

Rampart House and LaPierre House Historic Sites

Management Plan Update

Background of the Project:

Chapter 13, Schedule B of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Final Agreement (VGFNFA), signed by the Vuntut Gwitchin Government, Government of Yukon and Government of Canada in 1993; states that Rampart House and LaPierre House are to be co-owned and co-managed by Vuntut Gwitchin Government and Yukon Government. The historic sites are to be managed in accordance with the VGFNFA, the Implementation Plan, the Yukon Historic Resources Act and the approved Rampart House and LaPierre House Historic Sites Management Plan completed in March 1999 and signed in July 2001.

Title to Rampart House Historic Site was raised in February 1998 and LaPierre House Historic Site was raised in February 1999, making Vuntut Gwitchin and Yukon governments tenants in common as outlined in Chapter 13, Schedule B.

In accordance with Chapter 13, Schedule B, of the VGFNA; the goal of the project is to produce an “updated” Historic Site Management Plan for Rampart House and LaPierre House Historic Sites.



Cadzow store under restoration, 2007. *Midnight Arts photo.*

Goals for the updated Plan:

The Plan shall address the various elements involved in managing historic sites such as conservation, interpretation, operational programming, site development and economic opportunities. The updated Management Plan will prepare a Vision Statement for the sites and consider:

- Cultural landscapes, heritage values and current best practices for conservation
- Updating the interpretive themes and methods
- Enhancing as needed public access, community use, visitor facilities, site security
- Strengthening natural resource protection



Drawing showing LaPierre House in its original location. Alexander Hunter Murray, *Journal du Yukon, 1847-48* (Ottawa: Imprimerie Nationale, 1910), p. 30.

The objectives of the updated Plan are to:

- Recognize and protect the traditional and current use of the areas by the Vuntut Gwitchin;
- Encourage public awareness and appreciation for the natural, historical and cultural resources of the sites;
- Direct the conservation of heritage resources, management and operation of the site by
- VGFN and YG with the guidance of community engagement:
- Contribute to the cultural and economic health of the VGFN;
- Provide realistic and achievable goals based on reasonable funding expectations and human resource capabilities;
- Provide an overview of existing historical and physical information about the site and identify any gaps;
- Provide a strategy for carrying out further research, if required, to best conserve, manage and interpret the site.

Project Schedule:

Over the next several months, Wendy Shearer, Landscape Architect and Cultural Heritage Specialist, will be working with Midnight Arts, the partnership of Helene Dobrowolsky and Rob Ingram, to update the Management Plan. To achieve this, they will be reviewing the current plan to determine which recommendations have been carried out in full or part, which are less relevant, and help identify future site needs. Shannon Van Bibber, YG Historic Sites, will act as Project Coordinator of the Management Plan update.

The draft Management Plan will be presented to the community late June or early July 2020 for your review and feedback. The final Management Plan will be presented in November 2020 to the community.

You are invited to contribute to this important project, participating in meetings and discussions. Your knowledge of the sites will be incorporated in the planning for the future. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Management Plan update, please contact Megan Williams.

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- 1 September 2019
- 2 July 2020
- 3 November 2020