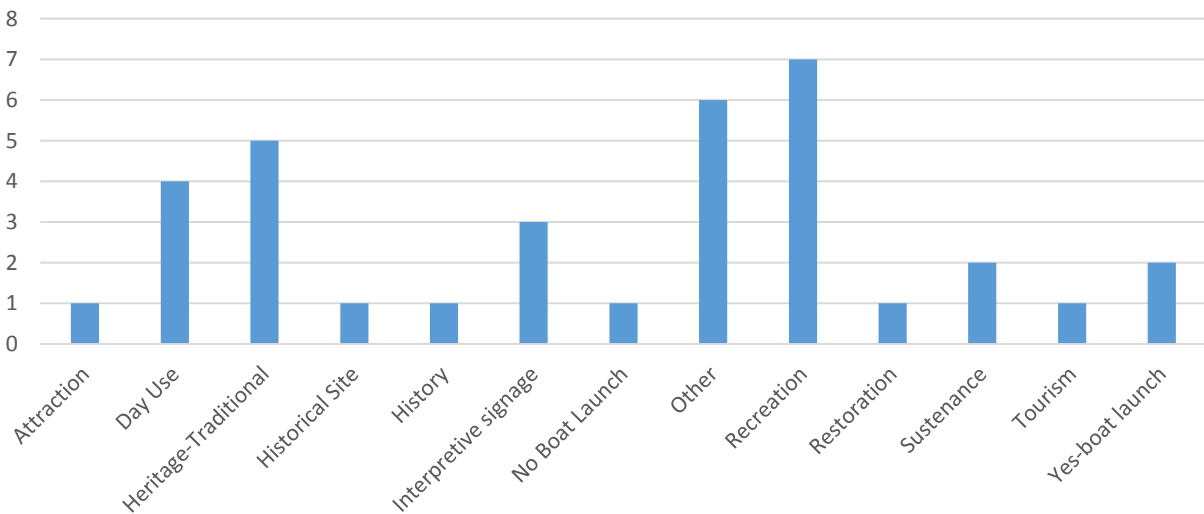
What should happen with Conrad's historical resources?



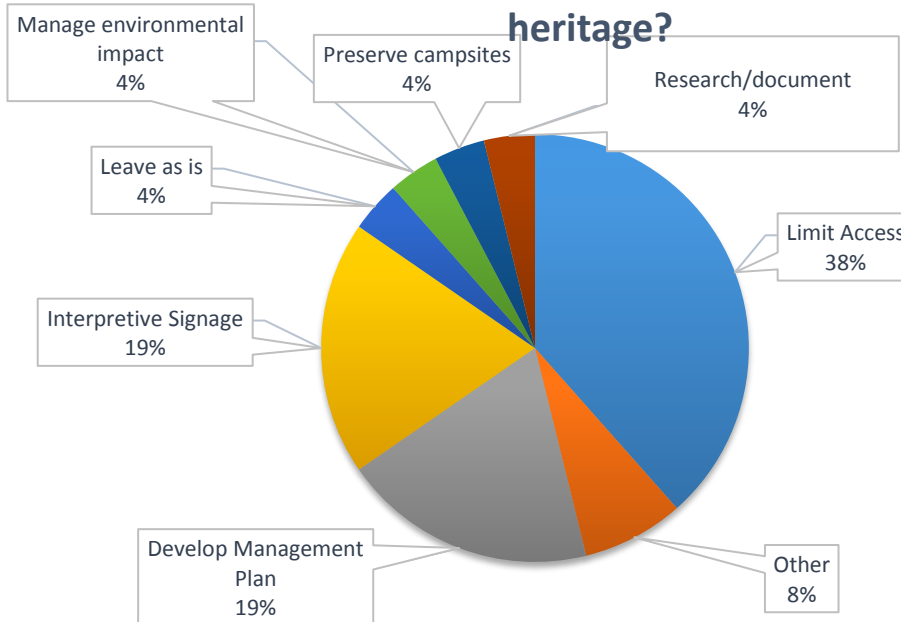
What might Conrad's future role be for residents and visitors?



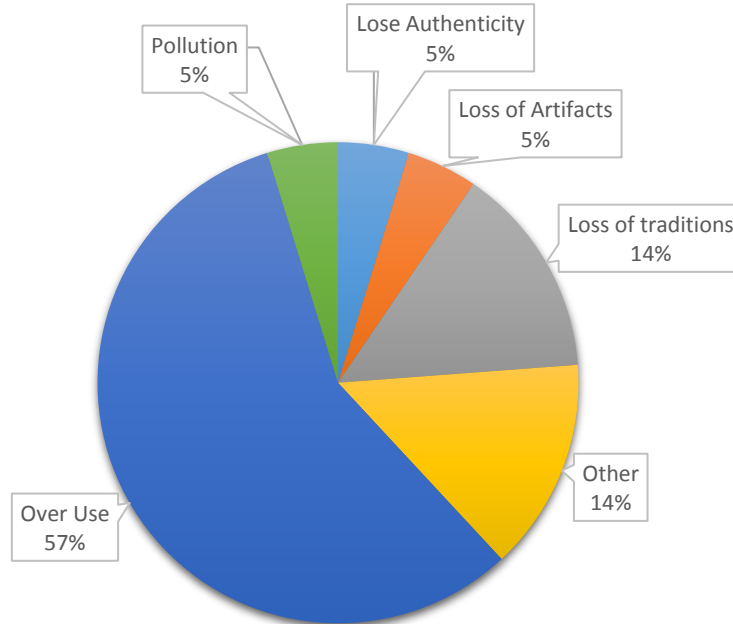
What are some future uses that would be appropriate at Conrad?



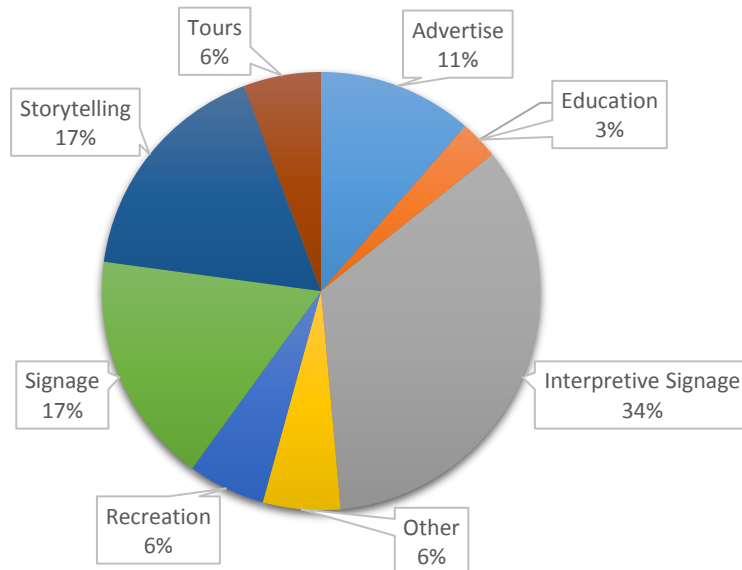
What things need to be done to retain Conrad's heritage?



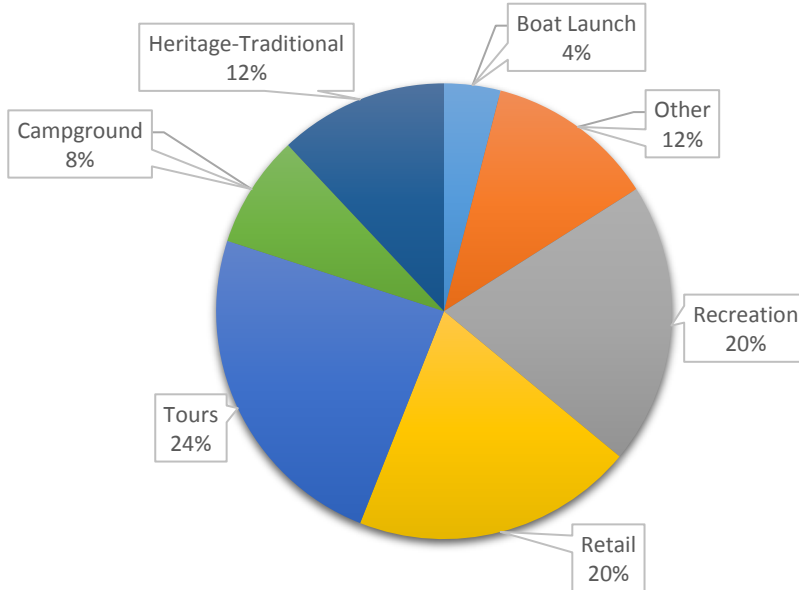
What are the risks to Conrad's heritage if changes are made?



How can public awareness be encouraged, and how can Conrad's stories best be told?



What are some potential economic or tourism opportunities?



Other ideas and comments:

- Minimize the entrances and ensure that there are view areas. Information on the actual mine sites, pictures etc.
- I think Conrad is an amazing place and more people should see it, but not at the expense of its historical integrity.
- Beautiful place, quiet and nice. Love the land, animals and fish.
- I remember being told that the place I grew up in was floated to Carcross from Conrad. Please consult with all the people when doing things, don't do it first and then ask questions. Not much, but it's nice that there are lots of raspberries.
- Post on Carcross Facebook page to tell people about ideas you have for our community.
- Remove all rigged toilets and put in outhouses.
- Have a little building with a slide show about Conrad, and a coffee shop.
- If developed it should be seen as an opportunity for economic opportunities. We would like to appreciate Conrad in the future with our families.
- Looking forward to visiting Conrad campground and historical site with family and friends.
- When you look at a place like that, it is all grown up. When they start clearing it, they should have a layout like it was before.
- Joint management. Keeping current First Nation camps separate and less disturbance. Shared history interpretation.
- Signs that say please respect CTFN traditional territory.
- Keep it clean and safe for all.
- Not that I haven't already said. I probably sound so negative, and I know Conrad isn't "mine" and things change, but it's just hard to accept the change of Conrad because it will never be the same and it was such a special place to me (and to a lot of people.) Living in an area so touristy, it's important to have local getaways, special off the beaten path places everyone doesn't know about. That's what Conrad used to be. I can say, I've spoken to many people about all of this since it was first announced that a campground was going to be put in and not one person was excited about it. Everyone was sad and felt like it would ruin what it was.
- I appreciate the improvements made so far, however it will be a challenge to maintain so it doesn't suffer from the impacts of overuse.
- Nope
- Signage for allowable uses would be helpful
- The campground is beautiful but the camping sites are not level for RV guests. This should be addressed.
- Yukoners want to get a site on the water, put the boat in, bring it to their site on the water, so no one fools with it at the launch site. The problem is that when a Yukoner gets off on Friday, drives to a camp site...they are full, or there is no sites on the water...and the only way to get near the water is to launch the boat and leave it at the launch for all the punks to go through, when I am back at my site...nowhere near the water! So what happens...us Yukoners leave and go camp in a gravel pit, and use the bush for an outhouse etc. Get it together people!!!
- Would be nice to see connections with the campground next door.
- I appreciate Tourism and Culture engaging the public for their thoughts on developments like this.