Conrad Historic Site
Heritage Management Plan

This Management Plan represents the best efforts of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation and Yukon Governments to meet the requirements of the Carcross/Tagish Final Agreement and the Umbrella Final Agreement.

It is meant to guide the cooperative management of the cultural and natural resources at the Conrad Historic Site.
Who is involved?

Steering Committee Members

A six member Steering Committee consisting of three members from the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, with one alternate, and three members from the Government of Yukon are guiding the planning process:

Art Johns, Carcross/Tagish
Colleen James, Carcross/Tagish
Derek Grose, Heritage Manager, Carcross/Tagish
Deborah Baerg, Carcross/Tagish (Alternate)
Barbara Hogan, Historic Sites, Yukon Government
Rebecca Jansen, Historic Sites, Yukon Government
Greg Hare, Archaeology, Yukon Government
Shannon Van Bibber, Historic Sites Planner, Yukon Government, also provided support to the Committee and the Consultant.
Public consultation process

- Consultation with the Steering Committee
- Three public workshops in January 2016
- On-line and paper questionnaire
- One-on-one consultations
- Review and feedback of progress and products
The Process

- No pre-conceived ideas
- Considered many types of values, uses and visitors
- Factors influencing the site – pre-contact heritage to mining to Montana Mountain biking
- Considered past traditional uses
- Asking questions, hearing stories
- Clear final consensus and direction
The site and its values

• West side of Windy Arm, 14 km south of Carcross
• Part of Carcross/Tagish Traditional Territory
• Open forest
• Views
• Variety of wildlife and fish species
• Significant heritage resources
• Used seasonally for camping, fishing, hiking, biking, snowshoeing
The site and its values

• Early use by Tagish Kwáan people
• Discovery of ore on Montana Mountain
• Establishment of Conrad townsite 1905-1914
• Steamboats on Windy Arm
• Buildings moved to Carcross
• Return of Tagish Kwáan for fishing, hunting and gathering
• Recreational uses, sheltered cove, campsites
• Cultural traditions, stories, memories
Heritage resources

- Archaeological resources and artifacts
- Buildings and structures
  - Cabins
  - Cold storage structures
  - Tram towers and terminus
  - Cellar depressions
- Trails
- Landscape features
- Natural history features
Existing site features

- Generally mixed forest with native shrub understory
- Tram towers
- Cold storage structure
- North cabin
- Tramline terminus structure
- Major circulation route through site, roughly follows original street grid
- North cabin
- South cabin
- Beach
- Views to Windy Arm and mountains
- Views to Montana mountain and tram towers
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- Existing bridge (in disrepair)
- Montana Creek
- Secondary trail
- Informal trails to lake
- Cleared open spaces
- Foundation depressions
- Midden
- Significant trees
Details of north building

As-found drawing for north building
Vision and objectives

*The Conrad Historic Site is a place for sharing, protecting and reconnecting with our heritage and culture*

- Respect long-established uses and traditional pursuits
- Respect the artifacts
- Protect, conserve and interpret
- Present and educate
Site development

- Manage site access
- Continues current use of the site for camping and lake access
- Retain buildings, structures and artifacts
- Install interpretive signs and develop seasonal activities
- Phased approach
- Potential further development
Site development concept

Preferred development option

General Planning and Implementation Program

Phase 1: Wynnum
- Create a new pedestrian bridge from the existing bridge to the island
- New car park
- Upgrade existing picnic tables
- Upgrade existing pathways
- Upgrade existing restroom facilities
- Upgrade existing pathways

Phase 2: Fyshwick
- Develop a new island
- Develop a new picnic area

Phase 3: Wynnum
- Develop a new picnic area
- Develop a new island

Survey Legend
- Existing facilities
- Proposed facilities
- Proposed facilities
Site development phasing

- Phase 1: 1 to 3 years
  - Selective brushing around foundations and buildings
  - Emergency stabilization of historic resources
  - Development of public day use area
  - Development of informal camping areas
  - Conservation of historic buildings and structures
  - Interpretation plan, sign design guidelines
  - Installation of interpretive signs
  - Part time interpreters and maintenance personnel
  - Plan for trails, construction of first phase of trail
  - Outhouses, storage shed, wood bins, garbage containers
Site development phasing

- Phase 2: 4 to 7 years
  - Assessment of camping and site use
  - Plans for footbridge across Montana Creek
  - Construction and installation of foot bridge
  - Continue preservation of buildings
  - Development of historic building as interpretive center for the site
Site development phasing

• Phase 3: 8 to 10 years
  • Continued management and maintenance of site and structures
  • Stabilization and preservation of tram towers
  • Cultural activities for visitors – fireside talks, etc.
  • Ongoing preservation work on dug out structure
  • Assessment of camping areas with possible expansion
Management structure

- A phased approach
- Coordination between governments
- Adaptive management
- Approval of management plan
- Joint committee of heritage staff from both governments will implement the management plan and manage the site
Next steps

- Compile feedback from current consultations
- Develop detailed management strategies
- Interpretation and education plan
- Tourism and marketing plan
- Implementation plan
Thank you

• Questions?