

## WORLD HERITAGE PROJECT UPDATE

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Merry Christmas one and all!

We're in the thick of preparing for World Heritage Workshop #2, held in Dawson this December. Several of our favourite historians and anthropologists will be putting their



heads together with Jackie, our TH Heritage staff and local community members. They'll discuss the freshly minted first draft of the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) statement for Tr'ondëk/Klondike and start looking at places and boundaries. Stay tuned and look for updates on our website: <http://www.tkwhstatus.ca>.

**News Flash:** David Neufeld took up the challenge of beating Mark Wickham's record and writes that he has visited an amazing 59 World Heritage sites in his lifetime!

**Other news:** The World Heritage Advisory Committee welcomes Debbie Nagano, Frank Blanchard (our new TH representative), and Ronald Johnson as members of the OUV Community Resource group.

### ***Tr'ondëk-Klondike: Future World Heritage status? F.A.Q.s***

*Would we be able to manage all the tourists?*

*Yes. A modest increase in numbers of visitors is predicted and is manageable. Just as it is now in Tombstone Park, tourism would be controlled and monitored to ensure sustainability. Controlled means channeling tourists to areas appropriate for visitation, and monitoring means ensuring impacts do not reach agreed-upon thresholds. Certain places would be completely off-limits. This has been done successfully at other sites around the world. Our visitors would experience and learn about our shared heritage while our resources are protected.*

*Would Dawson be able to develop large-scale projects?*

*Yes. A nomination would recognize that Dawson is a living, dynamic community that needs to develop and grow. Dawson would still have to manage modern development according to existing bylaws and legislation, and plan carefully to offset impacts on the site's universal values. The Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB) would continue to review proposals.*

*You can find out more about this project by visiting [www.tkwhstatus.ca](http://www.tkwhstatus.ca).*

*We did not plan this! Stripes are in fashion with World Heritage Project Management Committee members Dan Beaulieu, Barb Hogan, Paula Hassard and Lee Whalen.*

