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World Walker Arrives

by Brent Morrison

Larry Amkraut arrived in Dawson on the nineteenth of January in a peculiar way, in a vehicle. While that may be the accepted way for most, especially in the winter, it is not for Larry. His normal mode of transportation is his own two feet. In August of '88 he crossed the Mexico-New Mexico border, walked about three feet and turned his attention north. Since then he has been following the Continental Divide in serpentine fashion, getting as far east as Jasper but always heading north. His ultimate goal is Nome Alaska and from there Ireland, via the U.S.S.R., Scandinavia, and Europe. He has already walked from Maine to California, so he is no stranger to long distance walking, or the cold. During his trip across the States he walked through North Dakota at thirty-five below with winds screaming at fifty-five miles an hour, it turned out to be the coldest temperature recorded for that day (based on North American average temperature) this century.

During his travels Larry has learned much about surviving outdoors in the cold, and he passes this knowledge on (for a price) to the many outdoor magazines and sporting goods companies that give him prototypes to test and evaluate. While in Dawson he received five sleeping bags to try, and has already made suggestions on improving them. He has also tried and worn out a lot of footwear, and is currently using a pair of mukluks given to him in Pelly. Joining Larry on his journey is Samantha (Sam, Sammy) a Samoyed he has been travelling with since Jasper. He found out the hard way that friendly, new dogs on the loose in this town usually end up in the pound, but after a few anxious days they were reunited.

On the morning of the twenty-fifth Larry woke up early and headed for the Dempster Corner on foot, making up the miles he missed when he accepted a ride six days earlier due to a sore foot.

Since it's the miles, not necessarily the direction that matters, he backtracked to the corner then found another ride into town. Now that this section is completed the walk is being temporarily put on hold. He is returning to Whitehorse to await the arrival of a friend who will then ski the Yukon River with him. Eventually (Larry is not the type to be in a rush about anything) he will make his way to Tok, then Nome. Once there he will take some more time off to learn Russian and gain permission to cross Siberia on foot.

When he arrives in Ireland, approximately two and a half years from now, he hopes to return to the States and become something of a Pied Piper of walking. Encouraging the people

of his homeland to take up walking, not for any competitive reasons which Americans like to do, but for the sheer pleasure of it. It is just possible though that after spending this winter walking across the Yukon and Alaska, the next across Siberia and the following year walking across Scandinavia, he may decide to do a less severe walk. Across Tahiti perhaps.

Whenever Larry Amkraut winds up he will remember Dawson City fondly. It is the place he read of in the works of Jack London and Robert Service back in his home town of Palo Alto, California. While in town he had his picture taken in front of both cabins, a fitting souvenir for a man that is best described in Service's "The Men That Don't Fit In."

Happy trails Larry.

Giving History a Lift

by Kathy Jones-Gates

There were many who believed that it couldn't be done, but on April 29th, Dredge No. 4 on Bonanza Creek will begin to emerge from its silted pond, and with luck, refloat to a new and much dryer location nearby.

According to Al Fisk, Superintendent of Klondike National Historic Sites he was given approval to proceed with the project earlier this year. spearheading the work will be the No. 1 Construction Unit of the Royal Canadian Corps of Engineers based in Winnipeg. They were notified on January 31st and are currently processing it and expect it to be "tasked" in the near future.

An estimate of 1.4 million dollars over the next 18 months has been prepared with 8 person years to supervise the work. "We intend that the majority of

the work will be done through local equipment rental and contracting," says Fisk. "There will be 6 people from the Military and 2 of our own people; Alec Barbour who will visit the site and provide expertise; and the Project Manager for the Canadian Parks Service, Pat Habiluk from Winnipeg. As we need the people and the equipment, they will be hired locally."

The idea has been brewing since 1978, when Alec Barbour investigated the possibility of moving the dredge. Five years ago, Jim Reilly, who was then employed by K.N.H.S. in the Administration section, initiated the idea of having the Engineers co-operate in the work. Jim's military contacts steered the idea to the No. 1 construction Unit.

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Dredge #4 in operation

Photo by Klondike National Historic Sites

Blame It on the Full Moon!

by Sue Ward

As our columnist Brent Morrison tells us, Larry Amkraut has brought a decided warmth into these frigid January days, when the world is full of evil indiscriminate killings, constantly appearing on our TV screens appeasing our appetites for shock, or pity, or shame.

This 34-year-old young man with a three-year-old Samoyed dog walking around the world; meeting Mr. and Mrs. Ordinary Joe, doing whatever they must do to put bread on the table. There he was at MacDonald Lodge, joining in the feast and fun of the second annual Hawaiian Fiesta, and when introduced by Peter Menzies to say a few words on his own behalf, he asks for a chair so as to be at eye level with the lot of us. Brent's column will tell his story.

I got involved when it was suggested that a picture should be taken as he bedded down for the night in the snow beside Jack London's cabin. I must have volunteered as none of the Sun crew would ask an old lady of 77 to rise to the call. Someone said "Tonight's the full moon!" Another "It's forty below!" I must have been moonstruck! Well...a picture of a young feller in a sleeping-bag beside Jack London's cabin is good, but a picture of a young world-walker with his dog Samantha, in his sleeping bag in the snow beside Jack London's cabin under the light of the first full moon in 1991 at Forty Below! That's the tops!

History Lift (cont'd from page 1)

The project initiative resulted from a recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments board of Canada, two years ago, which was accepted by the Minister responsible for the Canadian Parks Service.

This year, the Engineers will provide the security for the site, get the infrastructure in place and begin excavation of the hull. Once the hull is bared, there will be a choice of 2 Plans. Plan A will see the project go forward if it is decided that the dredge can be reasonably refloated, according to Fisk. This will mean that as the hull is excavated from the 16-18 feet of silt, a berm will be developed around the gull. The berm will be lined with a geomembrane, something that is impervious, and be allowed to freeze over the winter. In the spring of 1992, the pond will be filled with water and hopefully the dredge will begin to float. As it floats, it will be moved and turned. The present location of the parking area and information trailer will become the new resting place for the vessel. It will be positioned so that it is parallel with the Bonanza creek road. A foundation will be constructed, the dredge placed on that and the water released.

"Plan B will likely come into effect if it is agreed that there is

So there we were, Uschi Kurth driving Zoom as we picked up Larry, his dog, his snowshoes, and his sleeping bag at Brent's apartment where they were playing chess waiting for the big white ball to slide over the mountain, and me hugged into a donated pair of snowmobile pants, parka, scarves and gloves, with the Yashica ready for action.

"The kids", or so they seem to me, packed down the three feet of snow for Larry's pad, and an area for me to shoot from, Uschi lending a strong arm to keep me on top. It never occurred to me that I wouldn't have anything but moonlight and the distant street lamp to focus the shots with. So now you understand why it was worth nipped toes and fingertips to have our own Kathy Jones-Gates produce the proof of the pudding!

(My son phoned at 10:00 p.m. apologizing for the lateness of his call. He'd been worried about my rough winter. "Oh, that's OK Dan," I chirped. "I'm just waiting for the moon to rise. I'm going to take a pic of a young feller who's walking around the world, in the sleeping bag he's testing at Jack London's cabin at Forty Below." Dan had just wrapped up a hard day in the realty world of the Lower Mainland of B.C. From his explosion of laughter I think I blew his mind, as the saying goes, and he figures there's some spark in the old gal yet. I don't recall him asking after my health.)

damage to the hull and it cannot be refloated," says Fisk. "If we cannot refloat the dredge, it will be stabilized in situ." The project is scheduled to finish by August of 1992.

Dredge No. 4, with a 16 cubic foot capacity rests on Claim 17 below Discovery on Bonanza Creek. It is the biggest wooden hull, bucket-line dredge in North America. Designed by the Marion Steam Shovel Co., it was built for the Canadian Klondike Mining Company on Claim No. 12 below Discovery during the winter of 1912-13. It sank in 1924, but was refloated in 1927 and operated to the mouth of Hunker Creek until 1940. The Dredge was rebuilt on Bonanza Creek by the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation and from 1941-59 worked the Bonanza Creek valley to where it now rests on Claim 17. It is sitting in a man-made pond, that over the years has become silted in. The displacement weight of the dredge is over 3,000 tons. It has been one of the top visitor attractions for KNHS recording over 19,000 visitors in 1990. For the next two years there will be no tours of the site, but according to Fisk, the KNHS would like to offer an alternative attraction, but are not sure what to present.



World Walker Larry Amkraut bedding down at -45 degrees centigrade at Jack London Cabin with Sam. Photo by Sue Ward

Those Dog-Gone Dogs

by Sue Ward

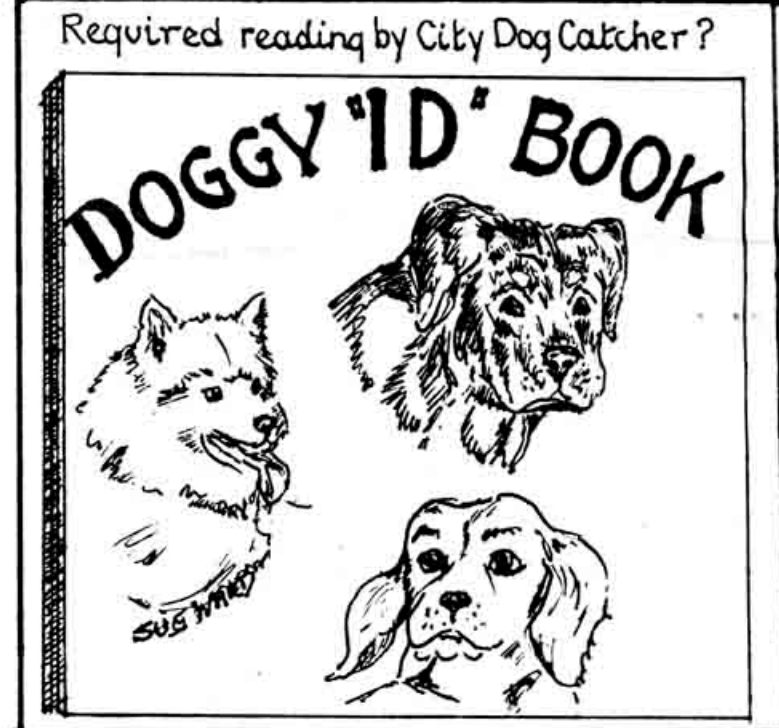
Beyond a doubt everyone believes the town needs a Dog Catcher. Without Veterinary Services closer than Whitehorse it's easy for your favourite female pooch to get into the family-way, try though one may to keep her isolated for several weeks. And pups are SO cute. And most of us consider a house a home only when we are greeted by our adoring canines after a rough day of human hassles. And, a walk shared with a dog is the finest therapy prescribed.

But dogs get tired of being cooped up as we do. So there's Sandy enjoying a neighbourhood tour, having stepped over the fence on a three-foot snowpack, and, bingo—he's swooped up and slapped into the dog-slammer where he may fret for some time, and fines will be paid before he again snoozes under the table.

When Sandy fails to get home for chow the owner phones City Office asking if such-and-such a dog has been picked up. I learned of two occasions where owners were told that no dog of that breed or description had been impounded. Could it be that the dog catcher doesn't know one breed from another? Even cross-breeds, which make up most of our canine population, have recognizable breed features and colours. If this is the problem, let there be a Dog I.D. Manual available to the snatcher permitting a true description of the animals to be reported.

Dawson's Dog Pound is a structure within the City Works Yard complex which is fenced and locked after daily work hours. If your dog is missing you are to phone City Office, and you may, during open hours, be escorted to the lockup by a city workman.

If you find him and your dog is



licensed you will be charged \$20.00 for each 24 hour period or part thereof. If no license, you pay \$100.00 plus \$35.00 for each day. (You will receive your dog, a receipt, and a license tag.) City Office staff do try to contact you from their records if your licensed dog is picked up, but the onus is truly on the owner.

Dog Licenses are sold on a Calendar Year, already past due for 1991. Rates are as follows: Spayed and Neutered Dogs \$5.00. All others \$15.00.

DOGS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR OWNERS AT ALL TIMES.

The dog-catcher is responsible to feed impounded dogs once a day with food paid for by the City out of your taxes. At this time of writing a dog owner will not be charged a second \$100 - but this is a by-law long overdue for upgrading.

Roaming dog packs are dangerous, especially where

small children are involved. The problem is truly ongoing.

I'm reminded of a discussion I had with John Gould, a senior who was born in Dawson. He tells of the long ago when the dog-catcher would tie an in-season female into the back of his enclosed truck leaving the back doors open and slowly drive around the town. When the time was ripe he'd drive into his garage, close the doors, and snatch each hitch-hiker and pop him into the lockup. Never failed to be worth his while.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR DOG IS RIGHT THIS MINUTE? COULD COST YOU BUCKS AND TIME.



The City News

Robert Service School Elects New Council

by Dan Davidson

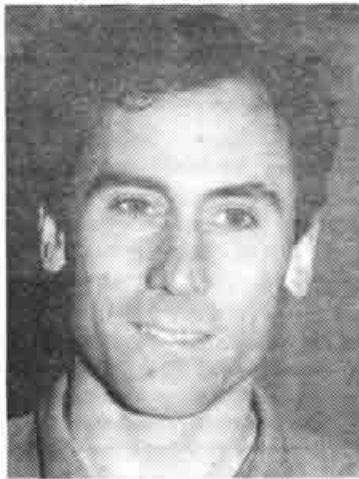
Robert Service School has an elected school council after the voting on Monday, February 4. A slate of 9 candidates faced voters at the polls and 101 people turned out to elect six of them. Chief returning officer Bonnie Barber says that 9 others voted in the advance poll.

The new council includes **Bruce Campbell**, the Pentecostal minister; **Fletcher Hunston**, Games Manager at the Klondike Visitors Association; **Helen Winton**, with the Dawson Campus of Yukon College; **Robbie Van Rump**, a Parks Canada employee; **Sheila Montgomery**, Office Manager of the K.V.A.; and **Bonnie Nordling**, the Human Resources Drug and Alcohol Worker.

After a poorly attended all-candidates' meeting on January 30, at which one parent showed up in addition to the candidates and some teachers, there was concern here that the election might be a flop. While 110 is short of the 200 organizers had hoped for, and well short of the estimated total number of eligible voters (probably more than 600, Barber guesses), it is still being seen as a positive result.

It is certainly more positive than the results in Whitehorse, where a number of councils were elected by acclamation when there were not enough candidates to hold elections. News reports indicate the the rural communities have generally done better than the city in this regard.

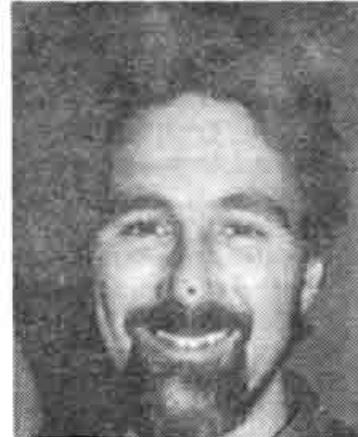
Bruce Campbell



Fletcher Hunston



Robert Van Rump



Bonnie Nordling



photos by Mike Gates

Helen Winton



Sheila Montgomery



KLONDYKE CENTENNIALS SOCIETY UPDATE

The Klondike Centennials Society met January 30, 1991 to review its plan for 1991. Three priorities were set for the next few months.

First, the Society will lead a centennials "Adopt-a-Tree" program, 100 trees will be planted throughout town as part of an overall beautification effort. Individuals, clubs and businesses can donate to the Society and sponsor the tree purchase and planting.

Second, the Society volunteers will review the long-term plans of several agencies and clubs in Dawson. The purpose would be to review the plans from a Centennials perspective.

Third, the Society will look into the feasibility of establishing a Klondike Heritage Trust Fund. Modeled after the Calgary Olympic Torch Relay Legacy Fund, the intent is to create a large reserve of funds. Interest from the funds would be dedicated to projects which enhance the quality of life in Dawson.

The Society will also be distributing information on the Canadian Mint art competition. A new coin is being minted to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Alaska Highway next year. Finally, Alaska Highway licence plates are still on sale at Maximilians.

Oops!: A Correction

In an article in the last edition of the **Klondike Sun** it was written that former Dawson City councillor Herb Watt's application for a leave of absence had been denied by a unanimous vote of the city council. This was not so. We have learned since then that the vote was 3-1, with councillor Glenn Everitt voting in favour of Watt's request. Our apologies if anyone was inconvenienced or upset by the error.



Photo by Sue Ward



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NOMINATION MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THE ELECTORS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF DAWSON OF THE YUKON TERRITORY THAT I REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF SAID ELECTORS AT THE CITY OFFICES ON MONDAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1991, FROM THE HOURS OF TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON TO TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON, FOR THE PURPOSES OF NOMINATING PERSONS FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR FOR THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF DAWSON.

THE NOMINATION PAPERS SHALL BE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

IN THE EVENT OF A POLL BEING NECESSARY, SUCH POLL WILL BE OPENED AS FOLLOWS, AND EVERY PERSON IS HEREBY REQUIRED TO TAKE NOTICE AND GOVERN THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

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NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE NOMINATION MEETING AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.

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Bonnie Barber
RETURNING OFFICER

Council Doubles Reward

by Dan Davidson

In a move intended to send a clear message to any vandals in the community, Dawson's City council has voted unanimously to match the reward posted by community businesses for information leading to arrest and conviction in the matter of the New Year's break-ins.

Council has added \$500.00 to the original reward, bringing it up to \$1,000.00.

"Council is very concerned with the recent rash of vandalism which occurred on New Year's Eve," said Mayor Jenkins in a statement for the press, "and would like to do what we can in keeping this from

happening again."

The break-ins took place during the wee hours of a cold (-47) and frosty Tuesday morning. An estimated damage report of well over \$4,000.00 combined with thefts of at least half that amount made for a very unhappy New year for local merchants on Front Street.

So far there has been no announcement of progress in the investigation, so Council has decided to stir up the matter a bit and see what develops. Anyone with information is requested to contact the Dawson Detachment of the R.C.M.P.

Editorial: Welcome to the Future

by Dan Davidson

We hope the *Sun* is shining as brightly as usual this issue. With all of these format changes coming at us thick and fast we're concerned that we continue to offer you all the best package we can, and that content is not sacrificed to format.

We spent a long time arguing and debating these changes. Deciding on the exact look of the revamped paper took almost as long as it did to decide how to create the first one nearly two years ago. Our discussions in the fall were further complicated by the need to continue turning out the paper every four weeks in the existing format while still planning for the future.

Now that the future has arrived, we hope you like it. Don't hesitate to tell us. We love constructive criticism; but be warned: we can be guaranteed to ask anyone who makes it to come along and help us do the job better.

Somewhere in this issue Sue Ward has compiled a short list of milestones we've passed along the way. We're not finished yet. Somewhere in our future is a scanner, a device that will allow us to capture typed material straight into the computer without having to re-type it. We also want to get a second computer to dedicate to the creation of ads and the lay-out of pages while our present machine remains a workhorse for editorial copy.

We want to set up our own darkroom. Pictures are one of the big strengths of this paper, and so far they are all being produced with personal or borrowed equipment.

Essentially, we are continuing to look for ways to make this paper come together more quickly and with less investment of time. It is no secret that the main complaint we receive is that we don't appear often enough. "When are you going to start coming out every other week?" is the question we hear most often.

When we have succeeded in establishing a regular routine of production that never sees any one of our dedicated volunteer staff burning the candles at 4 a.m., then we will be ready to talk about doing it more frequently.

Here's hoping that time comes soon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Thank you for the January 17, 1991 issue of your paper.

I like, enjoyed, and wish to subscribe.

My check in amount of \$20.00 is enclosed. However - am concerned about the amount of postage you have to use. Will be glad to pay more.

Am impressed by size and coverage of your paper - and the work involved.

Congratulations!

Sincerely

Olive Kinsey Powers
Olympia, Washington

Dear Editor

Had to tell you what a fine job you're all doing with the Sun.

Am especially fond of your Jan 17th issue - lots of pics and fun and information. A real community newspaper.

One hits my desk at every printing, & I check it page by page keeping in touch with old friends.

Thanks & take care all of you.

Doug Bell
Whitehorse

To the Klondike Sun,

In reference to my letter published in your last issue, I feel I must clarify that the opinions expressed are my own, and not those of the Dawson Indian Band, nor am I authorized to speak on behalf of the Dawson Indian Band in my job as NNADAP Worker (National Native Alcohol Drug Abuse Program) unless approval by Band Council and/or Band Manager is given.

My apologies for any confusion resulting from this letter.

John Kollida

Philip Weinmeyer Victim of Cabin Fire

By Sue Ward

At 4:30 on the morning of January 23rd, neighbors were awakened by a muffled explosion as a newly constructed attractive cabin on 8th Avenue, between Queen and Princess Street became a ball of fire, taking the life of one of two occupants.

Philip Weinmeyer, 21 years of age, perished in the blaze while a friend escaped. His older brother Rod Weinmeyer was working on the night staff of the Downtown Hotel. It is suspected the fire started in an upholstered chair. The building was insured by owner, Tony Kosuta.

As Dawson City Firefighters are no longer alerted by a fire siren but personally by electronic phones, no longer do citizens spring from their beds in fear and trembling, hurtle into warm clothes, and hustle to the scene. This procedure enables the firefighters to speed to their work and get on with the job uninterrupted, and this is good. Some of us remain ignorant until the news filters down by word of mouth.

Could be that we also miss sharing the grieving. A young man has lost his life, his brother has lost his younger sibling. Friends have lost a pal. A family Outside will grieve. Let us take time to think on these things as we offer sympathy to Rod and his family.

CHANGES IN THE KLONDIKE SUN

Beginning with the February 1991 issue, the following changes will occur in the Klondike Sun.

Columns: Increase from 4 to 5 columns per page.

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Special Greetings: If you wish to send special greetings with your child's photo OR if you would like to surprise any family member or friend with a photo and greetings, border included, cost is \$20.00

Klondike Nuggets: Everyone loves a new baby. . . we think a photo of the baby and the vital statistics can be a treasured keepsake. . . providing Mom is up to one of us arriving to take the photo. Call the office or a Sun staffer for the photo time.

Photos of your Event: The Sun staff are all volunteers, so cannot always get out to every event. Contact us in plenty of time to see if we can be there; OR if we are unable to, we can supply the black and white film, you take pics, we will process and use pics and you get the credit. Or provide your own film. After we have used photos we will return the film to you with a contact sheet.

Celebration !

by Sue Ward

For eighteen months the Directors of *The Klondike Sun* have dovetailed their many talents and mid-January seemed a good time to catch their breath and share a Sunday dinner at the Downtown Hotel.

There were many victories to celebrate, some large, some small, but each in its own way an important spoke of the wheel of fortune. The *Sun* had repaid in full the \$13,000.00 personal loan which enabled the purchase of the Macintosh Computer, the Laser Printer, Answering Machine, waxer, etc. which allowed the paper to be produced under one roof, the first issues being processed all over town. And wages were provided to retain "Chere-Bear" Mitchell who showed us the ropes, as none knew much about producing a newspaper but rather saw themselves as writers and artists. Once the word was out many volunteers appeared to share in the monthly scramble, often into the wee small hours to reach deadlines.

In all of this, Monday night meetings made and recorded transactions and monies, including great correspondence acquiring a special postal rate, and at long last becoming a registered society, The Literary Society of the Klondike, (we were unable to use Klondike Literary Society as the K-word had been overdone.)

As a non-profit organization, a home at the rear of the Senior's Drop-In Centre was made possible through the Seniors' Society, in conjunction with Macdonald Lodge and a bright sign painted by Sue Ward enhances the Church Street wall inviting ever more volunteers.

To hasten away the January-Blaahs the reorganizing of workspace, total redecoration, building of shelves and light tables, and proper wiring of the area, and the installation of a Fax Machine has just been completed. What team-work! Chief carpenter Murray Matchett gave countless hours, with painters Anne Bilina, Peter and Susan Gould, Kathy Gates, sparked constantly by Madeleine Gould, have completely transformed a



Back Row, left to right: Murray Matchett, Kathy Jones-Gates, Dan Davidson, Palma Berger, John Gould, Jan Couture, Colleen Kerklywich. Front Row: Madeleine Gould, Evelyn DuBois, Sue Ward.

Photo by Serryna Whiteside

hodge-podge grubby setup into a truly upbeat operation.

The Seniors provided the paint, *The Klondike Sun* picked up the tab for the electrical and telephone expenses. I get to write about it. March will mark the second anniversary of the organization meeting to give Dawson City a newspaper.

Of the nine hundred copies printed monthly (winter) and 1500 copies printed monthly

(summers) by The Yukon News, seventy-five are sold through Mac's Fireweed and Books on Main in Whitehorse, while four hundred copies are mailed throughout Canada, the U.S.A. and Overseas.

Future aspirations? Our very own portable darkroom. We all know a picture is worth a thousand words. The easiest part is snapping 'em. Take heart Kathy and Mike. We've come a long

way.

Come and join us. Write a column, a letter, a poem, an ad, a cartoon. Our Drop Box awaits at Maximilians, or Bag 6040, Dawson City, Yukon, YOB 1G0, for you out-of-towners. Or FAX IT to 403-993-6625.



Community Shifts into Park

by Kathy Jones-Gates

"I love Dawson, but your town is untidy." is the often heard lament of summer visitors. "I remember a Dawson filled with tidy gardens, an abundance of flowers and vegetables, neatly trimmed grass and community pride." .. that from former Dawsonites.

For the most part, Dawsonites do keep their properties tidy, there are many 'green thumbs' and there is pride in how the town looks. However, only in the past two years has the overall appearance of the community taken on a cared-for look. This can be attributed largely to the initiative of the City Recreation Department. According to Rec Director Peter Menzies, reclaiming 'green space' meets with everyone's approval. He was particularly pleased by the comments received when his groundskeeping crew, headed by Sidney Berriman, seeded and watered the land skirting the dike into grass and placed some benches on the dike for people to use.

He pointed to the work last summer to create the new North End park, sprucing up Minto Park, the dike landscaping and cleaning up the public cemetery, calling it "town beautification." From that City-led initiative, he has been approached by the local chapter of I.O.D.E. who wish to commemorate Martha Black in a special way with the royalties received from her autobiography. The local Girl Guides have some money to buy flowers to plant

on the dike. The newly-formed Centennial Society is progressing with the idea of an 'Adopt-a-Tree' program.

Now Menzies is delighted by the latest idea that is being spearheaded by local businessman, Chris Sorg. At a February 5th meeting, Sorg invited 12 community representatives to discuss the possibility of restoring the grounds bounded by 5th Avenue and Church Street and immediately north of the Dawson Museum to a semblance of its historic elegance.

A few years ago, the Yukon government budgeted \$50,000 for the capital outlay of reconstructing the gardens. The project ground to a halt when the City of Dawson did not wish to be responsible for the O & M costs. More recently, a group interested in reviving an outdoor mining exhibit suggested the garden site as a suitable location. According to Sorg, however, they are not married to that location, but would wish to see an exhibit somewhere in town.

At the February 5th meeting it was agreed to approach all community groups for a commitment to donate either cash or work in kind on an annual basis to offset the O & M costs and, if the support is forthcoming, then to approach the City of Dawson for backing. A formal approach to the Yukon Government for the initial capital outlay would be a next step. There was optimism shared that if all goes well, the formal garden could be in place as soon as next year.



1914 Photo showing formal gardens north of Museum, in left foreground.

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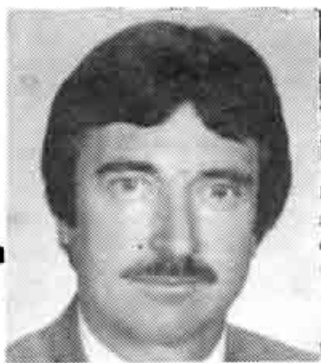
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Words from Webster



by Art Webster - MLA for Klondike

From time to time, all organizations, be they business or government, make changes to their management structure. In some cases, new people with new perspectives and styles are introduced to broaden the overall experience and knowledge of the existing team. Often responsibilities are reassigned to present new challenges and tasks to members. The reorganization of the management team of a political party in government is commonly referred to as a "cabinet shuffle".

Recently Premier Penikett shuffled the Yukon Cabinet to free up some of his time, reassign responsibilities among most members, and introduce a new member - Whitehorse South Centre M.L.A. Joyce Hayden. This reorganization gives Premier Penikett responsibility for the Executive Council Office and Finance; while Piers McDonald has three new portfolios - Government Services, Public Service Commission, Worker's Compensation Board - to add to Education. Maurice Byblow remains Minister of Community and Transportation Services, in addition to acquiring new responsibilities for Economic Development and the Yukon Development Corporation; and Margaret Joe, Minister of Justice, and Minister Responsible for the Women's Directorate, takes over the Yukon Liquor Corporation. The new Minister, Joyce Hayden, is responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation, as well as the Health and Human Resources portfolio.

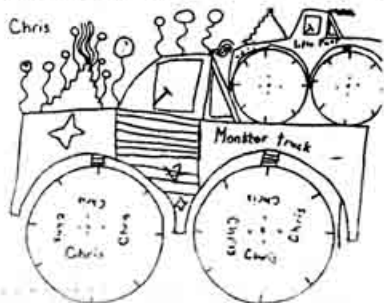
As far as your representative of the Yukon Legislative Assembly is concerned, I remain Minister of Renewable Resources and Tourism, but no longer have responsibility for the Yukon Liquor Corporation. With respect to the latter, this means that I will no longer be directly involved in the development of the Red Feather Saloon project. This will now become

one of several matters for Margaret Joe, as the Minister Responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation, to oversee.

Naturally, I am very pleased to retain the Renewable Resources and Tourism portfolios. Both present a wide variety of exciting challenges that will continue to command my interest and demand my attention for the last half of this four year term of office. Land Claims issues related to fish and wildlife matters, the development of the new Yukon Environment Act and a rewrite of the Wildlife Act, devolution of more natural resource responsibilities from the Federal Government are but a few examples in Renewable Resources, while introduction of and implementation of the Historic Resources Act, and preparations for a decade of anniversary celebrations highlight the Tourism agenda.

In my opinion, the introduction of a new member to cabinet was long overdue considering the heavy workload on five ministers who deal with the same range of responsibilities handled by anywhere from 10 to more than 20 ministers in other governments. The addition of the sixth member will, to some degree, lighten that workload and permit members to devote more time to other matters. Premier Penikett, for example, will have more time for leadership duties, and to deal with Land Claim issues. For me, hopefully, it means I can travel home more often to spend more time with constituents.

The main point to remember is that in presenting new challenges and opportunities to ministers, the cabinet shuffle also ensures that new energies will be focusing in the four major tasks of our Yukon Government: settling Land Claims; creating healthy communities; encouraging sustainable development; and ensuring good government for all Yukon people.



Dawson 80 Years Ago

by John Gould



Photo by John Gould

'The Minto Hotel,' later to become Caley's Store, and a number of other things. Today, it's part of our ghost town decor.

In the *Dawson Daily News* of February 14, 1911, could be found the following items, that were of interest at that time.

The big head-line on the front page "BOOT FOR HIGHWAY." No they were not talking about a highway to the Yukon. A San Francisco paper dated February 3, reported on a push for a road up the Pacific coast, from Mexico to British Columbia.

Elsewhere in the paper was an item on the weather. It was reported that at 8 AM on Tuesday February 14th it was cloudy with a 3 MPH south wind and 21 below. At 3PM that day it was still cloudy with a 3MPH south wind and only 11 below Fahrenheit.

News of the mail was also in the paper. A stage left that morning at 8 AM for Whitehorse, carrying mail and the following passengers M.J. Levin and Grace McKean of Eagle, Alaska and Mr. and Mrs. Alan R. Rowe of Forty Mile.

Mr. Allmark also left that morning at 8 AM with mail for Mayo and Percy DeWolfe left at 1 PM with mail for Eagle, Alaska.

There were a couple of notices inside the paper. One was about a benefit dance that was being held in the A B Hall for the ladies who suffered losses in the fire of the S.Y.T. Building on January 10th. Tickets available at Cribbs Drug Store and Gibsons Drug Store at \$2.50 each, refreshments will be served. Music by the Dines Orchestra. The S.Y.T. Building was on 2nd Ave. with a dress shop on the main floor and 12 furnished rooms upstairs. Building was completely destroyed and the loss was \$22,000.

There was a notice of dissolution of partnership between Louis F. Cook and Charles P. Dolan, owners of the King Edward Hotel in Dawson.

Kaisers Hardware advertised that they had too much hardware

and that it all must move. Double bit axes \$1.75 or \$19.00 a dozen. (I don't know who would want a dozen axes, even in those days.)

The Yukonia Hotel, Dawson's new hotel, advertised steam heated rooms with all conveniences, dining room open day and night. Joe Segbers, prop.

The Minto Hotel on 3rd Ave. also advertised that it was now open for business. Rooms well furnished, clean, warm and bright. Baths of all kinds in connection. E.P. Jackson, prop.

There was a report on a group of business people and citizens from the south end who went to Commissioner Henderson's office to object to the Government giving the Klondike Mines R.R. \$16,000 to plank the R.R. bridge across the Klondike for traffic. They claimed that it would only take \$3,000-4,000 to repair the present bridge and that it would be safer than using the R.R. bridge.

A Highway Adventure

by Susan Gould

A few weeks ago I read an article in one of the Whitehorse papers about a couple who had car trouble on the highway and of all the cars that went by without one stopping to offer help. Now I thought that I would write and tell you what happened to me on January 30.

My friend Vi and I were driving home to Dawson from Whitehorse in her car, a Ford Probe. I was doing the driving. All went well until we were about thirty-eight kilometres from Carmacks. We were driving down a hill, and as I went around the corner at the bottom, I knew we were in trouble. The car went out of control, and even though I did all the things I thought should be done in such a situation, I over-controlled, and

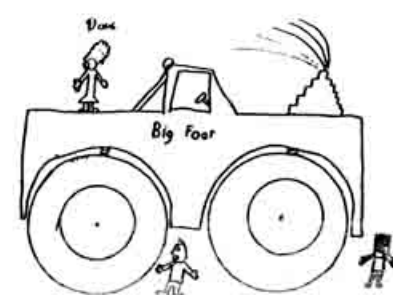
we started going around in circles down the highway.

Luckily for us there was no other traffic and after making about four complete circles we went into the ditch and were stuck. Neither one of us were hurt. It wasn't long before a propane truck came along and the driver stopped to see if we were alright and to offer help. He phoned to Carmacks for a tow truck and took Vi with him as she was getting cold. As I sat there waiting, several more vehicles came along and all the drivers stopped to offer help. One couple who were on their way to Whitehorse even made me get into their car to keep warm while waiting for the tow truck to arrive.

I really appreciate the concern all these people showed for me. The tow truck pulled the car out

and much to my relief found no damage.

I found out later that when driving a car with front wheel drive, when going out of control you should keep your foot on the gas and don't crank the wheel. That way you have a better chance of straightening out. After a cup of coffee at Carmacks, we went on our way and arrived home without any further mishaps, even though the roads were very icy.



REPORT FROM OTTAWA

**AUDREY MCLAUGHLIN,
YUKON M.P.**



The past few weeks continue to be busy and the following is a list of some items on which I would like to provide an update.

The House of Commons is not sitting but the Committee on External Affairs and National Defense has continued to hold hearings.

There are many aspects of the Gulf War and as many opinions. However, on the build up of arms and the arms trade, the facts speak for themselves.

For example, 80% of Iraq's weapons were supplied by three members of the Security Council; the U.S.S.R., China and France with the remaining 20% provided by the Coalition countries. This absolutely mad situation means that the U.S., Canadians, Europeans, the Israelis, and the Arabs are actually threatened by their own weapons.

I believe arms control and the arms trade need to be looked at seriously. Canada can start the process by being a strong advocate to establish a serious arms trade control committee at the United Nations, that the arms trade is out of control. We need to bring it into control, and show that Canada has a voice that counts.

The Citizen's Forum of Canada's Future, also known as the Spicer Commission, is now on tour. An office has been established in Whitehorse and if

you would like to express your opinion or have a group discussion on Canada's Future, arrangements can be made by calling (403) 667-8164 or the (toll free) hotline number 1-800-663-6786.

By now Yukoners have experienced the GST and from the many letters and telephone calls I have received your messages are loud and clear -- the GST is unfair and confusing. However, it is now the law.

To assist Yukoners in the registration for the GST and to provide information on how the GST works, an office has been set up in Whitehorse. You can reach the GST office by calling (403) 667-8154 or the B.C./Yukon (toll free) hotline number 1-800-561-6990.

I encourage Yukoners to continue to make their views known to me by calling my office at (403) 668-3030 or (toll free) Zenith 5000.

I am presently compiling a list of Yukon concerns about the GST that I will be passing on to the Minister.

I was pleased to meet with Leanne MacKenzie from Dawson City, who was in Ottawa this week, participating in the Terry Fox Canadian Youth Program. The Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre is an organization where students from all over Canada can come together to learn about

our country and Canadian politics and institutions. The Centre currently has approximately 130 students attending per week.

Ottawa was also fortunate to have other Yukoners in town. Timothy Cant and Gerald Johnston, two carvers from Burwash were here for Ottawa's winter festival, "Winterlude". As well, six can-can dancers, Lana Dowy, Heather Kingsley, Cheryl Staley, Lea Harper, Anne Jessop and Maxine Lindsay were here to show people in the capital city how to really kick up their heels.

If you are going to be in Ottawa on business or pleasure please feel free to call my office at (613) 995-7224.

I look forward to seeing those of you from Dawson who will be attending our Sourdough Rendezvous and I wish all the best to the competitors and the organizers of this special event.



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**Dawson Chamber of
Commerce**

**By Darlene Caley
Office Manager**

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Hello, welcome to February! The Dawson City Chamber of Commerce has been busy this past month with changes taking place in the office. Donaldda Close has left her position as the Chamber's secretary to continue her education. Best of luck Donna and thanks for all of your hard work!

Gwen Hogarth has also moved on to pursue her lifelong dream to work for the "Feds". The Chamber is sorry to see her go. She has done an excellent job maintaining the office and life as the Chamber knows it. Be sure to drop in at the office to say Hi Gwen, and maybe give a few helpful hints. Thanks for your support!

Throughout the month of January, the Chamber of Commerce has been busy trying to find someone to replace Gwen's position as office manager. (A hard act to follow!) As you may have guessed, I am the chosen follower. At this time I would like to say HELLO to all of the Dawson City Chamber members, directors and supporters. I would also like to welcome any of you to contact me at the Chamber office if you have any questions or input.

Chamber Shorts...

-The G.S.T. video is available at the Chamber office for anyone interested in borrowing our copy.

- The Dawson City International Gold Show 1991 is receiving exhibitor booth reservations daily. Anyone interested in becoming an exhibitor or delegate please send in your forms and payment as soon as possible.

- Anyone interested in increasing their public awareness by sponsoring the Gold Show this year, please contact me at 993-6720 for more information.

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News From the Rock

Correspondent - Marjie Mann



Seeing the days get longer is indeed a treat out here at "the Rock". We come home from work in the light - I look forward to the day that we go to work in the light . . . The houseplants are really showing the positive effects of the sun - lots of new growth and greener hues.

But . . . it still is winter. And February to boot!! Yes, the weather has been quite wonderful lately. For February. But, it is still February. So, some of us are a little stranger than normal. Some took their dose of "cabin fever medicine" by "going out". Others keep their sanity by knowing that their medicine is in the near future. Others just hope they'll get through another winter more or less intact.

Ah, Klondike winters. We sure do pay for our perfect summers don't we? But, you know, if you were seeing the area for the first time - it still has a sort of haunting beauty - all that fresh, clean snow, everywhere! Even hanging in the trees. This year, we've had a wind or two to shake most of it

out of the trees so they are not bowed over - but there is still plenty there. And the lazy plumes of smoke curling from each roof top. And behind the picture perfection, are the people.

People who offer their hospitality like a warm robe. People like Melody, who checks and stokes fires during the day for a least 2 households, making sure nothing will freeze up before the occupants return from work/school. People like Jane who, 6 days a week, offers a place to chat - with her and with other customers who are undoubtedly there, and to purchase groceries and rent movies as well! People like Nancy, who always has a pot of coffee on, a warm smile - and often something wickedly wonderful to snack on! People like Marg Caley who organized a very successful benefit dance for friend and neighbour Loralyn Cleland after Loralyn lost her Rock Creek home to fire in January. Yes, it's definitely the people that help us get through the long hard winters. Bravo!!



"The Raven himself is hoarse. . . " Our little mascot is much nicer than the fellow Lady MacBeth had in mind, but he has run out of snappy comments. If you can think of any, send 'em to us at the Sun. If we use them, we'll give you credit.

January Weather Report

Maximum Temperature +2.6 on Jan 26
Minimum Temperature -47.1 on Jan 3
Average Temperature -26.7 degrees
Total Snowfall for the month of January 33.6 cm. Water equivalent 18.4 mm.

New record for January +2.6 on Jan 26, old record 1944
No cold record temperatures tied or broken.

SNOW FALL COMPARISON

	WINTER 90/91	NORMAL	89/90
Oct	46.2 cm	20.0 cm	38.8 cm
Nov	32.6 cm	26.7 cm	56.9 cm
Dec	43.4 cm	23.6 cm	49.0 cm
Jan	33.6 cm	20.6 cm	35.9 cm
Total	155.8 cm	90.9 cm	180.6 cm

To End of January

Normal winter is an average calculated over a 30 year period 1931 - 1960.

Statistics from Transport Canada, Flight Service Station, Dawson.
Thank you, Don Loiseau.

Statistics are kept at the Transport Canada Flight Service Station at the Airport which is 19 km out of Dawson.



George and Joan Kerr's property across the Klondike River at Rock Creek

Photo by Sue Ward

Fire Levels Rock Creek Home

by Dan Davidson

The fledgling Klondike Valley Firefighters' Association had its baptism of fire on January 17, when a 5:25 a.m. call-out took members to the home of Frank Buck and Loralyn Cleland in the center of Rock Creek, a settlement about 20 minutes south of Dawson City on the Klondike Highway. The building was a complete loss in spite of the best efforts of the Rock Creek squad and two trucks with helpers from the Dawson City Volunteer Fire Dept., who poured over 3200 gallons of water on the blaze, but KVFA deputy fire chief Mark Bowers says he believes it was already too late by the time the fire was spotted.

Orlo Davis turned in the alarm when he was trying to discover why his home's power was out. As it developed later on, the power leads were burned off the Buck/Cleland house already. Davis could see a glow from the building and some flames. By the time Bowers and chief Terry Kell reached the scene seven minutes later, the fire was well

established.

"The building was fully engulfed," a tired Bowers said the next evening. "The windows were gone and the roof was through."

All the firefighters could do was "knock down" the fire and keep it from spreading to the nearby trees and the car that was buried by snow in the yard. In that they were successful.

The house, basically a log cabin original with a frame addition, burned to the ground, and the remaining bits were scattered about as the crews sought to extinguish the flames which had spread under the floorboards. Although the Dawson City crew was home a bit sooner, the Rock Creek contingent kept at it until about 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The house was not occupied. The family, which has been resident in Rock Creek for a number of years, has been living in Dawson City this winter and just paying occasional visits to the home. Like many Rock Creek dwellings, it was a wood heated building, but no one knows at present how the fire began or if

the stove was lit.

"This is our first call-out ever," said Bowers, who was elected deputy chief only a few days ago, "and we're still pretty green at this." The fire marshal will be along next week to assess the value of the damage and try to determine the cause of the fire.

The KVFA got its start last summer, after several fire scares in the Rock Creek and Henderson's Corner areas. It got its 500 gallon pumper truck in September, 1990, and only received its turnout gear a few weeks ago. Members have been training themselves and participating in some training along with the Dawson City force. The firehall is located in one half of Terry Kell's workshop.

How do members feel after their first real fire?

"This is something I really value," Bowers said. "After this morning I am even more willing to devote time and resources to it."



Local Designer Displays AYC

Albert Funre's winning design (at left) for a lapel pin is now officially complete. The finished pin (at right) displays the initials for the Association of Yukon Communities in blue on a territory shaped shield of gold.



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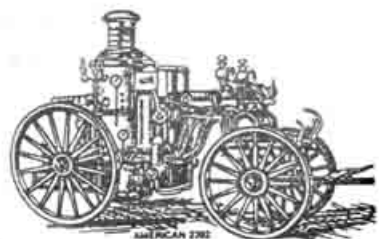
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DAWSON CITY FIRE
DEPARTMENT NEWSDECEMBER 1990-
JANUARY 1991

Well, December and January have been very busy months for our fire department! Actually this winter has been busier than most as far as fires are concerned. No one cause or reason can be pinned down but certainly all the fires could have been prevented. For that matter all fires can be prevented. Our fire department would like to help reduce the number of fires and in turn help the citizens of Dawson become fire safe. The recent fire fatality in Dawson points out some cause for concern. When one lives in a combustible world one must be extra careful with a fire.

Our fire department has started producing some fire safety films aimed at reducing the number of fires in Dawson. The first film was an interview with Louise Ranger in which the Fire Chief discussed some steps that a person could take to make their home fire safe. This film was aired on DCTV on Tuesday Feb. 5 at 8:30 p.m. Look for ads on DCTV for the dates of future films.

One service that our fire department provides free of charge is our home inspections. We will come to your home (day or night) and inspect it for fire hazards. We will help you locate your smoke detectors or test existing ones. This service is available by phoning the town office at 993-5434 during working hours. (9 a.m. - 12 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.) Please don't put it off too long and call the Fire Chief today. Don't become Dawson's next fatality.

FIRE CHIEF'S
REPORT

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Fires

December 15, 1990 - 10:30 a.m. - We responded to a fire at the Band Hall. The fire was caused by workers thawing sewer pipes in the kitchen. Damage Estimate is 150,000 dollars.

Practices

A total of 270 man-hours were spent on training in December and January.

January 2, 1991 - 07:15 a.m. -

We responded to a chimney fire at the Pennell residence on 8th avenue. No damage, fire extinguished by occupant.

January 17, 1991 - 05:30 p.m. -

We responded to a house fire at Rock Creek. This was to assist the Rock Creek Fire Department. The house was completely destroyed.

January 23, 1991 - 04:20 a.m. -

We responded to a house fire on 8th avenue. Fire started by discarded cigarette. Damage estimate is 100,000 dollars. One person perished in the fire. The R.C.M.P. are investigating.

January 25, 1991 - 07:50 a.m. -

We responded to a chimney fire at the Roscoe residence on 5th avenue. No damage, fire extinguished by occupant.

January 26, 1991 - 06:49 a.m. -

We responded to a house fire at the Anderson residence on 7th avenue. The fire was caused by a faulty furnace fan motor. Damage estimate 1000 dollars.

False Alarms

January 2, 1991 - False alarm at Robert Service School caused by break in the sprinkler line.

January 15, 1991 - False alarm at nursing station caused by faulty alarm panel.

January 25, 1991 - False alarm at Parks K.T.M. caused by faulty electric fan motor.

Lastly I would like to ask for your help in sponsoring me in the Dawson Minor Hockey Skate-A-Thon held on Feb. 16, 1991 at the arena. I will be going head-to-head against Peter Menzies. If you would like to sponsor me per lap or for a total pledge

KLONDIKE VALLEY FIRE FIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION NEWS

by Marjle Mann
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In a tragic fire, Loralyn Cleland and Frank Powers lost their Rock Creek home in the wee hours of the morning on January 10th. This was the first fire for the Klondike Valley Fire Fighters. And what a fire it was!! Although the response was incredible - it was just 7 minutes from the time Chief Terry Kell got the call to the time the truck was on the scene - the fire was already through the roof, and it wasn't until the Dawson City Fire Department showed up with 1300 gallons of water to assist that the fire was brought under control.

Ironically, the KVFFA had made the decision just 2 days before the fire that they had the training and basic equipment needed to respond to a fire call. And it was a real learning experience. All those small, but absolute necessities, were identified. Like flashlights and axes. Immediately following the fire, the

fire fighters made a list of what they absolutely needed that they didn't have ordered, what they could and would be looking for, donations for some of the other things - anybody out there have a blackboard you would like to donate? This fire also prompted the renewed interest of a number of people and the participants to training sessions has increased significantly.

We've sorted out our communications as best we can with the equipment we have. Our fire number is 993-6133. Memorize this number - write it down near your phone. 993-6133. If you need assistance and you are near a phone - call that number! If you are in Henderson Corners, get to the nearest phone (Ron and Mitch Ryant, Jack and Lucy Vogt). When the call comes through via phone, it will be answered by Linda Thompson - or someone else. Our phone has a call forward feature - if Linda isn't home, she will activate the call forward to one of the other first response members - that is, members in Rock Creek that can

either get to the equipment fast, or notify someone that can. This initial call will activate the first response as well as the "fan-out" system to notify the other fire fighters.

The KVFFA reluctantly bids farewell and good-luck to Terry Kell. Terry has accepted a new position with YTG in Eagle Plains on February 4th and has thus resigned as Fire Chief. Mark Bowers has accepted the title of Fire Chief and has been very busy working with Terry and Bill Harris to "learn the ropes". He and 3 other fire fighters were successfully tested for their class 3 licence very recently, and he will be in close contact with the Public Safety Branch of YTG in order to get the training he requires.

Again, our number is 993-6133. Scheduled practice dates over the next month are February 12th, 26th, and March 12th. There may be additional practices with the breathing apparatus that we expect to receive from YTG in the next month. For more information please contact Mark Bowers at 993-6511.



This is all that was left of the Cleland/Powers home when the smoke finally cleared.

Photo by Sue Ward

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Fire Chief, Dawson City



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Klondike Region Getting Big Bucks

by Kathy Jones-Gates

"It's just fantastic." That's how Klondike National Historic Sites Superintendent Al Fisk describes the nearly \$5 million capital expenditures budgeted for the site over the next 4-5 years.

Although he admits the past couple of years have been a little lean, Fisk is obviously delighted with the capital commitment to 3 of the larger historic sites managed by K.N.H.S.

In addition to the \$1.4 million estimated for the Dredge No. 4 project, more foundation work will be undertaken on the

Commissioner's Residence this year in preparation for its restoration over the next 4-5 years, and the Steamer Keno will have major work undertaken this summer.

The Keno has been closed to visitors for the past several years. Design work has been undertaken and, according to Fisk, this summer will see them beginning to replace some of the fabric that has deteriorated on the boat. They are currently lining up the people to undertake the shipwright work. Richard Fairweather, Marine Specialist

with Public Works Canada, will be here to set up the jig and actually start the business of stabilizing the hull. They hope to seal the exterior to keep moisture out. "We have to get a foundation under the Keno," says Fisk. "And we have two options; move it off the site or raise the Keno and work under it."

According to Fisk, the total capital budget for the entire Prairie and Northern Region of the Canadian Parks Service is \$13 million a year. The commitment of the \$5 million represents a fantastic boost for the heritage of this area.

Uffish Thoughts:

Afternoon Delight

by Dan Davidson

The lesson for the day is this: never be the first volunteer act to turn up at a drop-in coffee house. If you do they'll have you warming up the audience. I speak from experience, this afternoon's experience in fact.

Actually, there are benefits to having such a loose program that you end up going stage on long before you thought you would. For one thing, you have absolutely no time at all to get nervous. Butterflies in the stomach have tightened up many a performer. This afternoon, my butterflies didn't catch on to what was happening until I was well into my fifth and final number.

The big bonus about this was that I could then sit and watch all the other nice people without trying to make up my mind what order to do my songs in while they were performing. There was nothing to distract me from appreciating the wealth of talent that could be so casually assembled at the Golden Age Society Hall for a pleasant Sunday afternoon's fellowship.

Having begun with some simple standard folk tunes (that was me), we proceeded to stretch out the time with some home-made country sounds. There were a few slicker numbers from some of the semi-pros who are wintering over this year. There was classical piano -- tough to do on an electronic keyboard. There was flute music and Celtic sounds provided by the unlikely combination of electric guitar and bagpipes.

[This just in, folks: The Pentecostal Church at 5th Avenue and Church Streets was devastated Sunday afternoon when the north wall blew out of the seniors' hall across the street. There is a rumour that live bagpipes were actually being played in a space smaller than a school gymnasium, but that seems doubtful, since no one turned up at the nursing station requesting first aid for their ears...]

We had some jig dancing from a couple of mothers who really were last minute fill-ins for someone else who sprained an ankle. They did a good job too - had an elderly native woman in a wheelchair wishing that her knees still worked well enough to join them.

There's a nice man in town who's visiting us for a week or so while he walks around the world. He's here until at least Monday because he can't get his dog out of the pound until then. He dropped by the hall to tell us how nice we all are, how much he's enjoying Dawson, how it's the REAL Yukon (bet he tells that to all the Yukoners he meets, but it sounds good), and how we should be thankful that the -40 weather keeps the riff-raff out.

We're not at all sure if we can believe him. He's a little weird. He says that he's been sleeping outdoors in sleeping bags on the Pelly River and other strange places during our recent cold weather. The way he tells it, the dog has more sense and stays in peoples' cabins by the fire. Perhaps he's trying to make up to himself that deprived Californian childhood in which he only saw ice on puddles a few times a year if he was lucky.

While all this was going on, folks were enjoying the chance to sit and sip some coffee, along with a selection of delicious goodies. The applause was quick and the smiles were bright. A good time was had by all.

The hardest thing about putting together a two-hour show was keeping it that short. I'm sure I speak for everyone involved in thanking the Dawson City Music Festival, the McDonald Lodge and Rec. Director Peter Menzies for putting it all together. When do we meet next month, folks?



Photo by Madeleine Gould

Bill Jackson and his pet octopus



Photo by Madeleine Gould

Artists at this coffee house included Dale Cooper, Bonnie Nordling, Peter Menzies, Kyoko Tosaka, Bill Jackson, Gwen Hogarth & Sylvia Boudreau, Sandy Pilon, Don Armitage, Doug Cotter and Bruce Campbell



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"Come and play some piano" they said. "Piano... HAH!"

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Coming of Age

by Joanne Smith

Senior Medication Awareness

Back in November a pamphlet was sent with your cheques. This pamphlet was produced by Health and Welfare Canada and outlined a theme from National Seniors' Safety Week. The theme was "Safeguard Your Best Years - Medication, Safety and You." Out of this event came several tips on the safe use of medication. These include the following do's and don'ts.

Do

-store medicines in original containers.

-store medicines in a cool, dry place, out of sunlight.

-keep daily records of all medicines you take, prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

-keep records of drug allergies

-check labels, in good lighting, every time you take medicine.

-throw away old drugs (expiry dates should be on the label or check with the doctor or nursing station for the expiry time of a drug).

Don't

-keep medicine by your bedside.

-share medication with others.

-take medication more or less often than prescribed.

-stop taking medicine just because you begin to feel better.

-store different medicines in the same container.

-take medicines left over from other illnesses.

Ask Your Doctor to Discuss With You:

-what medicine has been prescribed and why

-how much you should take and how often and for how long.

-how to take it (with milk, water, etc.)

-what side effects your medicine could cause and the implications it will have on your daily activities (driving)

-how new medications (medicines) will interact with other drugs you are taking.

-what activities and foods to avoid, including alcohol.

Remember, these are your best years - Take care!

Community Information

Foot Clinic - February 18, from 1:00 to 4:00

Home Support and Meals-on-Wheels are available through the lodge.

The lodge is full and our most recent guest is Mr. Jim Rose from Watson Lake.

Happy FEBRUARY Birthday greetings to:

Jessie Suza (93), Bill Kelly, Marie Lamontagne, Marie Hanulik, Lena Christiansen, Dick Fields.

I will be away from town for the month and enquiries about seniors services can be directed to Amelia Grandy at McDonald Lodge. See you when I return!

Merrymaking at MacDonald Lodge

by Sue Ward



Photo by Sue Ward

Scrumptious Feastings



Photo by Sue Ward

Music to charm the many diners

It was another sell-out night at MacDonald Lodge on Thursday, January 30th when over forty seniors, staff and friends shared the Second Annual Hawaiian Fiesta.

With the temp at -35C it wasn't practical for sunwear but coloured leis put everyone in the mood. Decorations transformed the dining room while the Staff outdid themselves with a scrumptious buffet of tasty, colourful delights, all to the sounds of the rolling surf and guitars. Peter Menzies and Don Armitage were on hand to set the music and Bill Jackson swirled the pipes with reels and regimental marches. Sue Ward and Peter struck up a tradition with "Tiny Bubbles" becoming the annual theme song.

Sylvie Boudreau rendered "Jamaica Farewell" which was close enough for Northerners and Sandy Pilon offered a splendid Spanish guitar solo before entertaining with two of her own compositions full of Dawson flavour.

Our visiting World Walker Larry Amkraut was introduced and invited to tell of his journeying. How refreshing it was to meet a young American whose true purpose in life is to meet the people of this planet on their own turf.

Supt. Joanne Smith was off on holidays in Spain the following day so the whole gang joined in the beginning of a second musical tradition, wishing her heart-felt thanks and Bon Voyage with "Now Is The Hour". Truly a night to be remembered.



Check the Date on Your Plate

Motor Vehicles is no longer able to issue a notice to renew your vehicle registration, so maybe it's time to check the expiry date on your licence plate. Renewal deadline is the end of the month indicated on your plate.

You can renew up to two full months prior to your renewal month at no extra cost.

If it's time for you to renew, just bring your current registration and pink card (proof of insurance) to the Motor Vehicles Branch. If you live outside Whitehorse, you can go to the territorial agent in Dawson City, Mayo, Watson Lake, Haines Junction, or Faro. Or watch for the mobile registration service which covers most other communities every two or three months.

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No. Wages are exempt from GST and a business doesn't have to be registered until it takes in \$30,000.00 a year.

However, you will have to pay GST on expenses connected with the business, so in effect your expenses will be 7% higher than before. For this reason you might want to register for GST even though you weren't obligated to. Once you had a GST number, you would be able to charge 7% GST on your billing and deduct the GST you paid on your purchases when remitting to the Government. GST is not an expense to business, but rather a collection of taxes by businesses for the Government. It is an expense only to the private individual or business without a GST number who have no way to get credits for GST paid.

I have to get a legal paper notarized. Who are the Dawson notaries now, where are they located, and is there a charge?

These are some of the Dawson Notaries, and where to find them -

Shirley Moi - Monte Carlo
Vi Campbell - Residence
Allanah Fuhre - Residence
Kathy Robbins - Forestry
Neale Wortley - Forestry

There are also Notaries at the Mining Recorders Office and Court who perform services only in their branch of work.

The fee for notarizing a document runs from \$5.00 to \$20.00 depending on the amount of work involved. Some notaries even refuse any fee.

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by John Bilton

The sun is shining through the library windows these days and I cannot think of a nicer thing to happen, unless of course it is to see green grass. The one thing we are not short of at the library is greenery. For those lucky people that frequent the library you know what I mean, and for the unlucky ones who do not use the library's facilities you don't know what you are missing. Your library is a warm, comfortable and friendly place to spend a minute or an hour.

You have the ability to go to far off mysterious lands, or visit

with long lost civilizations, follow along with your favourite sleuth in solving a crime or you can bring romance into your life. All this is possible along with dozens of other things that can be done with books from our library. We have an outstanding array of titles in almost every field of literature and we are adding more all the time. The only limit to what you can read, feel or appreciate is contained within your imagination.

The library was graced with the welcome presence of one Patrick J. Dillon who had performed for the Grade 2 class

the day before. Patrick was approached by the librarian to read and perform for the pre-schoolers at Story Hour and he readily agreed. They were joined in the library by the Grade One class so the group quickly expanded to about 30 children. What followed was a most joyous hour of songs, stories and just plain fun for everyone involved. Patrick Dillon was an entertainer at the Eldorado Hotel lounge when I first heard of him and discovered that he was also a writer of children's stories. Patrick is the creator of the children's series The Purple Monster and at present he has three books in print. Any time that Patrick wants to come back to Dawson he is most welcome here at the library.

Story Hour continues for another segment that will end with Spring Break in March. This segment of Story Hour will be on Wednesday afternoons from 2-3 p.m. for children 3-5 years of age. If the weather happens to get back down to -40, Story Hour for

that day will be cancelled.

Any visitors to the library will have seen our bright red piggy bank standing on the counter near the librarian. This piglet is ready to accept any donations, overdues, or just your loose change to go into the librarians' fund for purchasing books, cassettes, or anything else for your library. Supplies or operating expenses do not come out of that fund, it is strictly for purchasing books.

Some of the new titles purchased or donated to the library are:

Those Lake View Wives by Charles Cohen (Adult mystery)

Jian by Eric Van Lustbader (Adult novel)

The Cat's Meow by Robert Campbell (Adult mystery)

The Liars' League by David Delman (Adult mystery)

Super Joy by Paul Peasall, Ph.D. (152.4 contented life)

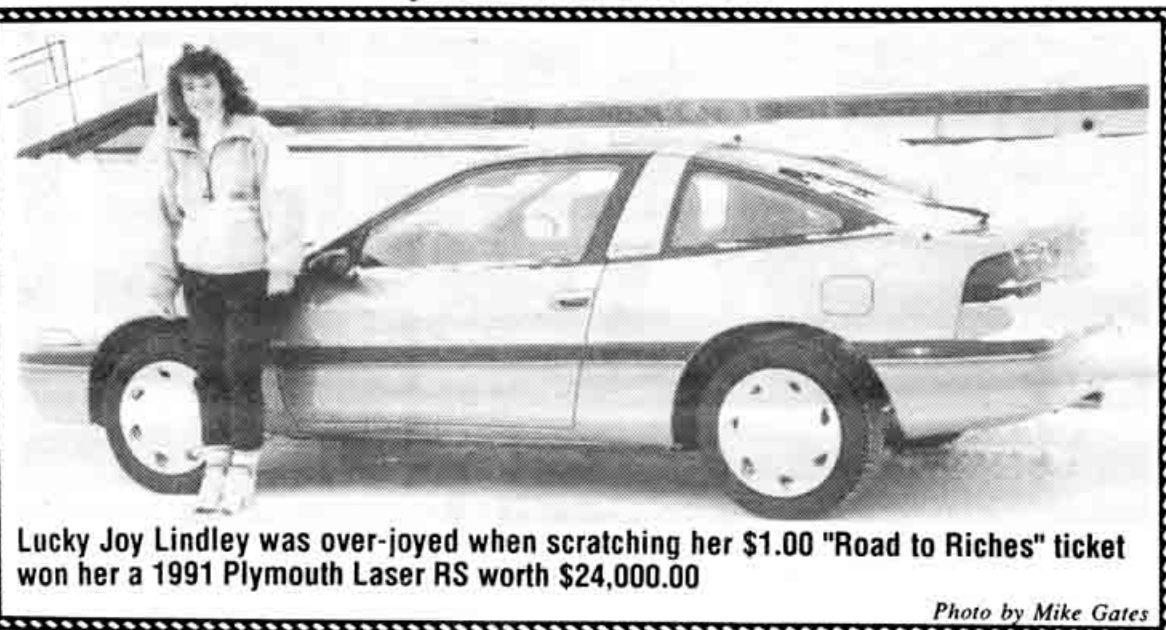
Darwin's Secret by Richard Hoyt (Adult novel)

Captain Butterfly by Bob Leuci (Adult mystery)

The Queen of the Damned by Anne Rice (Vampire chronicles)

We have also received numerous paperbacks from many different sources and to those that have donated books recently a very hearty thank you.

The Library Board still has a couple of vacancies open and if you would like to become a member or would just like some information about the Board, you can contact John Bilton at the library. Our open hours are from 12 noon until 7 p.m., Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Don't be a stranger, come in and say hello and see what we have to offer. Until then, good reading and good health.



Lucky Joy Lindley was over-joyed when scratching her \$1.00 "Road to Riches" ticket won her a 1991 Plymouth Laser RS worth \$24,000.00

Photo by Mike Gates

1991 Discovery Days

"It is never too early to plan". Volunteers are busy preparing events for this year's Discovery Days Celebration.

The purpose of the Discovery Days in three fold. First, to celebrate the gold discovery which kicked off the Klondike Gold Rush of '98. Second, to show case culture and heritage through activities, food and fun. Third, to provide a healthy, safe weekend of fun for the whole family.

Here are some of the new ideas being tossed around. First -- more music. A military band is being invited to lead the parade and do concerts around town. Reviving the street dances is being considered. How about a Busking Festival modeled after the ones in Halifax and Winnipeg? Musicians, amateur and professional, would be allowed to perform any where around town and people could toss money into their guitar cases.

There would be a King, Queen, Princess and Prince of the Klondike competition. Individuals who compete in a large number of events would collect points put towards an aggregate score. The ones with the highest

points and number of events would win special recognition.

Discovery Days is a busy weekend with over 3000 people in town. This market provides a good opportunity for non-profit groups to raise funds. The Committee would like to create activities which both enhance the weekend and provide fund-raising opportunities. For example, there could be an International Food Bazaar where several kinds of ethnic food would be sold. One club could have one type of food and raise money through the sales.

The Committee would like to encourage as much community involvement as possible. A local chorus line of Can Can Dancers has been proposed. A local pipe and drum band could lead the parade. Restaurants could provide Gold Rush food and '98 prices! The possibilities and ideas are endless.

Do you have any ideas? The Committee is interested in any ideas and comments the public has. These can be sent to the City Rec Department or dropped off in the mail box at CFYT-FM.



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DAWSON CITY



OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

SCHEDULE A

1.0 INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

This Official Community Plan for the Town of the City of Dawson (to be herein referred to as Dawson City) is to serve the following purposes:

1. Establish a direction for future urban growth in Dawson City and the surrounding areas which ensures sufficient lands are available to meet the housing and associated requirements of residents, and allows for continued growth of the mining and tourism industries;
2. Identify issues and factors affecting this future urban growth;
3. Manage physical, cultural, social and economic development and growth in a manner which is sensitive to the well-being of the community and the natural environment;
4. Guide land use and community management decisions of Municipal, Territorial and Federal governments and agencies as well as private interests;
5. Inform the public of the physical development plan envisioned for the municipality, and of the provisions for public participation in the land use planning process that will allow this vision to evolve over time;
6. Identify how to implement and coordinate the Plan.

2.0 PLANNING GOALS

To provide rational decisions about the Town's short and long term use, development characteristics and timing of development met in an environmentally sound and historically sensitive manner.

The Plan seeks to establish a framework of planning, coordination and evaluation criteria for land use changes and development applications in Dawson, having consideration for both short and long term implications. These implications are based on the collective needs and aspirations of the community.

3.0 OBJECTIVES

1. Provide opportunities for the development of a wide range of housing types in Dawson City that are suited to permanent, transient and seasonal residents of Dawson City.
2. Coordinate with Parks Canada those policies and programs intended to protect the community's unique cultural and architectural heritage and support and encourage compatible and quality architectural design.
3. Ensure adequate commercial services and facilities are available to meet the needs of residents and visitors.
4. Provide for an effective network of transportation and parking facilities to ensure the efficient and safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians.
5. Provide and maintain utilities and services with consideration for the needs of residents while being sensitive to the physical limitations to development in the area.
6. Provide and promote a diverse range of opportunities for recreation and cultural activities in and near Dawson City.
7. Promote tourism in Dawson City to strengthen its role in maintaining the economic health of the community.
8. Allow Dawson City to continue as the primary service centre for the mining industry in the surrounding region.
9. Protect environmentally sensitive lands and hazard areas from impacts of land use development and change.

4.0 ASSUMPTIONS

The specific policies contained in this Plan are based on the following general assumptions:

- a) the population of Dawson City will not exceed 3,500 permanent residents during the planning period unless significant changes are made to the community form and character;
- b) the planning period is approximately 20 years;
- c) physical expansion of Dawson City as a single urban unit will be significantly restricted by natural limitations (eg. water, steep slopes, poor geotechnical conditions, etc.);
- d) infill and redevelopment within the Dawson City townsite will be limited by:
 - i) historical significance and associated development conditions;
 - ii) desires to retain an overall community density of approximately 8 people/acre (20 people/hectare);
- e) existing industrial uses on the townsite are to be relocated to locations without full municipal services to make available more serviced land for residential and commercial uses;
- f) upgraded services are required to accommodate 3,500 permanent residents in Dawson City; additional sites for rural residential development are required to ensure a diverse housing supply is available in the Dawson City area.
- g) the supply of commercial land will be limited to those areas designated "Core Commercial", "Service Commercial" and "Tourist Commercial". Commercial growth will be accommodated through new development, redevelopment and infill development on these lands;
- h) that restrictions on height of buildings and structures will be enforced through zoning legislation;
- i) that limitations will continue to affect the redevelopment potential of sites containing heritage structures and influence architectural design in Dawson City;
- j) that the Block Land Transfer from the federal government to the Yukon government is complete as recommended in the Dawson to Callison Local Area Plan;
- k) that the land supply required to accommodate the growth projected in this Plan will be provided within the existing townsite, the Dawson to Callison Local Area, South and West Dawson; this is conditional on approval of the Dawson to Callison Local Area Plan and establishment of a rural residential settlement, south of Lousetown and at West Dawson.
- l) mining activities in the area will continue at a steady pace during the planning period. Economic growth will be stimulated through tourism. Due to the fluctuating nature of the mining resource industry, it would be inappropriate to rely only on gold mining to sustain new development in Dawson City. Tourism may have growth potential in this region as it is not subject to the boom and bust periods characteristic of the resource industry. Tourism may be a more appropriate base from which to project sustained growth during the planning period.

5.0 ADMINISTRATION

1. The Official Community Plan (OCP) should be reviewed in detail by the municipality from time to time and not less than every five years to ensure it continues to reflect community needs. This review should include a special meeting of Council, open to the public, to determine the need for revisions to the Plan.
2. The OCP will be enacted with a by-law approved by Council. Any changes to the OCP shall be made by amendment to that Plan in accordance with the Municipal Act.
3. The OCP shall be implemented through the Zoning By-Law.
4. Development must be in accordance with the policies and intent of the OCP and regulations of the implementing Zoning By-Law.
5. The OCP and Zoning By-Law shall be administered by municipal staff so designated by Council, except where inter-governmental involvement from Territorial and/or federal officials is required.
6. The goals, objectives, and policies of the OCP are intended to assist in the achievement of the purposes of the OCP. Interpretation of these policies should allow for a limited degree of flexibility and interpretation when considering boundaries between land use designations, except where these boundaries coincide with physical features such as streets, rivers or streams.

6.0 GROWTH MANAGEMENT

This OCP is formulated on the basis that sufficient growth will be generated in the region to sustain a population of 3,500 in Dawson City at the end of the planning period. This would represent approximately a doubling in population from a base population of approximately 1,800 estimated for 1990. This represents an average annual growth rate of 3.38%. If a constant annual growth rate of 3.38% is assumed over a 20 year period, population projections for 5 year intervals would be as follows:

Year	Population	Increase from 1990
1990	1800	---
1995	2125	325
2000	2510	710
2005	2965	1165
2010	3500	1700

Growth management in Dawson City will reflect the following:

1. The policies of this OCP shall be applied to those lands within the Dawson City boundary identified on the Land Use map.
2. It is the intent of this Plan to identify potential boundary expansion areas that could accommodate growth projected for Dawson City by this Plan.
3. Boundary Expansion is proposed as a means for Dawson City to control land use in the area to ensure more efficient use of services, facilities, and land is possible which will allow sufficient growth potential to accommodate a population of 3,500.

7.0 PLANNING POLICIES

The Council of the Dawson City has developed policies to guide the municipality in achieving the purposes of the Official Community Plan (OCP). These policies are as follows:

GENERAL

1. Efficient use of land and municipal services within the existing townsite (*The term "townsite" is intended to represent only those lands bounded by the Yukon River and toe of the mountain and known traditionally as the Dawson Town site.*) shall be encouraged and supported wherever practical and only where development is in conformance with the intent of this Plan.
2. Relevant government authorities and agencies shall be consulted when considering amendments to this Plan or the implementing Zoning By-law.
3. Development in Dawson City shall be supported by the municipality to the extent that the development can be safely accommodated by municipal services and the land base without compromising the safety and well-being of existing residents or sacrificing the cultural heritage of the community.

RESIDENTIAL

General

1. Residential development shall only be permitted within the areas so designated on the Land Use map.
2. A sufficient supply and variety of housing types shall be accommodated within Dawson City to meet the housing needs of permanent, temporary and transient residents of the community and to maintain affordability and selection.
3. Housing for those with special needs shall be accommodated within Dawson City, subject to the residential policies in this OCP and the regulations from the implementing zoning by-law.
4. Infill development shall be encouraged on vacant land in existing serviced residential areas.
5. Home occupations may be permitted in residential areas provided these uses do not detract from the character of the area, and they conform to the Zoning By-law provisions.
6. Conversion of single detached dwellings to two family dwellings shall be accommodated within the townsite without zoning amendment, provided that such conversions comply with the Building Code.
7. The closure of lanes and roads shall be permitted where such closure will allow more efficient use of serviced land for residential development.
8. The provision of on-site amenities such as play equipment and landscaping shall be encouraged for new multi-unit residential development.
9. A residential designation shall permit "places of worship" and "tot lots" without amendment to this Plan.
10. Housing development may be approved in commercial areas subject to the policies identified in the "Commercial" section of this Plan.

Urban Residential

1. The integrity and character of the existing residential community shall be protected from incompatible uses.
2. Uses permitted within an "Urban Residential-Single" designation shall include single detached dwellings and two family dwellings.
3. An "Urban Residential-Single/Multiple Transition" designation shall be used to accommodate low to medium density rental units, in the form of townhouses, walk-up apartments and row houses, intermixed with Core and Service Commercial land uses, single detached and two family dwellings. This designation should be carefully located as a transition of land use, based on the following criteria:
 - a) proximity to traffic routes
 - b) relationship to established single family housing blocks
 - c) identifiable site boundaries
 - d) sufficient site space for necessary parking and amenity features

These locational criteria could be satisfied within three areas of the townsite:

- 1) block formed by 5th Avenue, 1st Avenue and Turner Street;
- 2) block formed by Mission Street, 1st Avenue, Harper Street, 3rd Avenue, Princess Street half a block back from 5th Avenue;
- 3) block formed by York Street, King Street, 5th Avenue, Duke Street, Albert Street and 2nd Avenue half a block back from 1st Avenue.
4. Uses permitted within an "Urban Residential-Single/Multiple Transition" designation shall include single detached dwellings, two family dwellings, multiple unit dwellings, seniors' housing and boarding homes along with intermixed Core and Service Commercial operations which Council deems to not significantly impact in a negative fashion on these residential areas.
5. The infill potential of the townsite should be maximized to ensure costs associated with the extension of water and sewer are justified.
6. Most infill development should occur at the townsite's north end, including the following sites:
 - a) Block O
 - b) Area A
 - c) Environment Canada Maintenance Compound
7. The existing RV Park should be relocated to a suitable site within the Town. This will release serviced lands in the townsite for housing and related land use possibilities.

This is a Draft Copy only:

Contact the city office for more information.

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