

## **tMOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 434<sup>th</sup> Edition – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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The new Mr. and Mrs. Yukon surrounded by Yukon Order of Pioneer members (Oshea Jephson/CKRW)

### **The award of Mr. and Mrs. Yukon has been presented to a new Yukon couple as part of a Sourdough Rendezvous kickoff event.**

Yukon's Sourdough Rendezvous has bestowed its most prestigious honor following a kickoff event in Whitehorse this week.

Ken and Sandra Mason will now represent the territory as Mr. and Mrs. Yukon 2017. Ken Mason says they've looked up to so many former winners and they hope to do the roles justice.

"It's kind of scary. We got to fill the boots of some pretty important people but we're really honored and proud to be chosen by the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous to be the Mr. and Mrs. Yukon for 2017."

Several other announcements included the introduction of the festivals Can Can Dancers and aspiring Sourdough Rendezvous Queens.

In addition to queen, members of the public will also be able to vote for the people's princess, a new honor presented to the queen candidate with the most votes collected.



Goody Sparling celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday, February 2017.  
Photo courtesy Susan Gleason

**Reports and Papers relating to the “Lost Patrol”**  
**Inspector Fitzgerald & Party – 1911**  
**Fort McPherson to Dawson Patrol**  
(Part 4)

March 9 – 50 below, cold, thick fog on glacier. Started at 8 AM, encountered water on glacier. Made upper canyon portage at 9 AM and from there to upper glacier trail very heavy. Upper end of this glacier badly flooded and we had to circle round a great deal to avoid the water. Across the divide from Wolf Creek to Forrest Creek the trail was full and very heavy. We have now come to the end of the old trail. Camped at 5:20 PM about two miles from the glacier on Forrest Creek.

March 10 – 15 below, windy in PM. Started at 7:45 AM. Heavy breaking trail down Forrest Creek most of the way, made Little Wind at 2:15 PM, was good going to the portage which we made at 3:15 PM. Breaking trail across portage very heavy, camped at 4:45 PM at lower end of the portage. This is the last camping place for some distance. Gale blowing up river tonight.

March 11 – 35 below, strong wind, foggy. Started at 7:40 AM; encountered little water on upper end of glacier. During the afternoon we had a great deal of trouble with water. Ice flooded all over, and had frozen but not strong enough to carry sled. Lost a lot of time, had to go through water several times. Gale blowing up river all morning and it was bitterly cold. It abated somewhat in the afternoon, but was still very cold. Camped at 4:30 PM.

March 12 – 42 below, cold foggy. Started at 7:40 AM, pulling over bars part of time good going. Struck an old trail about 9:30 AM, probably the trail of the Fitzgerald party. We could find it only in places; was doubtful whether it was police or Indian trail. It was impossible to follow it as it was flooded over, but we could pick it up on the bars towards the mouth of the river. Made the Big Wind at 2:05 PM. Stewart and myself went up the Big Wind for some distance crossing and recrossing the river from bank to bank, trying to find traces of a trail, but without success. Came back and proceeded down the river. Came across trail again and followed it back until we lost it in a flooded part, then followed it down and lost it again. At 4:45 PM we pulled across river to some timber to camp and found one of their old camps for which we had been looking all day.

March 13 – 45 below, clear, thick fog over open water. Started at 7:40 AM. Picked up old trail in places, but was not able to follow it. It went around the river instead of over the portage. Going in places was good, but a great deal of it was crusted snow which was bad for the dogs feet. Passed another of Fitzgerald's night camps about four miles distant from the other. Camped at 5:30 PM about 7 miles below Deception.

March 14 – 30 below, cloudy, light snow. Left at 7:45 AM. Had a little very good going but mostly very heavy. Picked up trail a few times but were unable to follow it until we got to the lower end of the river this afternoon, when we were able to follow it fairly well. We passed three of the Fitzgerald's night camps; they were not more than five miles apart. The number of his night camps in so short a distance indicates, I think, that he had returned North. Crusted snow very bad on dogs' feet and we are unable to make good time.

March 15 – 15 below, clear in AM, cloudy and warm in PM. Started at 7:25 AM. Trail very heavy all day. Saw part of old trail at the mouth of the Big Wind which is hard, and we could distinguish an old snowshoe track which was headed down the river. Trail led to mouth of Mountain Creek instead of taking portage. It is about 3 miles further to take the river instead of the portage. Camped about four miles up creek at 5:20 PM.

March 16 – Zero, cloudy, started at 7:45 AM, reached the cabin at 9AM. In it I found cached a toboggan, wrapper and seven sets of dog harness which I have no doubt were cached here by Fitzgerald's party on their return trip to McPherson. In cabin also we found the paws of a dog cut off at the knee joint. Also a shoulder blade which had been cooked and the flesh evidently eaten. In a corner there was also a little dried white fish. The trail all the way up the creek was heavy, weather warm, soft snow. Camped at 4 PM at the foot of the Big Hill. Dogs too tired to go tonight, I went to the top of the hill after making camp to break trail and make it easier. All the way up the creek the trail was drifted full.

March 17 – 5 above, cloudy, windy on hill. Started at 7:45 AM; reached top of first hill at 9AM. Made Caribou Born River at 4 PM; trail today full and very heavy. Camped at 5:20 about 3 miles up the north fork of the river.

March 18 – 12 above, cloudy; started at 7:40 AM. Trail up the Caribou very heavy, river very crooked and heads nor'west. Went up to near a large lake and turned to right and started over divide; there is no big hill. Leaving Caribou river we travelled nor'west by north the greater part of the time, then kept a little more North. Had great difficulty in finding trail. This section of country new to all of us. It has been up and down hill all afternoon. The country covered with small spruce. Made Trail River at 5:45 PM and camped at 6:30 PM. Hard day; dogs and men very tired. Think route we followed today much longer than going over mountain.

March 19 – 15 below, cloudy, snowing all afternoon. Started at 7:40AM. Trail down Trail River very heavy; camped at 5:15 PM About 5 miles from Peel River.

March 20 – 13 below, clear, started at 7:40 AM; trail heavy most of the day. Made Colins cabin and camped at 6:15 PM. Found two packages in cabin one apparently mail and other containing disparte bag marked R.N.W.M.P. Evidently cached here by Insp. Fitzgerald to lighten up his load.

March 21 – 25 below, cloudy AM; clear PM. Reached portage at 10 AM, at 11:45 found tent, tent poles, and stove along side trail in the middle of the lake. Reached Peel River again at 2:15 PM. At 3 PM about two or three miles below portage, found a toboggan and two sets of dog harness. All ground lashings had been cut off. Trail led into bush and on following it we found bodies of two of Fitzgerald's party, one, that of Cst. Kinney whom I knew, and the other I concluded to be that of Cst. Taylor. The latter had evidently committed suicide by shooting the top of his head off. Evidently starved to death. Found camp kettle full of moose hide cut in small pieces which had been boiled for stew. Camped at 5:45 PM. Covered bodies before we left them to proceed on journey.

March 22 – 23 below, cloudy, cold, raw wind from the north west. Started at 7:25 AM At 8:30 I found an indistinct trail leading to the bank, found a pair of snowshoes. Climbed bank, which was a high cut bank, and on going into the bush a little way found bodies of Inspector Fitzgerald and ex-Cst. Carter. Latter had evidently died first, as he

had been laid out, hands crossed over breast and face covered with handkerchief. He was lying on his back. Inspector Fitzgerald was lying on his back on the spot where there had formerly been a fire. Body partially covered with two blankets. A blunt axe with a broken handle were laying near; there had been a good deal of tramping around as though getting firewood. Covered bodies with brush and proceeded on our way and arrived at McPherson at 6 PM and notified Cpl. Somers and Constable Blake of the fatalities.

(to be continued)

## **Territory becomes nation's tiniest jurisdiction**

### **The Yukon is now the smallest jurisdiction in Canada, according to 2016 census data released today.**

**By Sidney Cohen on February 8, 2017**

The Yukon is now the smallest jurisdiction in Canada, according to 2016 census data released today.

Statistics Canada counted 35,874 people living in the Yukon on May 10, 2016, and 113,600 people across the three territories.

Canada's overall population came in at 35,151,728. About 0.3 per cent of people in Canada live in the territories.

The population statistics released today are the first data output from the mandatory 2016 census.

The data revealed the Yukon's population was narrowly surpassed by Nunavut's for the first time since 1999, when Nunavut was established as a distinct territory.

With 35,994 residents, Nunavut has 70 more residents than the Yukon.

"They're only up by about 70 (people) right now, but that will grow," Gary Brown, a senior information officer at the Yukon Bureau of Statistics, said this morning.

Nunavut's population grew 12.5 per cent between 2011 and 2016 and had the highest growth rate of any province or territory.

The main reason for the spike in Nunavut's population is the fertility rate, explained Brown.

Nunavut has the highest birth rate in Canada.

Women in Nunavut give birth to an average of 2.9 children. Elsewhere in Canada, women have an average of 1.6 children.

The Yukon's population grew 5.8 per cent between 2011 and 2016, or by 1,977 people.

While this growth rate is slightly above the national average of five per cent, it's well below the territory's growth rate between 2006 and 2011, which was 11.6 per cent.

"Between 2006 and 2011, we had highest growth rate in country," said Brown.

That growth slowed over the last decade, mostly due to the migration of people to other provinces and territories, said the Statistics Canada report.

"It's all about the economy," said Brown.

"Our GDP between 2006 and 2011 were among the highest in the country for a couple years in there."

While the Yukon's labour force continues to grow, and unemployment remains low, a downturn in mining operations has had an impact on the territory's population.

"No question, on the mineral side, the exploration and mineral production has fallen off compared to the previous period," said Brown.

Between 2011 and 2016, the Yukon had the fourth highest population growth rate in Canada, tying with Manitoba.

After Nunavut, Alberta had the highest growth rate at 11.6 per cent. That province gained 421,918 residents between 2011 and 2016.

New Brunswick was the only province or territory to report a decrease in population between 2011 and 2016. The province shrunk by 0.5 per cent.

Though the Yukon population is growing more slowly than in decades past, more people are staying longer, said Brown.

"When we look at migration patterns, compared to say, 20 years ago, we were much more transient," said Brown.

"Now people are becoming more settled here."

Case in point: the Yukon's seniors population.

About 10 per cent of Yukoners are 65 years of age and older, said Brown. A decade ago, about six or seven per cent of Yukoners fell into that age group.

It's projected that by 2030, about 15 per cent of Yukoners will be ages 65 and older, said Brown.

Whitehorse's population grew by 1,809 people, or 7.8 per cent, between 2011 and 2016. The territory's capital was home to 25,085 people in 2016.

Including the surrounding areas (Ibex Valley, Lake Laberge, Macpherson-Grizzly Valley, Marsh Lake and Mt. Lorne) Whitehorse had a total population of 28,225.

Dawson City remains the second-largest municipality in the Yukon, with 1,375 residents in 2016. Its population has grown by 56 people (1.3 per cent) since the 2011 census.

Watson Lake, which had 790 residents in 2016, and Carmacks, which had 493, both saw their populations fall after 2011.

Watson Lake lost about 12 residents and Carmacks lost around 10.

Canada's overall population grew by 1.7 million people, or five per cent, between 2011 and 2016.

Two thirds of the population growth was a result of immigration to Canada, and one third was due to births, which outnumbered deaths, over the five-year period.

The first census after Confederation was conducted in 1871. At that time, 3.5 million people lived in Canada. The population is now 10 times that number.

Today, three in five people live in Quebec and Ontario.

The 2016 census drew an overall response rate of 98.4 per cent across Canada, making it "the most successful census in Canadian history," said Navdeep Bains, the minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, in August.

"The data collected during the 2016 Census will paint a detailed picture of our nation and the communities in which we live.... the census will also provide the high-quality information needed to plan critical services such as child care, housing and public transportation for all Canadians."

## **Anyone can be a killer, says retired forensic anthropologist and Berton House writer**

By Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson Yukon)  
January 5, 2017

As a practicing forensic anthropologist, educated in Canada, but based for years in New Mexico, and on-call for international work in many of the world's troubled spots, Debra Komar retired from 23 years in the field to tackle her life's work from another angle.

In addition to handling 150 cases a year for the Office of the Medical Examiner for the State of New Mexico, she investigated human rights violations for the United Nations,

Physicians for Human Rights, the Iraqi High Tribunal, and other organizations. She stopped counting autopsies after about 6,000 of them.

In her introduction to her audience at the Dawson Community Library in mid-November, Komar said she was tired of the facile presentations on her profession's work featured in movies and on television, and decided to tell it like it really is.

To do this, she chose to reinvestigate actual historical crimes committed in Canada. Her first three books were *The Bastard of Fort Stikine*, *The Lynching of Peter Wheeler*, and *The Ballad of Jacob Peck*. Her latest, and the one she used in her illustrated lecture, was *Black River Road: An Unthinkable Crime, an Unlikely Suspect, and the Question of Character*.

Canadian audiences have been misled by the traditional mystery triad of means, motive and opportunity, she said. While the middle item may be of some use in telling the authorities who to look at for the other two, the Rules of Evidence used in Canadian law do not include motive, as represented by character, as a legitimate forensic tool. While a number of recent high profile criminal cases have shone a light on the character of the accused, a maxim known as the Universal Lethality Theory states that "All humans can and will kill, given the right circumstances."

It was the infamous case of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, back in 1992, that gave rise to this theory. All murder trials now focus on two questions: Did the accused make the decision to kill? Did he or she act on it?

Black's Law Dictionary puts it concisely: "When the intent exists, motive becomes immaterial."

*Black River Road* reexamines a case from 1869, in which character was used by the accused's defense to try and exonerate John Munroe, a renowned architect, well-heeled family man, and a pillar of the community of Saint John, New Brunswick.

The bodies of a woman and her young child were found by some berry picking teenagers. They had been there for some time, in all kinds of weather, and it was hard to say who they were, though evidence from the remains of the clothes seemed to tie them to a woman with whom Munroe had had an extramarital relationship and who had given birth to his child.

As programs like *Bones* and *Body of Evidence* often state, even when they don't exactly follow through on their mantra, the evidence tells the story.

What, Komar said, was relevant in this case, was whether Munroe could be proven to have had the opportunity and the intent to carry out the murders, not his social standing in the community.

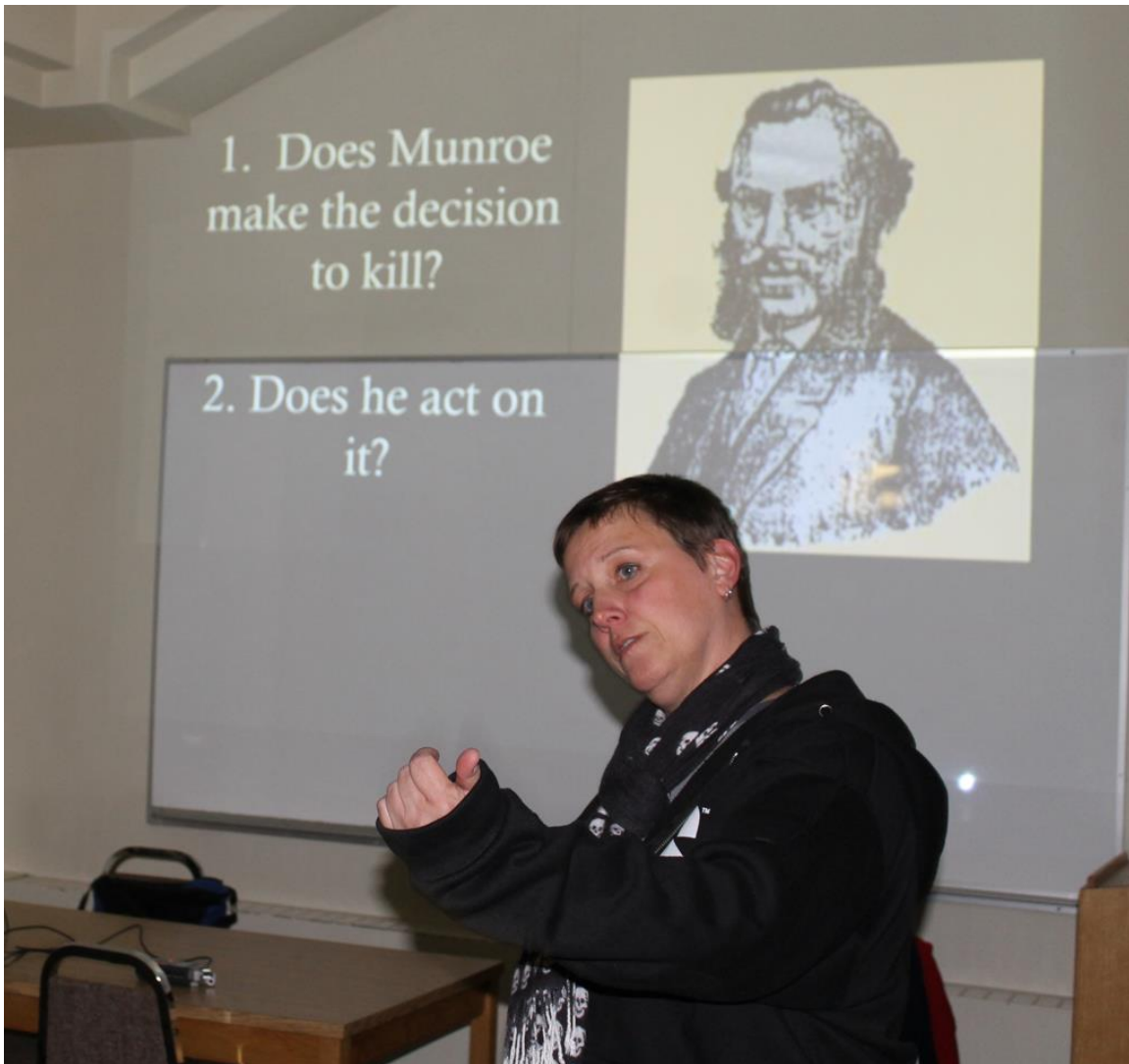
The same questions led to the conviction of Russell Williams, the former colonel in the Canadian Forces, whose criminal deeds escalated from stalking, to sexual assault without



intercourse, to rape, and finally to two counts of murder. In the case of Williams, there was lots of forensic evidence, including logs and photographs that he had taken as souvenirs of his activities.

What his motives might have been were not important. He had the capacity to plan and carry out 82 home invasions and related activities between 2007 and 2010.

Komar's assertion that anyone can kill or murder under the right circumstances was unsettling for her listeners, but convincing.



Debra lecture.png – Debra Komar illustrates the two key points in any murder case.  
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### **Design proposed for CIBC Rehab**

By Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson Yukon)

January 20, 2017

Now that most of the hazardous material that was delaying any further work on the building has been dealt with, Dawson's council is looking at alternatives for development and rehabilitation of the Old CIBC Building on Front Street.

A proposal was submitted to council for consideration, on January 16, by Across the River Consulting's Evelyn Pollock and Mark Wickham, and designer Trina Buhler, on behalf of the Regional Economic Development Advisory Board.

This is a part of the North Yukon READI (Regional Economic Action Development Initiative), which was launched last winter as a partnership among the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the City of Dawson, the Vuntut Gwitchin, the Na-cho Nyak Dun, the Village of Mayo, and the Yukon Government.

The proposal, estimated to cost \$1,227,327, would see the main floor of the bank developed as a meeting and gathering space, while the second floor became two, two-bedroom apartments, and the basement area was used for storage and utility space.

Potential financing for the project could come from a number of matching, sharing and assistance programs runs by the Yukon Housing Corp., Parks Canada, and the Yukon Government, in addition to a public fund raising campaign and a bank mortgage.

The plan includes a schedule which would have all the work completed by the summer or fall of 2018, which is the year that it is anticipated the Tr'ondëk/Klondike proposal will gain World Heritage Status from UNESCO.

This is merely one proposal, and there may be others that arise, but it does form the beginnings of a discussion about how to preserve, restore and rehabilitate the building for future use.

When the town paid \$170,000 to acquire the Old CIBC building about four years ago, people were pleased and startled at the same time. This was a resolution to a problem that has been festering on Front Street since 1989, when the bank moved out and sold the building to a private landowner.

The CIBC deserted its original home, after having occupied it since the Gold Rush, just one year after the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (NHSMBC) designated the building as a National Historic Site. One might think this would have protected it from decay, but it didn't.

The Bank of Commerce (before the merger with the Imperial Bank of Can. in 1961), arrived in Dawson at the behest of the Dominion Government (as it was often called then) to set up banking in 1898 and the present building came into being in 1901.

As the plaque mounted on the boulder says, “this Renaissance Revival building is one of Canada’s finest surviving structures clad in decorative pressed metal.” The metal is shaped and painted to look like the stone buildings that the style imitates.

The building was designed by Warren Porter Skillings, an American architect who also designed Saint Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and the Manse behind it, which is currently a Parks Canada staff house.

There aren’t very many examples of buildings like the CIBC left in Canada – and Dawson has two of them, the other one being the Masonic Lodge, four blocks up Queen Street. It started out as a Carnegie Library.

So the CIBC building is notable for its place in financial history.

Another reason people look at it can be found written on a second plaque near the boarded up front door, in addition to the information on the NHSMBC plaque.

“Robert Service was among the clerks who worked here, before his poetry earned him financial independence and the honorary title ‘Bard of the Yukon’.”



The windows are boarded up and awaiting the installation of new ones at a later date.

Graphics from Trina Buhler’s design work

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson Yukon)

The building is one of the first things visitors driving along Front Street see. They pass the Court House, the Commissioner's Residence and the false front shops along the riverfront drive and then they stop to wonder why such a charming building with such obvious potential has been allowed to crumble so badly. Both tourists and locals have been complaining about it ever since the CIBC moved into its present digs in the Dawson Plaza on Second Ave.

Some version of a development plan may soon make it both useful and attractive once again.



- 2nd floor – Two apartments suggested for second floor





- basement – storage areas would fill much of the basement



- ground floor – A ground floor option as a meeting space.

## **The Tr'ondëk/Klondike World Heritage Nomination is on its Way to Paris.**

By Dan Davidson [uffish\\*northwestel.net](mailto:uffish*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)  
January 21, 2017

The nomination dossier for the Tr'ondëk/Klondike World Heritage Site has been sent to the printers and will be sent to Paris, France, to UNESCO's World Heritage Centre to meet a February 1, 2017 deadline. It will be evaluated by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

Tr'ondëk/Klondike is being proposed as a cultural site, as distinct from a natural site. Those that focus on the natural qualities of an area tend to become parks. That's not the case here.

A cultural site is chosen to celebrate human ways of life that can be shown via physical landscapes, traditions, stories, buildings, archaeological remains, artistic expressions and more.

Among the human activities being celebrated here is the long, continuing tradition of mining, which stretches back to the Bonanza Creek discovery in 1896, and even before that, to the find at Forty Mile in the 1880s. Another thing that makes the area unique is that this activity continues to the present day.

Most mining boom town areas are ghost towns after this much time.

Another unique feature of this region is that it includes the much longer history of the local indigenous people, the Hän, represented today as the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) First Nation.

Project Assistant Molly Shore presented the material to two groups late in November, first to the community at large on November 25 and then to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in General Assembly the next day.

The GA recommended that the TH Chief and Council draft a formal letter of support for the final nomination application.

With the aid of a six minute promotional video (available for viewing at <https://www.facebook.com/trondekklondike/videos/>) she described "Tr'ondëk/Klondike as a living, evolving cultural landscape that celebrates the enduring co-existence of the newcomers and the indigenous peoples bound together by the Klondike Gold Rush. The cultural landscape is shaped by activities of the gold rush until the present day, illustrating a relationship between the people and the land."

The nomination package has been prepared under the watchful eye of a local Advisory Committee, including representation from TH, the City of Dawson, the Yukon Government, Parks Canada, the Dawson Chamber of Commerce, the Klondike Visitors

Association, the Klondike Placer Miners Association , the Yukon Chamber of Mines, the Dawson Museum, and citizen reps from both TH and the Dawson community. All of these organizations, and a number of others, provided letters of support to accompany the nomination package. The main document runs to 374 pages and is accompanied by a number of additional appendices.

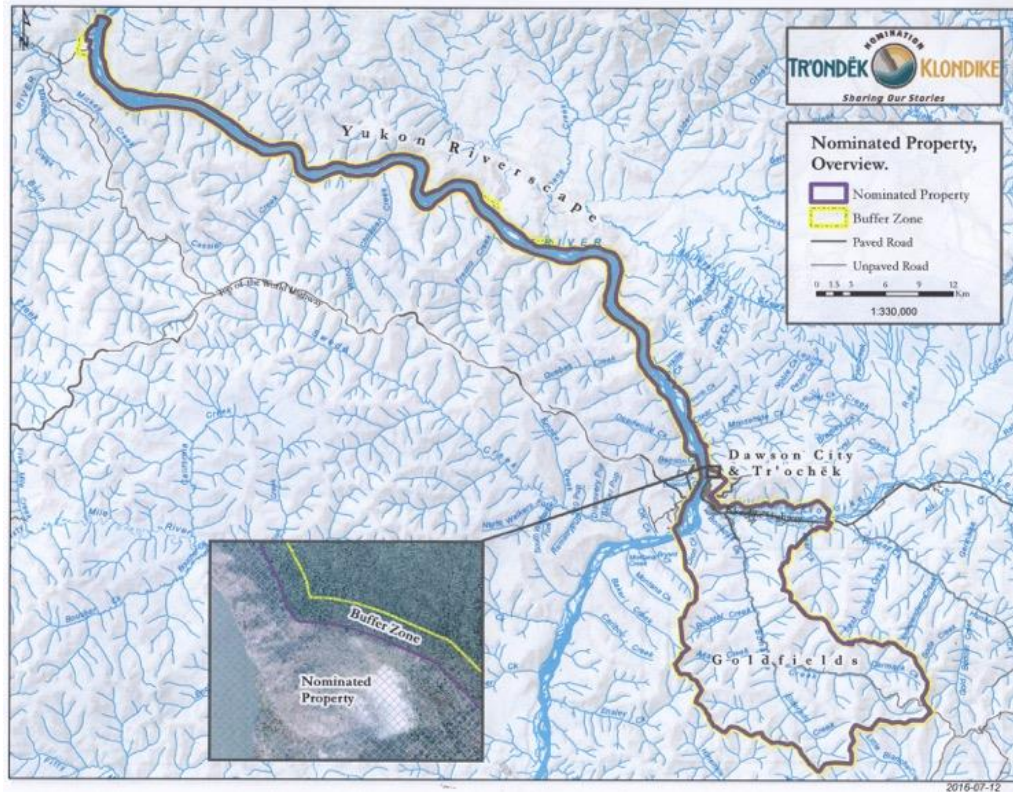
There is also a project management team, and much of the actual work has been sub-contracted to a number of agencies and organizations. The team has been in regular communication with Parks Canada representatives in Ottawa, who have vetted the package at each step of the way.

This project has been a subject of speculation since the 1970s, and became a public objective at the urging of the late Pierre Berton in 1997. By 2004, it had been placed on Canada's tentative short list, and several versions of a proposal were worked up prior to 2010, when the present project began to take shape under the leadership of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, who had identified it as being important to their regional economic development objectives.

The present advisory committee was assembled in 2013 and work began towards developing the first draft of a Statement of Universal Values, as well as identifying places that illustrate these values.

After the submission of the package in February, the region can look forward to a visit by representatives of ICOMOS sometime in the summer of 2017 to make an onsite inspection.

If all goes well, the committee expects to receive World Heritage designation in July 2018.



T/K Overview Map.jpg – an overview map of the nomination area.



Molly Shore and project banner displays. 30 people attended this presentation.  
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson [uffish@northwestel.net](mailto:uffish@northwestel.net) (In Dawson Yukon)



## **OBIT**

### **CHARLES "CHUCK" MACGREGOR HALLIDAY**



April 27, 1939 - January 30, 2017

Charles (Chuck) MacGregor Halliday, 77, of Davis Bay, passed away suddenly on January 30, 2017 at Sechelt Hospital in Sechelt, BC. Chuck was born to William and Emily Halliday on April 27, 1939 in Vancouver and spent most of his childhood in Vancouver. Chuck married Evelyn Maley in 1999.

Chuck was predeceased by his parents, William and Emily, and his Aunt Sally and Uncle Alf Rogers. Chuck is survived by his wife Evelyn, children Keith Halliday (Stacy), Lea Halliday, Shannon Mayers (Troy), grandchildren Kieran, Aline, Pascale, Ewan, Grant, Lynden, Kayden and Madison.

Chuck had many professions throughout his life. He transferred to the CIBC Bank in Whitehorse and spent a number of years there before coming to the Sunshine Coast, eventually settling in Davis Bay. Chuck worked and owned car dealerships in Whitehorse (Taylor Chevrolet) and Sechelt (Sunshine GM) and owned Anchors' Away Travel Agency in Sechelt for a number of years before retiring.

He was active in the Rotary Club, Masons, Shriners, the Model Railway Club and the Liberal Riding Association, and was a member of the Yukon Order of Pioneers. Chuck was a devoted husband and papa to his grandchildren. He took great pride in watching Kayden play hockey and watching Madison sing and dance for him. Thank you to all for the support from family and friends during the last few years and especially to Dr. Bryson.

A celebration of life took place on February 5, 2017 at Seaside Centre in Sechelt. Donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.



Gerald Henry KINGSTON

### **KINGSTON, Gerald Henry**

We are extremely sad to announce the death of Gerald Henry Kingston, **born May 1, 1955 in Whitehorse, Yukon**, who was taken from us by a short and fierce battle with cancer on January 30, 2017 in Chilliwack, BC.

Gerry was predeceased by his mother, Rosalie Cecilia Noel Kingston (nee Campbell, 1929-2012) and brother, Douglas Kingston (1950-1986). He will be missed by many and he is survived by his father, Louis Daniel Kingston; brother, Drew Kingston (Jan); his loving wife of 38 years, Trudy Kingston (nee Cunningham); his two children, Jeremy Kingston (Janine) and Jocelyn Thomas (Daryl); and four grandchildren, Emma, Anika, Nolan and Clark; niece, Tamara O'Brien (Devin) with great-nephew, Dawson O'Brien, and nephew, Jared Kingston; there are also several aunts and uncles on both his mother and father's side, and numerous cousins who have survived Gerry.

Gerry lived in several Canadian communities growing up as his father was in the Canadian Armed Forces. He attended school in Chilliwack at St. Mary's Catholic School, AD Rundle Middle School, and graduated from Chilliwack Senior Secondary as Valedictorian of his class in 1973. Gerry worked for the Ministry of Highways as a summer student through high school and college; as a guard at Oakalla Prison in Burnaby for a year before he went exploring for oil in Canada's Arctic. He attended UBC, and then moved to Nanaimo where he studied at Malaspina College from 1976 to 1978, graduating from the Municipal Government Administrative Program, with the highest Grade Point Average. Gerry married his college sweetheart, Trudy, December 9, 1978. His first position after graduating college was at the Comox-Strathcona Regional District in Courtenay, BC where he worked up to the position of Treasurer. After 14 years on Vancouver Island, Gerry accepted the position of Secretary Treasurer in Abbotsford, BC in 1992, at the Central Fraser Valley Regional District. His career then led him back to work in Chilliwack, where he retired as the Chief Administrative Officer of Fraser Valley Regional District in early 2012. Gerry was President of the Local Government Municipal Association (LGMA) from 2001 to 2002, receiving a Life Member Award in 2004. He was a great mentor to co-workers during his career, and will be remembered as a kind and hard- working man.

Retirement led Gerry into an expanded world of the great outdoors. He joined the Explorer's ATV Club of the lower mainland where he enjoyed many friendships, camping, and quad riding, and became President of the Club in 2014. Gerry also enjoyed many trips to Palm Desert and Arizona with his wife, their close friends and family. Gerry enjoyed hunting, golfing and fishing. The youngest generation called him Papa Ho, with affection, as he played Santa every year, and would even put on the suit for parties, or for his granddaughter's school pancake breakfast at Cheam Elementary in Chilliwack. All who knew him appreciated his great sense of humour and he will be greatly missed by all. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Canadian Cancer Society online under the memorial page for Gerald Kingston. Gerry did not want a somber funeral, but a celebration of life when the weather is nice and flowers begin to bloom. Details to be announced at a later time.



**Dines, John Charles** April 26/1943 – Jan 17/2017

After a brief illness, John, beloved and loving husband of Norah Elizabeth Mooney, passed away peacefully in Whitehorse with Norah by his side.

John leaves behind his sister Nola (Murray), sister Elaine (Jim), and brother David. John was a loving step-father and grandfather and will be dearly missed by Josh (Megan), Sarah (Alex), Stuart, Iliana, Ian, Lochlan, Mara-Jade, and Finnegan. Also, lovingly missed by his brothers-in-law, John (Andrea), Paul (Linda), Mike (Pam), Dan (Mary-Ellen), Pat (Joede), and his sister-in-law Maureen.

John is pre-deceased by his father John Dawson Dines, his mother Annette Eugenie Dines, and his youngest brother Brian Dines.

John will be remembered with love and kindness by his many nieces, nephews, and cousins in both the Dines and Mooney families.

He didn't ask for much in life- only to be happy, to give and receive respect from his fellow human beings, and to enjoy each day. He was proud to be a third-generation Yukoner, born in Dawson City. John will be buried in the Yukon Order of Pioneers

Cemetery in Dawson City on August 5, 2017. A reception will follow at the YOOP's hall.

Betty passed away in Nanaimo in the last day or two. (St.Jean Cannery) She was Archie Fournier daughter from Dawson. Obit should be in the Times Colonist soon. Son in Nanaimo is Gerard. Such a great lady, great Yukoner. She went to school in Percy DeWolf era, think she's a bit younger tho.  
Love Blanche

### **St Jean, Bernadette Philomene (Betty) Sept 09 1919 - Feb 01 2017**

Betty passed peacefully Wed Feb 01 at 9:55 PM surrounded by her family and with her Opera music playing loudly. She always said that all the important events in her life happened on a Tuesday and that she would die on a Wednesday. And so it happened. Betty is predeceased by her husband Armand St Jean (1990) and her very close sister Isabel Townsend (2013), and is survived by her 4 sons, Denis, Perry, Gerard and Paul, 9 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Mom was born in Dawson City, Yukon and grew up on her father's ranch just outside of town. She milked cows, drove tractors, hunted and rode horses from when she was eight. At fourteen when her mother left, she and her one year older sister Isabel became the "adults" who cooked for the ranch hands and looked after many chores on the ranch. She attended Dawson High School and graduated from Grade 12 in 1935. She met her husband to be, Armand, when he came to the Yukon as a professional wrestler and worked for her dad, Archie Fournier. They married Nov 19, 1940 and had 4 boys. Denis and Perry were born in Dawson and Gerard and Paul were born in Whitehorse. Many years later, Armand always spoke with admiration of the toughness and capability Betty displayed in the Yukon, sometimes beating the men in informal marksmanship competitions. Betty and Armand wanted the children to have a chance at a better education, so they moved to Vancouver Island in 1950. First to Honeymoon Bay and then to Nanaimo in 1957. They built their home in Harewood and moved into it in Feb 1958, where Betty lived right to the end. Betty worked as a secretary for Bastion Realty and then became "The Welcome Wagon Lady" for 25 years. As anyone who ever bumped into her knew, Betty could talk, so this was a natural for her. She met many newcomers and made lifelong friendships. Through the Welcome Wagon she also started the annual "Bridal Parties" that were hugely successful. Betty was very involved in the Nanaimo community. She worked tirelessly with the local Council of Women with her dear friends, Martha Creighton, Dr. Ellen White Kwalasulwut and Pearl Point "Dimps". In fact, Betty was instrumental in bringing the Snuneymuxw First Nation women into the Women's Council. Growing up in the Yukon, where people were judged on their actions rather than on social stereotypes, Betty understood the value of having all women represented in the Council, not just white middle class. Betty made deep friendships

among both the Indigenous and non-Indigenous women and they made trips to Ottawa as part of the National Council of Women. Betty loved the symphony orchestra and was President of the Symphony Auxiliary. Going to the Port Theatre to hear the Symphony was what she enjoyed the most. Betty was a life member of the Vancouver Yukoners Association, life member of the Order of the Royal Purple and she received a certificate from the City of Nanaimo for her volunteer work. Betty loved to sing and had been a member of the Sweet Adeline's for many years. After retiring from the Welcome Wagon and the Symphony Auxiliary she joined the German Cultural Society Choir where she was warmly welcomed, and she absolutely loved the people and the singing. Some of Betty's many European travels were made in the company of the Nanaimo German Club. Mom lived in her house right up to the end, and she had a full and vibrant life. She was in her garden every day and grew the best garlic and rhubarb. She played classical music, LOUDLY, throughout the day; no one was allowed to visit from noon to 5 pm on Saturdays as she listened to her Opera. If it was a nice day she had the speakers on high in her back yard so she could do gardening and Opera together! The neighbours knew that on a nice Saturday afternoon, not to be in their back yards if Opera was not their thing! Betty always baked on Saturday mornings, her whole-wheat buns were legendary, and right up to last Christmas she made fresh buns for the Christmas dinner. She did crossword puzzles, read stacks of books every week, and watched the news and her favourite show Jeopardy. If you were stuck on a word for spelling or explanation, you called mom. Her door was always open for visitors and you could always depend on a good "Granma Story" that was long and winding, but always came to a conclusion. Betty always drove a Volkswagen. She had her first Bug in 1962. Then she drove all around North America with Dimps in her 1965 Bug. Lastly she bought a 1991 Jetta and drove it right up to last year when she reluctantly surrendered her driver's licence. In 2015 Betty went back to the Yukon to be on the reality show "Yukon Gold" with her grandson Chris St Jean, one of the stars. It was a very exciting time for her, being "home" again. And now, her loving sons will be taking her for her final journey home to the Ranch in Dawson City, Yukon. Betty will be missed greatly and always remembered. There will be a "Going Away" party for her on March 08 at the German Cultural Society Hall, 71 Caledonia Ave, Nanaimo from 12 noon to 4 PM. A special thanks to Dr Stephen Beerman for his caring and kindness, and to the Staff at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital and the BC Ambulance Service for their help and support. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Betty's name to the Vancouver Island Symphony.

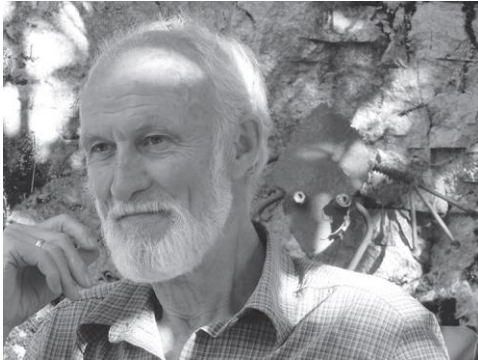


**EVANS, Kelly Marie**

December 6, 1967 – January 23, 2017

Unexpectedly, at Royal Columbia Hospital, Kelly was taken from her life partner, Chris Butler, her son Michael Evans (Jen Filip), Pam Evans, Ryan (Lisa) Evans, Don (Barbara) Evans, her extended family and friends. Kelly grew up in Whitehorse, moving to make Port Coquitlam her home, returning often to visit family and friends in Yukon. Her varied career brought her to her successful position with Westmark Co. as their Western Canada Sales Engineer – a job she loved second only to being a wife, mother, daughter and

friend. An incredibly vivacious lady faced life with love, laughter and unfailing loyalty to family and friends. She was fearless, meeting every challenge with strength, determination and confidence. She gave her love unreservedly, sharing her infectious love of life with everyone she met. The family wishes to thank the doctors and caregivers at the ICU Royal Columbia Hospital for their heroic efforts. A Celebration of Life at First Memorial Burkeview Chapel, Port Coquitlam Friday, February 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal... Love leaves a memory no one can steal."



**KEHOE, John Joseph Patrick (“Pat”)**

December 13, 1939 – January 9, 2017

It is with great sadness that the family of Pat Kehoe announce his sudden unexpected death. Patrick was born in Edmonton, Alberta to Charles and Elizabeth Kehoe. After completing his degree at the University of Alberta and working as a visiting psychologist in many northern communities, he discovered a love for the North.

In January 1968, he packed up his wife and two young children and drove the Alaska Highway at forty below to Whitehorse to begin his new career. As Regional Psychologist for Yukon, one of his first challenges was to establish mental health services for the territory. Patrick loved everything about Yukon—the wildlife, the outdoor activities, and the culture that is so uniquely Yukon. He enjoyed the socializing and closeness of a small community and the many long-term friends that became like family.

He was a true Renaissance man with insatiable curiosity and a lifelong love of learning. Patrick and Maxine travelled widely. Their journeys took them to many parts of the world.

He is greatly missed by his loving wife of 54 years, Maxine; daughter, Susan; son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Sandy; grandchildren, Tara and Daniel; brother, Frank (Bev); sisters, Terry (Dave) and Betty (Howard); many nieces and nephews; and friends in Yukon and various places around the world.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Yukon Arts Centre on Sunday, April 30th from 1 to 4 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) or the ALS Society.



**GEE, Kathleen Rose (Kay)**

passed away peacefully on October 20, 2016 in Victoria, BC. Kay is survived by her devoted husband of 64 years, Eric and lovingly remembered by: sons Robert and Michael; daughter Margaret (Ken); granddaughters Kate and Sarah; her greater family and her many much-loved friends. Special thanks to Wayside House and their dedicated staff. A Celebration of Kay's Life will be announced in Spring 2017. To share a story about Kathleen and to offer condolences [www.mccallgardens.com](http://www.mccallgardens.com).

**AIRD, Charles Alexander "Lofty"**

Passed away peacefully on February 12, 2017. Survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Audrey (nee Muncie), and long time friends Anne and Lorne Ball, and Lynne and Erik Ostensoe and their families. Born in London, England, October 18, 1925. Served in the British Navy in WWII and lived in Whitehorse, Y.T., and Vancouver, B.C. Enjoyed many years as an electrician, prospector, geologist, P.Eng., and exploration manager.

After retirement, Charlie became a recreational sailor, master gardener, pianist and jazz enthusiast. Served as President of BC Yukon Chamber of Mines (now AMEBC) from 1986 to 1987. Will be remembered by his many colleagues for his dignified and generous nature, wise mentorship, and unfailing integrity. In recognition of Charlie's life and the exceptional kindness, care and services he received in recent years at Yaletown House, donations to Yaletown House Society, 1099 Cambie St., Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5A8 will be greatly appreciated.

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## **TIMOTHY OWEN DOLAN**

November 16, 1951 - February 13, 2017

Tim Dolan 65, passed away suddenly on Monday Feb 13, 2017 in Quartzsite, Arizona. Tim was born November 16, 1951 in Calgary, Alberta. He was raised in Cochrane, Cremona area, moving to Sundre in 1967, In 1971 he moved to the Yukon working as a Hunting Guide. He loved the north and decided to stay. In 1986 began his career with the Yukon Government Department of Highways until his retirement in 2009. Tim continued to work part time for the Yukon Highways throughout the summer months, choosing to spend winters in Arizona in his motor home touring the country.

He is survived by his daughter Chelsea (Jamey), her mother Darlene Mayo, Yukon, His mother Ida, Sundre, Brothers Bob, Whitehorse, Bill, Sundre, Albert (Donnalea) Calgary George Campbell (Dallas) Fort William UK. Sisters Karen (Don) Russell, Caroline, Heather Dolan Sundre, Holly (Grant) Gordon Innisfail . Nephews: Stuart (Danielle), Dusty and Aaron Dolan, Steven (Jenn) Kallis, Jason (Rachel) Kallis, Matthew (Nicki) Dolan, Jackson Gordon, George (Marilyn) Campbell, Allan (Anne) Campbell. Neices: Denise (Brian) Lester, Kimberly (Dan) Dolan, Jodi (Terrance) Butler, Stephanie and Kathryn Dolan, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Tim was a loving father, son, brother and uncle and friend, Tim will be sadly missed and will always be in our hearts.

Tim was preceded in death by his father Joe, brother Dennis and nieces Tamara and Joan. Memorial services will be held at Saturday March 18 at 2 pm at the Village of Mayo Community Center, Mayo Yukon.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name for Heart and Stoke Foundation.

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**HURD, June (nee Denney)**



July 24, 1929 - February 21, 2017

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of June Hurd, a lady who fell in love with the Yukon upon her arrival in 1980. Prior to moving to Whitehorse, June lived in Edmonton, Calgary, and North Vancouver. June was the secretary at Bethany Church and Manager of Closeleigh Manor, and a member of TOPS, Golden Age Society, and YOOP. She was also a big fan of Bingo and Scrabble! June is survived by her children; Douglas, Teri, Scott (Veronica), and Tracey (Randy), her daughter-in-law Wendy, her grandchildren; Logan, Sandy, Julie, and Mara. June was predeceased by her eldest son David. Heartfelt thanks to the staff and volunteers of the Thomson Centre for their dedicated care. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Condolences can be made on Heritage North Funeral Home website ([www.heritagenorth.ca](http://www.heritagenorth.ca)).

## REMEMBERED

Hi, sad news, **Juanita Bell** passed away January 27, 2017 @ 4:00 a.m. Ray and I just got back from Nanaimo for her celebration of life. She found out on January 9, 2017 that she had 2 tumours on her liver and also pancreas cancer. She went into the hospital January 26 and died January 27, 2017. The doctor said in her 25 years of practice that she has not seen anyone die so fast with her condition. Out of her 5 children, Colleen, her daughter, was there that night with Juanita when she died. This is a big loss for me. Juanita was a true Yukoner. Her dad and grandfather both worked on the river boats in Yukon. Her uncle Walter owned the building and house next to it on 4th Avenue and the Lynn building and across from the Catholic Church. When Walter passed on he left the building and house to Ralph and Juanita James. The store was called Redpath. If you want more information my phone number in Kelowna is 778-753-6263.

Dianne Pilloud [raydianne@shaw.ca](mailto:raydianne@shaw.ca) (In Kelowna)

*In Memory of*

Juanita Louisa Bell

**April 14, 1946 - January 28, 2017**

**Obituary**

Arrangements under the direction of First Memorial Funeral Services, Nanaimo, BC.

Future info may be posted here at a later date:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/juanita-bell-obituary?pid=1000000183896507>

A further heads up in a phone call from Dianne Pilloud, that **Alice Breden** had passed away, in Nanaimo. Dianne learned in a phone call from son Roy Breden. I have been in touch with Roy and he will pass along an obituary when it is completed.

Obituary not yet posted at: <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=ALICE-BREADEN&lc=3809&pid=184196084&mid=7300344>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*You need to get up in the morning with determination if you want to go to bed at night with satisfaction. – George Lorimer*

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Stuffing Meatloaf (delicious)

1 ½ lbs. hamburger meat  
1 box stove top dressing  
2 eggs  
½ cup water  
1/3 cup ketchup

Mix first four ingredients in a large bowl.  
Pat into an 8 X 8 square pan.  
Spread a thin layer of ketchup on top.  
Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

## COMING EVENTS



### **Vancouver Yukoners' Association 89th Annual Reunion April 07-09, 2017**



**Banquet - Saturday, April 08, 2017**

**Hospitality Room:** Open Friday from 4 pm and Saturday from noon  
Sunday, April 9 – No Host Breakfast in Buffet

**Theme – RCMP** [Contact Joann Robertson 604 877-1871 joannr6@shaw.ca](mailto:joannr6@shaw.ca)

Any pictures, mementos you wish to share for display would be appreciated

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**Banquet Reception:** Whistler Ballroom Foyer No-Host Bar 5pm – 6pm

**Welcome followed by Dinner:** 6:15 pm

For group seating reservations, please follow directions on website at  
[www.vancouver-yukoners.com](http://www.vancouver-yukoners.com) or Phone Mike Rawlinson 604 565-7581

Check the website for updates and a list of those attending

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(Maiden names too please – Helps to find friends of years ago)

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## **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH**

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