

Fort Selkirk Historic Site Management Plan



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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Review and discussion on the Draft Management Plan for Fort Selkirk Historic Site

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

12:00 to 3 p.m.
Selkirk First Nation Administration
Building, Big Room
Pelly Crossing, Yukon

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre
Classroom A
Whitehorse, Yukon

Refreshments will be served.
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Management Planning and Fort Selkirk Historic Site

What is a Heritage Management Plan for Fort Selkirk?

A management plan provides long range goals and objectives that guide the use, development, protection, conservation and the interpretation of heritage sites.

The Management Plans are reviewed and approved by the Selkirk First Nation and Yukon governments before they are put into action.

Why are we doing this?

Fort Selkirk is co-owned and co-managed by Selkirk First Nation and Yukon governments as outlined in the Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement 1997. The updated Management Plan guides how the site is used and maintained.

The objectives of the Fort Selkirk Historic Site Management Plan are to recognize and protect the heritage resources, and the traditional and current use of the site by the Selkirk First Nation, third party interests in the site, and by others in the Yukon.

- 1990 1st Management Plan
- 2000 2nd Management Plan
- 2019 updated plan

Each Management Plan confirmed the objectives for the site, and the updated Management Plan (2019) will guide the continued implementation of the vision that is revised and reaffirmed by the Fort Selkirk Management Committee.

Current management of the site is outlined in the Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement:

Chapter 13, Schedule A, 6.1

“Government and the Selkirk First Nation shall manage Fort Selkirk in accordance with the Historic Resources Act, S.Y. 1991, C. 8, and the approved management plan”.

Selkirk First Nation and Yukon governments, provide care and maintenance for the site by funding restoration work on the buildings, landscape, interpretation, training and equipment at the historic Site of Fort Selkirk.

Outline of the draft Fort Selkirk Management Plan

- Purpose of the Management Plan
- History
- Description of the Site
- Vision, Goals and Statement of Significance
- Management Approach
- Management Zone
- Interpretation and Education
- Economic Opportunities
- Site Administration
- Action Plan





June 2018 Site Visit PHOTO: NVision

June 2018 Site Visit

In June 2018 an inventory of Fort Selkirk was conducted during a site visit. The inventory process considered: buildings, structures (historic and contemporary), building outlines (foundations, cellars, berms and other forms), and building orientations; views; landscape features; circulation patterns (trails - historic and ATV/walking; Historic Lot Blocks); interpretation; and resources (graves and cemeteries; traditional place names; traditional sites).

The site visit participants included NVision; Chris Grosset, Wendy Shearer and Naomi Ratte and Historic Sites, YG staff; Barb Hogan, Shannon Van Bibber and Joel Le Baron, who were joined by Franklin Roberts, Milly Johnson, George McGinty, Freda Alfred, Carl Blanchard, and Jessica Alfred. The memories and stories shared during the site visit informed us of the multi-layered site and, the historical and cultural significance important to SFN and Yukon governments.

Buildings and Landscapes of Fort Selkirk



View of the Work Camp from the edge of the Campground.



Distant view of Big Jonathan House and Cache.



View of Anglican Church and Rectory.



View of the Orderly Room.



View of the Danny Robert's Roadhouse area.



View of the trail leading to the Selkirk First Nation Burial Site.



About the Draft Fort Selkirk Historic Site Management Plan

The update of the Fort Selkirk Management Plan is an opportunity to measure the successes of implementation of the previous plan and address future management actions. The planning process identified changes to the site since the previous plan was completed, and new opportunities for the sites future management.

Preparation of the management plan shall be guided by the following principles:

Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement, Chapter 13, Schedule A, 3.0 Management Plan

- 3.6.1 protection, conservation and interpretation of the Heritage Resources at Fort Selkirk in accordance with national and international standards as accepted or modified by the Selkirk First Nation and the Yukon;
- 3.6.2 recognition of the importance of Fort Selkirk to Selkirk People and protection of the use of Fort Selkirk by Selkirk People;
- 3.6.3 encouragement of public awareness of and appreciation for the natural and cultural resources of Fort Selkirk and surrounding area; and,
- 3.6.4 provision of reasonable opportunities for the public to visit and appreciate Fort Selkirk.

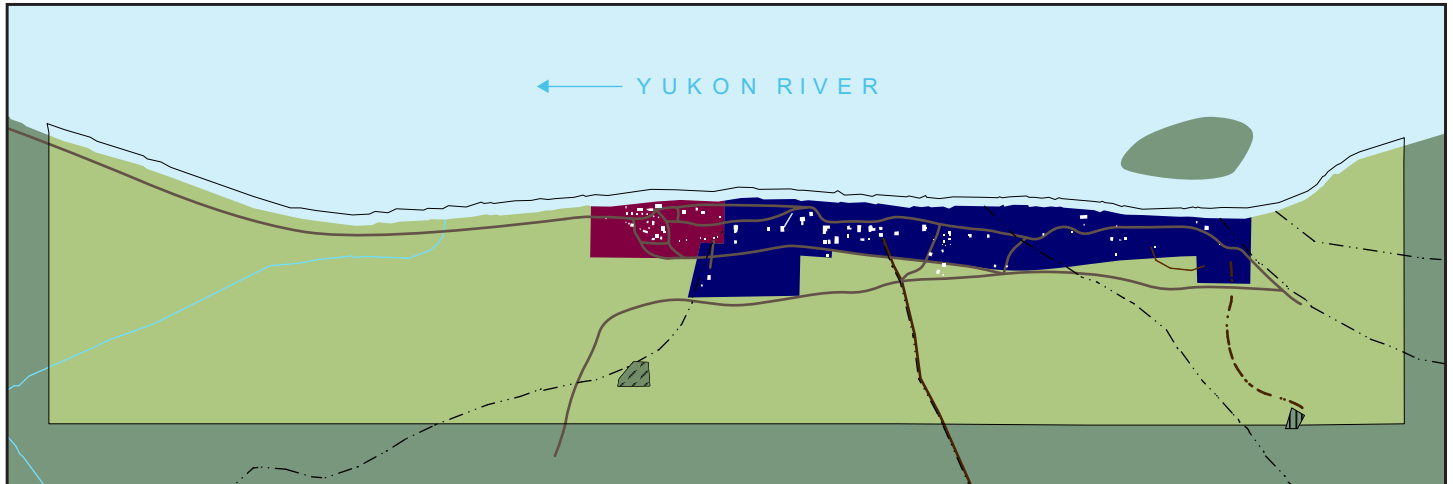




Management Zones of Fort Selkirk

To conserve and manage the varied resources of the site, management zones are recommended to identify areas with similar characteristics across the site and provide management action guidelines for each zone.

The Fort Selkirk Historic Site Management Zones are: Historic Zone; Natural Zone; and, Heritage and Visitor Services Zone.



 **Historic Zone**  **Heritage and Visitor Services Zone**  **Natural Zone**



Heritage and Visitor Services Zone - Campground PHOTO: NVision

Where are we in the process?

A Management Committee of 3 representatives from Selkirk First Nation and 3 representative from Yukon governments are guiding the update of the Management Plan to completion.

Also outlined under the Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement, the Fort Selkirk Management Committee was formed to oversee the use of the site to minimize impacts, to preserve the heritage resources and mitigate any risks that may affect the historic site.



1 MARCH 2018

Project Start Up; First Public Open House in Pelly Crossing and Whitehorse

2 SEPTEMBER 2018

First Draft Management Plan

3 OCTOBER 2018

Second Public Open house in Pelly Crossing and Whitehorse to gather comments on the Draft Management Plan

4 DECEMBER 2018

Final Draft Historic Site Management Plan and Executive Summary

5 JANUARY 2019

Third Public Open House in Pelly Crossing and Whitehorse

6 MARCH 2019

Final Historic Site Management Plan and Executive Summary

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