

# Dawson City

## Heritage Research Guide & Resource List 2025

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- Dawson City: Frozen Time, a documentary by director Bill Morrison.  
<https://www.kanopy.com/en/product/dawson-city-frozen-time>
- Heritage research and publications curated by Yukon Government : [Find heritage research and publications | Yukon.ca](#)
- Yukon Heritage Information System - [please email heritage.planning@yukon.ca to request access](mailto:heritage.planning@yukon.ca)
- Yukon Genealogy: <https://yukongenealogy.com/>
- Yukon Government Historical Walk Tours, online pamphlets:
  - Dawson walking tour guide, 2021: <https://yukon.ca/en/dawson-walking-tour>
  - Dawson City Cemeteries, 2019: <https://yukon.ca/en/dawson-city-cemeteries-walking-tour>
  - West Dawson shipyard walking tour, 2024: <https://yukon.ca/en/west-dawson-shipyard-walking-tour>
- Parks Canada, Klondike National Historic Sites website: <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/yt/klondike/culture>

## Architecture and Design

- The Architecture of the Tr'ondëk-Klondike: Dawson p. 54-89, architectural styles and examples. **This report should be hosted online.**
- Parks Canada Design Guidelines for Historic Dawson:  
<http://parkscanadahistory.com/publications/klondike/design-guidelines.pdf>
- Kalman, Harold. A History of Canadian Architecture. 2 volumes. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1994. *Available at Whitehorse Library.*

## Materials

### Board and Batten Siding and Corrugated Metal Siding

- Board and Batten Siding and Corrugated Metal Siding Contemporary Buildings: a catalogue including photos of buildings, locations and materials. **This report should be hosted online.**
- Board and Batten and Corrugated Metal Siding Contemporary Buildings Map: relating to the above catalogue. **This map should be hosted online.**
- Archival Photos (Subject: Board and Batten): **This archival photo collection should be hosted online.**
- Archival photos (Subject: Corrugated Metal): **This archival photo collection should be hosted online.**

## Foundation

Residential Foundation Systems for Permafrost Regions: includes a 'decision making tree' to guide the use in choosing the correct material/ construction method.

<https://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/9.843014/publication.html>

## Signage

Dawson City Approved Fonts:

[https://dawsoncity2023.municipalwebsites.ca/UploadFiles/Docs/ApprovedFonts\\_bjCAHe.pdf](https://dawsoncity2023.municipalwebsites.ca/UploadFiles/Docs/ApprovedFonts_bjCAHe.pdf)

## Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation

- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Heritage Act: <https://trondek.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2016-08-28-Trondek-Hwechin-HERITAGE-ACT.pdf>
- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Library. *Available in-person at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Admin Building, Heritage Department's office.*
- *Hammerstones: A History of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in* by Dobrowolsky, Helene, 2003. *Available at the Dawson City Library.*
- Archaeology at Forty Mile/Ch'ëdä Dëk, Thomas J. Hammer and Christian D. Thomas, 2006.  
<https://emrlibrary.gov.yk.ca/Tourism/archaeology%20and%20palaeontology%20booklets/archaeology-forty-mile-2006.pdf>
- The Architecture of the Tr'ondëk-Klondike by ERA Architects, published in 2016. **This report should be hosted online.**
- *Tr'ochëk: The Archaeology and History of a Hän Fish Camp* by H. Dobrowolsky & T. J. Hammer, 2001.  
<https://emrlibrary.gov.yk.ca/Tourism/archaeology%20and%20palaeontology%20booklets/trochek-archaeology-history-han-fish-camp-2001.pdf>

# Conservation Resources

## Designating Properties

### Designation Process

- Territorial Designation – A Guide to the Yukon Historic Sites Nomination Form: <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/tc/tc-historic-site-nomination-form-guide.pdf>
- Municipal Designation – Municipal Heritage Site Designation Process, and Evaluation Summary and Recommendations for Designation of Municipal Historic Sites. **These resources should be hosted online.**

Register of Yukon Historic Places: <http://register.yukonhistoricplaces.ca/>

City of Dawson Municipal Historic Sites Directory: <https://cityofdawson.ca/p/municipal-historic-sites-directory>

Historic Resources Act:

<https://laws.yukon.ca/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/2002/2002-0109/2002-0109.pdf>

## Heritage Funding

Property owners looking for support for their heritage projects can consider:

City of Dawson Heritage Fund **(see Heritage Bylaw – to be updated)**

Yukon Government Historic Properties Assistance Program: <https://yukon.ca/en/historic-properties-assistance-program>

Yukon Government, Community Development Fund: <https://yukon.ca/en/doing-business/funding-and-support-business/apply-funding-community-projects-and-events>

## Heritage Conservation Standards in Canada

The Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, Second Edition, 2010

<https://www.historicplaces.ca/en/pages/standards-normes.aspx>

## UNESCO Tr'ondëk-Klondike World Heritage Site

Official website: [www.trondek-klondike.com](http://www.trondek-klondike.com)

Nomination documents and Heritage Management Plan:

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1564/documents/>

# Citing Sources

## How to Cite Sources

If you are using research, such as archive images, to inform the design of a development application, it is essential that you properly cite your sources to demonstrate integrity and credibility. This will allow City staff and the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) reviewing your application to understand where your sources come from and ensure historical accuracy. With the rise of AI images, this is especially important.

- While no specific citation style is required (APA, MLA, and Chicago styles are all accepted), citations should include the following information:
- Title, Date, and Description
  - The title of the file or item; date or year that it was produced; and a short description of where exactly the photo was taken and what it is showing.
- Name of fonds or collection
  - The name given by the archives to the fonds or collection.
- Reference code
  - Also called an identified or call number. Archives and libraries use these codes to identify specific box and folder where the source is kept.
- Repository
  - The name of the archives or library and its geographic location if online database. If an online source, this would be name of the source and link to or screencap of online source; if in-person, name of the source and geographic location.

If you find an image using a Google Images search, remember that Google isn't the original source of the image -- it is the site that did the searching. In your citations, provide the specific address of the website on which the image was located, not the Google results page.

The more detailed information provided, the easier it will be for City staff and HAC to review and confirm the accuracy of sources and speed up decision-making processes.

## Additional Guides on Research

Library and Archives Canada, Research Guide: <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/basics/Pages/research-archives.aspx>

University of British Columbia, Images -Finding, Using, and How to Cite: <https://guides.library.ubc.ca/images/citing>