

Van Tat Gwich'in Historic Lifeways Project



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Crossing a pass en route to Arctic Village, 2019 Photo Robert Sam

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Joel Peter 1943-2019



We would like to express our deep gratitude and respect for elder Joel Peter who generously shared his knowledge of the land, animals, history and language for many years. You will be greatly missed, Joel.



Serena Schafer filming fish trap installation on Troo Chò Njik, 2019

1. Introduction to the Project

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The Van Tat Gwich'in Historic Lifeways Project is directed by the Vuntut Gwitchin Government (VGG) Heritage Branch in collaboration with the VG Heritage Committee. The Project takes an in-depth approach to historical/culturally significant locations and individuals, combining research with knowledge-transmission by mentoring youth to undertake active and creative roles in the project. The Van Tat Gwich'in Historic Lifeways Project expands the VGG Heritage knowledge base, enhances research expertise, builds VGG data collections, develops educational and interpretive materials, expands the range of sources of information and time span, and collaborates with other researchers

The VTG Historic Lifeways Project grew from a series of research projects into oral history, place names and Gwich'in geography, cultural technology, trails/routes and navigation systems that the VGG Heritage Branch began in 1999. The VTG Historical Lifeways Project delves deeper into important historical topics and geographical areas, investigating themes of strategic resource

Van Tat Gwich'in Historic Lifeways Project Objectives

- conduct research in culturally and historically significant locations
- enhance use and transmission of information to younger generations by mentoring Gwich'in youth to take an active role in research
- conduct background research drawing on databases and products of previous research and other sources
- expand previous data sources by including younger elders and, where possible, Gwich'in elders from other communities
- produce materials with a view to enhancing the teaching and interpretation potential of the research
- bring historical and geographical research closer to current times by including events and changes over the past 20-30 years, updating the databases and keeping them relevant.
- collaborate with academic and other researchers to enhance knowledge of the traditional territory and provide learning and training opportunities for Gwich'in participants and the community

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Teryn Kassi cutting down a tree with an antler wedge at Troo Chòo Njik camp, 2019. Observers L-R: Joseph Kyikavichik, Danny Kassi, Mary Jane Moses, Joel Peter, Janelle Abel-Chitze (photographer), Tugugan Swan

use, historical events, relationship with land, and aggregation and dispersal. Research involves a significant Gwich'in language component and enhancement of education through experiential learning. An important facet of the project is to mentor youth and enhance knowledge transmission to Gwich'in and all Canadians. In 2019, five project learners and four Gwich'in language learners worked with five mentors who demonstrated camp and technology skills, interpreted locations on the land, participated in interviews and coached language students.

Three projects were designed and conducted by learners taking leadership roles. Sophia Flather spearheaded the Gwich'in Direct Acquisition Language Program. Brandon Kyikavichik, working with mentor Joel Peter, delved into Gwich'in language transcription and genealogy/cultural research. Caleb Charlie pursued his interest in palaeontology by first working as a field assistant and then travelling to the National Museum of History in Ottawa to look at the collections from the Old Crow area held there.

The VTG Historic Lifeways Project is directed

toward three main questions: What are the detailed, in-depth histories attached to significant places/people/events on Van Tat Gwich'in lands? How can both the process of research and the products be enhanced by mentoring youth to take greater roles in the project? And, how can research augment and be enriched by the use of Gwich'in language? Research focusses on various kinds of significant events and places on the land: e.g., places where people gathered or stopped; ancient/current hunting and fishing locales; places outstanding for their natural resource use; and where significant events took place.

In 2019, VGG Heritage continued its commitment to collaborating with academics and other researchers by coordinating with Yukon Paleontologists and Archaeologists. VGG trailbreakers teamed up with those from Arctic Village, AK to revitalize the epic trail between the two communities. Collaborative undertakings promote mutual sharing of Van Tat Gwich'in knowledge and that of other Gwich'in and scientific research practices, and expand the knowledge base about traditional Gwich'in history and lands.

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Arctic Village trail breakers in trail revitalization camp
Photo Robert Sam



Above: Team constructing fish trap. Joseph Kyikavichik, Teryn Kassi, Danny Kassi, Brandon Kyikavichik, Connor Gould (pilot), Joel Peter

Below: Community Caribou Fence visit at Blackfox Fence #2

2. 2019 Research

In 2019, the VTG Historic Lifeways Project conducted a number of research activities directed toward our two prime objectives: focussed historic life ways research and mentoring youth and learners.

The primary 2019 Historic Lifeways research activities were revitalization of the Arctic Village trail, a 4-day camp on upper Troo Chòo Njik, a 2-day collaboration with Parks Canada to bring community members, Parks staff, and Yukon archaeologists to a caribou fence and to monitor the condition of the fence, two learner-initiated projects, and collaboration with other researchers. (see Map 1).

a) Arctic Village, AK trail revitalization

On 18 March 2019, a party of four trail breakers set out to retrace the trail northwest from Old Crow to Arctic Village, Alaska, a distance of about 270 km. They were met part way by trail breakers from Arctic Village. The teams travelled the trail, provided ground-proofing data, brushed, opened and marked the trail.

b) Helicopter-assisted research

We established a 4-day camp on upper Driftwood River from July 17-21 to construct and install a fish trap, experiment with antler wedge tree cutting and connect with the northeastern region of the

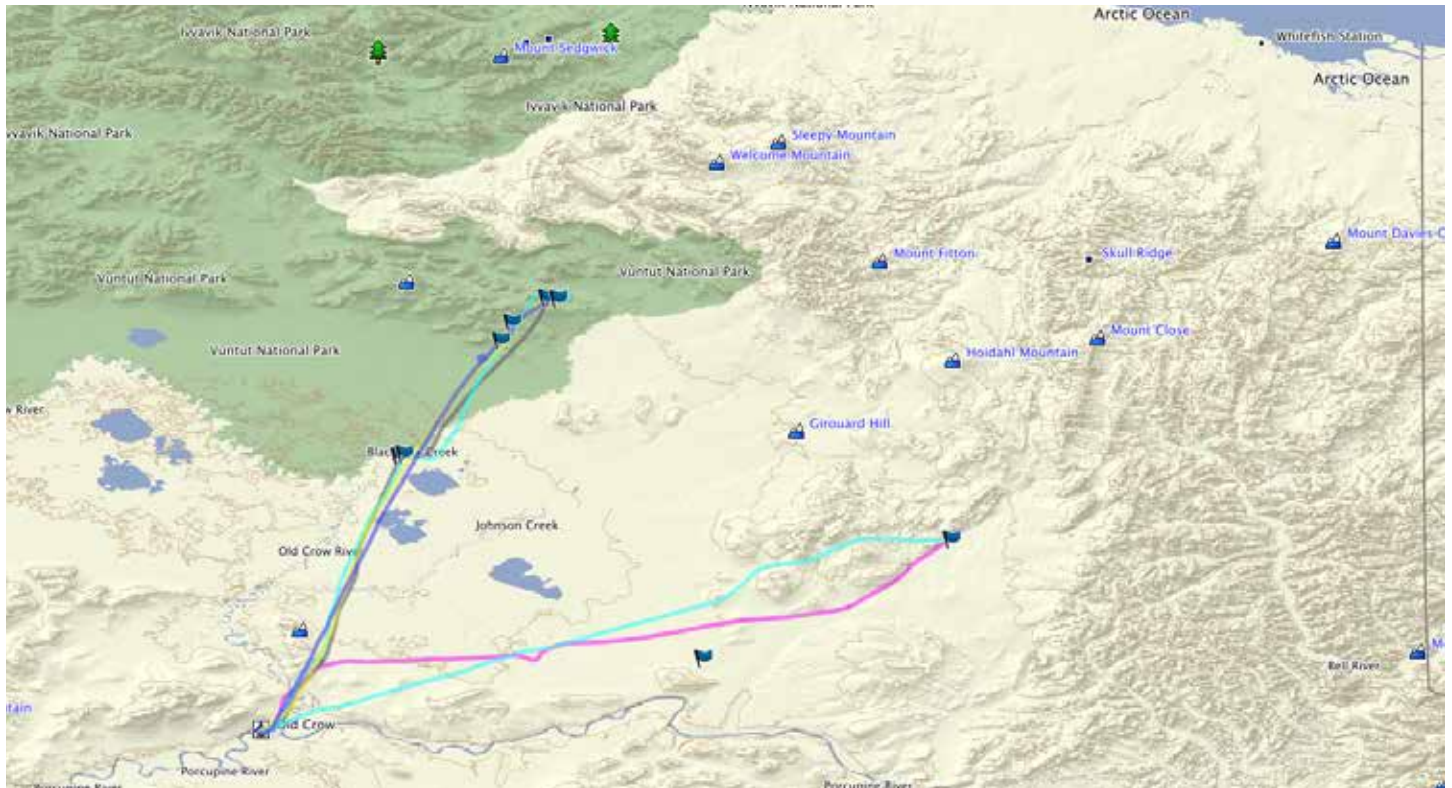


traditional territory, in the general vicinity of a series of caribou fences. Project activities began with background research seminars for 4 student/learners, who were also familiarized with the project DSLR camera and recording photo data, video filming, interviewing mentors/elders, and reviewed helicopter safety.

c) Caribou fence community visits

On 22 and 23 July 2019, we conducted two days of community caribou fence visits to Blackfox caribou fence #2 in collaboration with Parks Canada and Yukon Archaeology. Participants prepared for the experience in a seminar that featured background information in the form of a report by Parks Canada archaeologist David Arthurs, current interpretation of the fences by VGG Heritage Interpreter Brandon Kyikavichik, the caribou-fence interactive exhibit, and discussion of fence preservation, cultural protocols and helicopter safety. Community members then flew over the

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Map 1. Draft map of 2019 research locations

fence and outlying segments, landed near the pocket, and examined the fence and two caches. Community members and collaborators discussed the use of the fence and area by specific Van Tat Gwich'in ancestors and the impressive amount of work and knowledge that went into designing and constructing the fences.

This year, our helicopter-assisted research focussed on the Troo Chò Njik/Driftwood River camp and we visited fewer research locations than in recent years, albeit more times with more people. Nonetheless, along with heritage camp activities, interviews and flights also delved into historic land use, locational data, monitoring land and resource condition, and a variety of collaborations. The principal locations we examined were Van Tat Gwatsal, Troo Chò Njik/Driftwood River uplands, Blackfox Creek, Van Tat and the area to the northeast in the vicinity of the Blackfox caribou fences.

d) Mentoring 2019

The 2019 VGG Heritage mentoring program, begun in 2000, focussed on training/refreshing participants in video and still photography and data recording, travel and navigation on the land,

fish trap technology, and mentoring participants to research topics of particular interest to them. First, travel on the Arctic Village trail brought two elder/mentors and two learners together for a challenging and rewarding trail revitalization journey between the two Gwich'in communities. Then in summer 2019, learners pursued their own research topics, drawing on the VGG Oral History collections and elder interviews. Student/learner projects included the Gwich'in clan system, family life stories, genealogy and patronyms (family last names derived from male family members). Finally, learners participated in one of the camps, the Troo Chò Njik camp or the palaeontology collaboration camp, or visited the Bluefish Archaeology site.

e) Learner-initiated projects

2019 saw the continuation of two language-related learner-driven projects and the addition of a palaeontology/archaeology focussed project. Working closely with mentors, two experienced youth/learners continued the in-depth long-term projects they began in 2017, building on the impressive results they have achieved to date. Both projects focus on Gwich'in language and research and transmission of Gwich'in culture and history.

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Above: Gwich'in Direct Acquisition Program interviews at Troo Chòo Njik camp with Gwich'in mentors Joel Peter, Jane Montgomery and Marilyn Schafer by interviewer Sophia Flather. Right Above: Ty Heffner, Sharon Thomson, learner Brandon Kyikavichik and mentor Joel Peter at the community visit to Blackfox #2 caribou fence. Right Below: Caleb Charlie at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.



In the process, both learners have developed considerable Gwich'in fluency and literacy. A new learner took part in palaeontology research and followed this up with a visit to the collections from the Old Crow area at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

- Sophia Flather

Sophia spearheads the intensive immersion Gwich'in Direct Acquisition Program (GDAP), now in its third year. The program is based on a proven method by the Salish School of Spokane. It is targeted at adult learners and draws on fluent Gwich'in speakers as mentors and for audio recordings, stories and editing. In 2019, the GDAP included 2 days of immersion Gwich'in at the Troo Chòo Njik camp including intensive sessions with three elder/mentors.

- Brandon Kyikavichik

Brandon has been working with mentor/elder and fluent Gwich'in speaker Joel Peter on in-depth re-translations and transcription in modern Gwich'in orthography of some of the oldest interviews in the VG Oral History collections. In 2019, their work focussed on the genealogy of Gwich'in families associated with caribou fences, essentially linking the monumental caribou fence complexes with specific Gwich'in ancestors and families. As well, they revealed ancient family connections to specific areas and resources. This information is being passed to other learners, as well as visitors to the John Tizya Centre, in part through Brandon's

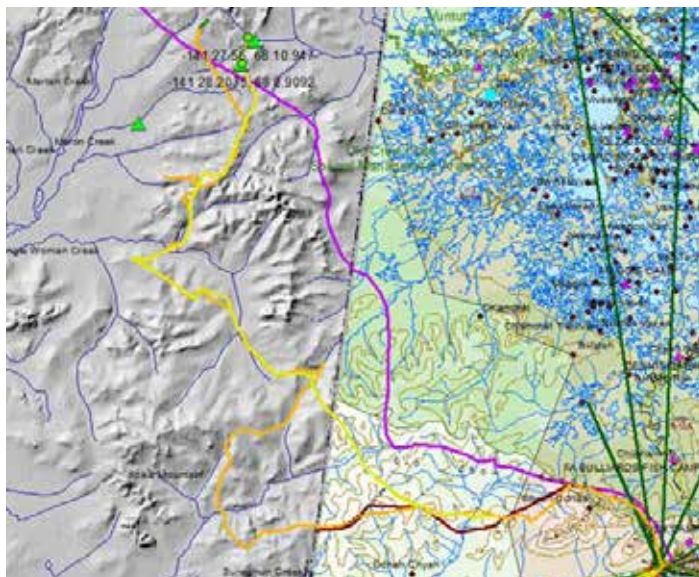


role as VGG Heritage Interpreter.

- Caleb Charlie

Caleb pursued his interest in palaeontology and archaeology by taking part in the palaeontology camp on the Crow River and visiting the archaeology research at Bluefish Caves. He then accompanied Yukon palaeontologist Grant Zazula to the Canadian Museum of Nature. There he was able to examine North America's oldest mammoth teeth, 25,000 year old horse bones with cutting/butchering marks made by humans, bone fishing lures and a beaded Gwich'in tunic from the 1880s, all from the Old Crow area. His experience highlighted the significant collections housed at the Museum that are largely inaccessible to the people where the materials are from and may stimulate increased access in future.

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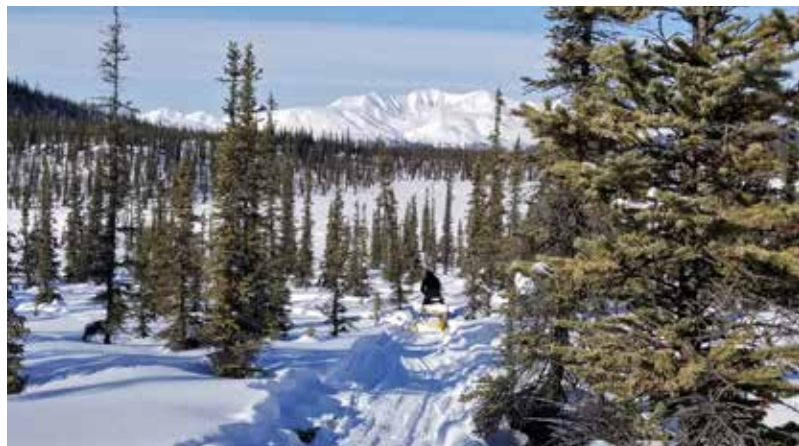


Map of Arctic Village trail expedition, March 2019

3. 2019 Heritage Trails Research & Reconnaissance: Arctic Village Alaska Trail

From 18 to 23 March 2019, elder/mentors Randal Francis and Esau Schafer travelled with experienced learners Joseph Bruce and Tyler Lord on the challenging and historic Gwich'in trail between Old Crow and Arctic Village. This route is an important connector between the two communities, as well as traversing resource-rich areas that featured caribou fences, fish rivers and lakes, rich moose habitat, and generally important resources for both Gwich'in groups. That said, the route is rugged and challenging and it has been six decades since it was last travelled.

Revitalizing the Arctic Village trail in 2019 involved retracing the trail and recording detailed GPS data of the current track, brushing and improving the usability of the route, and blazing and marking the trail. Given the length of time since the trail was last used, neither elder/mentor had travelled in this area before. Their knowledge of stories and the land in general enabled them to successfully complete the project. Along the way, they imparted their knowledge about the trail, its history of use, winter travel techniques and safety, and oral history about the use of the trail. As well, the trail crew



Above and below: On the Arctic Village trail. Photo JBruce ©VGFN



monitored weather, snow and travel conditions, changes in the landscape due to factors such as erosion and brushification associated with global warming (often necessitating rerouting of trail segments and heightened attention to travel safety), wildlife observations, and general environmental disturbances.

Significantly, a party from Arctic Village travelled to join the Old Crow crew at a difficult part of the trail. They were also joined by the resupply team of Robert Kyikavichik, Paul Josie and Sophia Flather from Old Crow. Sophia joined the party travelling on to Arctic Village.

In general, trail research and reconnaissance is a valuable tool for fostering hands-on/experiential learning of Gwich'in history and heritage and practical skills of safe travel, navigation and geographical knowledge. The Arctic Village trail expedition had the added benefit of connecting the two communities via a new generation of Gwich'in with experience on the land, promoting cultural continuity and leadership development.

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Arctic Village Trail Revitalization: Meeting of crews from Old Crow and Arctic Village. L-R Karlos Norman, Sophia Flather, Esau Schafer, Joseph Bruce, Tyler Lord Photo Robert Sam@VGG



Community visit to Blackfox #2 caribou fence with Parks Canada and Yukon Archaeology, 2019

4. 2019 Research Collaborations

2019 saw a significant number of research collaborations.

- Frequent collaborator Jeremy Bramer of Environment Canada spent over a month continuing to develop his muskrat ecology dataset.
- Arctic Village trail revitalization collaborated with trail breakers and the community from Arctic Village.
- Palaeontologists Grant Zazula, Elizabeth Hall and Margaret Curie worked with two Vuntut Gwich'in, Caleb Charlie and David Maxwell, along with Kasia Staniszevska who collected water samples. As well, paleontology was one of the projects that coordinated logistically, sharing helicopter time and, at times, exchanging knowledge.
- Yukon Archaeologists Ty Heffner, Jodie MacMillan and Dawson Beaulieu worked with U of Kansas researchers Dennis O'Rourke, Rolfe Mandel, Lauriane Bourgeon and Lauren Norman at Bluefish Caves sampling DNA and other features of the late-Pleistocene era site. Learners Caleb Charlie and Tugugan Swan visited the site. The research coordinated with other projects using the same helicopter and Ty Heffner returned to take part in the community caribou fence visit.
- Parks Canada (Jacqueline Menzies, Brenda Frost and Sharon Thomson) and VGG Heritage collaborated to bring community members to Blackfox 2 caribou fence over 2 days, joined by



Above: Yukon Archaeology team: Ty Heffner, Dawson Beaulieu and Jodie MacMillan

Below: Palaeontology assistant Caleb Charlie with mammoth tusk Photo Elizabeth Hall



Yukon Archaeologist Ty Heffner. The caribou fence visit was a rare opportunity for community members to travel to the distant fences, something that hasn't been done for over a decade. As well, Parks Canada staff documented the natural process of degradation of the fence in the past 10 years by re-photographing site features.

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Blackfox Caribou Fence #2, 2019

5. 2019 Interim Results

In spring 2019, VGG Heritage undertook a major trail revitalization project on the route to Arctic Village, Alaska, described previously. Then in July, the main focus of the helicopter-assisted research was putting in a camp at upper Troo Chòo Njik/Driftwood River. The location was chosen because it lies in a highly productive part of Van Tat Gwich'in traditional territory within the curved line of caribou fences north of Van Tat/Crow Flats that arcs northwest from Berry Creek to Thomas Creek and on into Alaska. There are three caribou fence complexes in the vicinity of upper Troo Chòo Njik.

There were four kinds of research and activities at the Troo Chòo Njik camp. Construction and installation of a fish trap was the main focus, time-wise. It required problem solving, traditional

knowledge and bush skills to design and install a fish trap system in the swift and variable water levels of the upper Driftwood River. Elder/mentor Danny Kassi overcame the difficulties and guided the entire camp to install the fish trap.

Other research activities at the camp included experimenting with antler wedges for tree cutting, conducting oral history interviews with elder/mentors, learners, and other participants, and a two-day immersion Gwich'in camp (described previously). As well, all of the activities were filmed by learners, who also photographed different aspects of camp activities.

Camps have the advantage of providing an enriched cultural experience because heritage and cultural activities occur during the entire stay in camp, including camp setup, cooking and camp cleanup, and frequent use of Gwich'in language. Booklets based on oral history and reflecting the themes of the camp and summer's research were also popular in camp.

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Above: Installing fish trap at Troo Chòo Njik/Driftwood River
Below: Gwich'in Direct Acquisition Language immersion camp mentors Joel Peter, Jane Montgomery & Marion Schafer with learner Brianna Tetlich

Above: Old Crow - Arctic Village Trail Reconnaissance crew
Below: Community visit to Blackfox #2 caribou fence

As mentioned previously, mentoring was an important part of 2019 research activities. 4 youth/learners took an active role in the research while learning about their culture, ancestors and history on the land.

Winter 2019-2020 activities will focus on processing the data: transcribing the oral history interviews; indexing video tapes; cataloguing photographs; updating databases (place names, interviews, video, GPS mapping, photographs); preparing reports; creating products such as language materials, maps, and educational materials. In 2019-20, we are continuing our large scale digital video and DAT conversion project. As in previous years, we will be applying for funding and liaising between Heritage staff, the Heritage Committee, VGG, the community, consultant, government agencies and other researchers. We will also review the results of 2019 research and produce detailed plans for 2020.

To summarize, our 2019 accomplishments were:

- 4 students/learners in mentoring program
- 4 filmers reoriented
- 3 student/learner-initiated projects
- 4-day research camp at upper Driftwood River
- 2-day Gwich'in Direct Acquisition Language Program immersion camp with 3 mentors & 4 learners
- 2 1-day community visits involving 12 community members to Blackfox Caribou Fence #2 with Parks Canada and Yukon Archaeology participation
- 1 Heritage Trail revitalized marked & GPS mapped
- 7 oral history interviews with student/learner participation
- 300+ oral history tapes digitized
- 684 student photos
- 789 project photos
- 47 minutes digital video
- 1 contaminated site identified & GPS mapped
- 1 new TrailMark database management program

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Boat expedition on Crow River in 2012 VG2012-03-76

6. Proposed 2020 Research

As in previous years, we are in the process of reviewing our 2019 research activities, assessing preliminary results, and planning 2020 research.

This year we are taking a longer, broader view, reviewing the results and experiences of the past two or more projects [VTG Navigation Systems Project 2011-2015 and VTG Historic Lifeways Project, ongoing] and revisiting our overall objectives. Our key finding is the need to pause, gather and evaluate our data, and produce a variety of larger scale products to maximize the utility of our research projects.

Consequently, we are planning a one-year hiatus in our helicopter-assisted research. This will result in

less data cataloguing and analysis, fewer reports, and generally free up time for larger products.

Along with a reduction in helicopter-assisted research, we are planning some smaller-scale research activities using boats and winter trail revitalization. Currently three areas are under consideration for boat expeditions: a canoe trip through Van Tat/Crow Flats; up Porcupine River to Fishing Branch River by boat; and by boat up Porcupine River to Bell River and then up the Bell to the Little Bell River. Each of these areas has specific research values and shares common qualities: sites of historic Gwich'in use, centres of strategic resources (muskrat and fine fur trapping, fisheries, trading and travel routes). Winter trails under consideration are an Access Ni'iinlii expedition to Fishing Branch; east to the mountain passes to Teetl'it Zheh/Fort McPherson via McDougall Pass; and a loop from Old Crow to Rampart House via the Bluefish Lake area. Each

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Above: Boating on the Porcupine River, circa 1930s. Photo Arthur Thornthwaite, Yukon Archives



Above: Four boats leaving Old Crow for Navigation Systems research, June 2013. Photo Megan Williams
Below: Boats at Rampart House, 2013. Photo Shirleen Smith

of these routes follows sections of historic trails and serves to renew traditional usage. Decisions about specific river and winter trails will depend on funding and other resources, available personnel and natural factors such as temperature (especially the onset of spring), snow pack and water levels.

As in previous years, the project will be developed and guided by the VG Heritage Committee and VGG Heritage Branch.

The project remains committed to our learner/youth mentoring program to partner learners with mentors and other information sources about Van Tat Gwich'in history and places on the land, as a further step in transmission of Gwich'in culture and history.

Although our research will be smaller scale in 2020-21, the Project will continue to collaborate with other researchers wherever possible, conduct environmental monitoring, record locations of trails and other cultural features, and contribute to VGG Heritage collections of data on VGG heritage and lands.

Research objectives for 2020-21 will focus on:

- in-depth investigation of selected historical and geographical topics
- preparatory background research drawing on VGG Heritage data and elders/mentors
- involvement, training and mentoring of a group of Van Tat Gwich'in students and learners
- research in geographical locations in the general



areas outlined. Specific locations in these areas will be selected for relevance to research goals and availability of knowledgeable mentors


- production of interpretive and educational materials such as Gwich'in language booklets drawn from the oral history collections, and substantial products
- dissemination of interpretive materials and Gwich'in history, culture and language
- emphasis on fostering Gwich'in language
- collaboration with academic researchers
- training and orientation seminars and community presentations
- recording precise locational information on significant Gwich'in historic locations, routes and landmarks
- routine environmental and heritage resource monitoring

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On the route to Arctic Village Alaska, March 2019 Photo Robert Sam

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7. 2019 Project Supporters

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, PARKS CANADA, VUNTUT NATIONAL PARK

in kind: salaries, equipment, expertise

OBJECTIVES: Vuntut National Park was established in 1995 as part of the Vuntut Gwich'in First Nation Final Agreement, to conserve, protect and present to Canadians a portion of the North Yukon Natural Region, to recognize Vuntut Gwich'in history and culture and to protect the traditional and current use of the park by the Vuntut Gwich'in. Parks Canada supports the Historic Lifeways Project and previous research through the participation of Parks staff in research, training and interpretation, and provision of equipment, supplies, logistics assistance and expertise.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, POLAR CONTINENTAL SHELF PROJECT

33.3 hours helicopter support [valued at \$67,532.40]

OBJECTIVES: The Polar Continental Shelf Project provides critical logistical support for arctic research. The PCSP funds the Van Tat Gwich'in Historic Lifeways Project under its Traditional Knowledge Program and its commitment to support research relevant to northern Aboriginal communities which fosters development of their research capability.

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VUNTUT GWITCHIN GOVERNMENT

in kind: salaries, office space and facilities, project management

OBJECTIVES: The VGG directs the Historic Lifeways Project and provides the services of the VGG Heritage Manager, Heritage Coordinator and seasonal Heritage Department personnel, arranges logistics and expediting for researchers and other project personnel, liaises between community resources and the project, provides office facilities, meeting and storage spaces, facilitates Heritage Committee meetings which direct the project, and provides general logistical and administrative support. VGG support includes Gwich'in language programs formerly covered by the federal Aboriginal Language Services.



Arctic poppy at Blackfox Caribou Fence

YUKON GOVERNMENT, TOURISM and CULTURE HERITAGE TRAILS \$20,000

OBJECTIVES: The Yukon Heritage Trails Program provides support for research, planning, improvement and development of heritage trails throughout Yukon. Support for the Historic Lifeways Project in 2019 was directed toward revitalizing and documenting the trail between Arctic Village AK and Old Crow YK to make Van Tat Gwich'in heritage trails available to the community, younger generations, and the wider public.



YUKON GOVERNMENT, TOURISM and CULTURE SPECIAL PROJECTS CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM \$14,000

OBJECTIVES: The Yukon Special Projects Capital Assistance Program provides eligible museums and First Nation cultural centres with project funding in areas that include exhibit planning/development, small capital acquisition, artifact inventory and cataloguing, small conservation projects, cooperative marketing ventures, and revenue generation enhancement. 2019 funding was directed toward digitizing VGG Heritage audio tapes.



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Troo Chòo Njik/Driftwood River camp participants with fish trap
Photo Connor Gould

8. 2019 Project Participants

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Mary Jane Moses
Shirleen Smith
Megan Williams

VG Filmers

Mary Jane Moses
Janelle Abel-Chitze
Serena Schafer
Brianna Tetlich

Language transcription & cultural research

Brandon Kyikavichik (learner)
Joel Peter (mentor/elder)

Muskrat research

Jeremy Bramer

Logistics

Connor Gould (pilot)

Food/Catering

Margaret Frost
Rosalee Abel
Elizabeth Kaye

Youth/Students/Learners

Teryn Kassi
Janelle Abel-Chitze
Serena Schafer
Tugugan Swan

Gwich'in Direct Acquisition Language Program

Sophia Flather
Brianna Tetlich
Kathie Charlie
Rhiana Kyikavichik

Community Caribou Fence

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Ty Heffner (Yukon Archaeology)
Jacqueline Menzies (PC)
Sharon Thomson (PC)
Brenda Frost (PC)
Jane Montgomery
Marion Schafer
Lorraine Netro
Joel Peter
Katherine Peter
Danny Kassi
Rosie McWhirter
Norman Linklater

Yukon Paleontology

Margaret Curie
Elizabeth Hall
Grant Zazula

Heritage Trails - Arctic

Village Trail
Joseph Bruce
Tyler Lord
Sophia Flather
Randal Francis
Esau Schafer

Arctic Village Trail

Resupply
Sophia Flather
Paul Josie
Robert Kyikavichik

Arctic Village snowmobilers

Robert Sam
Wilbert Kendi
Karlos Norman
James Martin

Yukon Archaeology

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