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NVD Launches Unique Yukon 2017 Time Vault Project

Northern Vision Development (NVD) is initiating a unique project to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary, along with other members of the Yukon business community.

The company announced Monday it is launching the Yukon 2017 Time Vault project. The vault will be about half the size of a shipping container, to be filled with objects that represent Yukon in 2017. It will be completed and sealed by July, 2018 and will remain unopened until 2167, 150 years from now.

The Yukon 2017 Time Vault will be located on the corner of Front and Ogilvie Streets across from Shipyards Park in downtown Whitehorse on a small parcel of land that is owned by NVD.

"Our vision is to transform this property into a small community park that will be treasure for all Yukoners," said NVD Chair Piers McDonald. "For the next 150 years, Yukoners will be able to enjoy this pocket park as a relaxing oasis in the hub of the city. Then on Canada's 300th anniversary, the park's buried treasure will be revealed when the Time Vault is opened."

"The contents will be a snapshot of Yukon today, depicting everyday living, recreation and work," said McDonald. "It will be a gift from the people of the present to the people of the future."

The Time Vault will measure about half the size of a shipping container, approximately 3 x 3 x 2.5 metres. It will be constructed to stand up to environmental challenges for the next 150 years – from temperature to moisture to structural integrity – to protect its contents for the future.

"We have presented the concept to a number of Yukon businesses and the response to date has been extremely supportive," said NVD Chief Executive Officer Rich Thompson. "We need their technical expertise to will make this project a reality. We are very pleased to announce today that two Yukon businesses have stepped up to provide critical services for the construction of the Time Vault, along with many other pledges of support."

Stantec has offered to provide engineering and architectural expertise for the project, and Underhill Geomatics Ltd. will provide engineering and land surveying services.

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The contents of the Yukon 2017 Time Vault will be chosen by the members of a community-based selection committee. There is also a plan to include representative objects from each of Canada's other 12 territories and provinces, with assistance by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

NVD operates hotels and develops and manages commercial and residential real estate, primarily in Whitehorse. NVD LP is approximately 40 per cent owned by Yukon First Nations and has operated in the Yukon since 2004.

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**The Yukon 2017 Time Vault project
Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the project?

Northern Vision Development is spearheading a unique business-driven community project to commemorate the 150th birthday of Canada as a nation. The Yukon 2017 Time Vault will be a large, buried container filled with objects from 2017, to be opened 150 years from now on Canada's 300th birthday.

The Time Vault will be located across from Shipyards Park in downtown Whitehorse at the corner of Front and Ogilvie Streets on property donated by NVD. The lot will be landscaped and dedicated as a community park. The location of the Time Vault will be marked by a specially commissioned monument or statue.

Why is NVD doing this?

As a proud member of the Yukon business community, NVD has a vision for a project that will engage Yukoners in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada and bring together Yukon businesses in creating a community legacy. The completed project will enhance the City of Whitehorse with the creation of a public park that can be enjoyed by all Yukoners.

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What is the timing of the project?

The design and fabrication of the Time Vault will start in the summer of 2017. The criteria for the contents will be developed by the fall of 2017, with several intake dates for contents until the end of this year. Site preparation will start in the fall of 2017. The Time Vault contents will be placed in the container in the spring of 2018 and sealed for the next 150 years. Final landscaping of the park will be completed by early summer of 2018.

What will go into the Time Vault?

The contents will portray a snapshot of Yukon today, depicting everyday living, work and recreation. The majority of the selected objects will be new items in mint condition. There is also a plan to include representative objects from each of Canada's other 12 territories and provinces, with assistance from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in gathering those items.

How will the contents be selected?

A Selection Committee of community members is being formed. The committee will develop the criteria for the contents of the Time Vault, and review and select the objects to be placed in it. There will be several intake dates for contributions of objects.

How will the public know what the contents are?

NVD will set up a public viewing gallery in its Waterfront Station property on Second Avenue in Whitehorse. The gallery will have displays and signage depicting some of the contents as they are chosen. A plaque or signage with a list of the final contents will be placed in the community park after the Time Vault has been sealed and buried.