

Yukon Council of Archives – Annual General Meeting 2021 2021 President’s Report

I am pleased to report at the end of my first year as YCA President and in the face of a pandemic that it has been an innovative, ambitious and exciting year for YCA. YCA and its members have shown their strengths, overcame the difficulties related to COVID 19 and managed to create a number of exciting opportunities.

Most notably, our Community Archivist, Jenny Lu, returned to work with YCA for a fourth year (remotely due to Covid 19), from August 2020 to March 2021. The Community Archivist position was generously funded through two transfer payment agreements (TPA) with the Yukon Archives. Jenny’s work focused on creating the YCA **“Blueprint for Archival Development in the Yukon”** which included segment 1. Archives and segment 2. Records Information Management. She worked closely with 17 institutions for the survey (10 First Nations, 3 Museums and 4 others) then 6 member institutions in TPA 2 (3 Yukon First Nations and 3 other member institutions). Results from the surveys guided Jenny in creating a **“Roadmap Guide”** for archival development in the Yukon over the next five years. Interestingly, the data collected found that our members’ priorities and interests are:

- **Segment 1. Archives:**
 - Indigenous Archives
 - In-depth arrangement and description
 - Effective Archives Policy Development and Implementation
 - Active Archiving: Capturing Archival Records

- **Segment 2. Records Information Management:**
 - Administration: File and Document Management
 - Getting to know Records Information Management (RIM) & Information Governance (IG) Tools

Our events this year were highlighted by three main activities:

1. An intensive training workshop organized by Lesley Buchan and the Professional Development Committee titled *“Yukon First Nations’ Recorded Information Management /Archival Program Policies and Procedures Development”* taught by Michelle Barroca and involving 5 institutional members.
2. A pre-conference workshop for the annual Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) Conference titled *“Incorporating Indigenous Ways in Archival Policy and Procedure Development – Panel Discussion with Yukon Presenters”* organized by the Professional Development Committee and involving 1 individual member, 3 institutional members, our Community Archivist Jenny Lu and Angela Code.
3. The YCA is also working closely with the Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC) to create the first ever partnered conference called *“We walk many paths: archival journeys in BC, Yukon, and beyond”* which will be held in October 2021.



We would not have been able to run the programs and activities we have this year without generous sponsorship and support. We would like to thank the following for their support:

- The “*Yukon First Nations’ Recorded Information Management /Archival Program Policies and Procedures Development*” workshops were made possible by funding secured from the Heritage Training Fund, provided by the Yukon Government Department of Education and administered by the Yukon Historical and Museums Association.
- The Yukon Government through the Yukon Archives, fully funds the Community Archivist position on a year-to-year basis, for which we are eternally thankful. In addition, Yukon Archives, headed by Territorial Archivist David Schlosser, continues to support YCA with in kind contributions including physical space (for this AGM), communications technology, and archives staff support. Thank you to David and to all of the Yukon Archives staff.

In terms of membership this year, we had a total of 40 members: 13 individual, 4 general and 23 institutional. Within the institutional members the breakdown is as follows: 11 Yukon First Nation governments; 5 Yukon First Nation associations; 1 provincial/territorial archives; 3 museums; 1 heritage association; 1 education institution and 1 other non-profit association.

The YCA remains a volunteer-based non-profit society. The YCA is extremely lucky and thankful for its hardworking, talented, passionate and knowledgeable executive and director board members:

- Vice-President: Nancy Vanden-Eykel
- Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Johnson
- Directors: Carolyn Harris, Melody Hutton, Cherish Clarke and Carey Isaac

Lastly, the YCA could not function without the tireless and admirable efforts of three volunteer members: Lesley Buchan, who helps with finances, and Peggy D’Orsay, who manages our membership and Kaitlin Normandin who heads the Professional Development Committee.

Thank you to all of our board and volunteer members for their hard work and commitment to YCA.

Overall, this has been a wonderful year for the YCA. Through Jenny’s work and through the work of our committees and volunteer members we were able to offer leading edge professional development opportunities catered to the needs of our members. We were



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also able to gain a better understanding of archival needs in the Yukon which will lead us forward. We brought our voices to the national table and forged deep connections with the AABC and the ACA. I am very proud of the work that was accomplished in 2020/2021 and look very much forward to seeing the YCA continue to grow and flourish this year.

Thank you,
Respectfully,

Karly Leonard
President, YCA
June 7th, 2021