



FRIENDS OF MCINTYRE CREEK

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Garbage Removal Project

Today was a sense of accomplishment for the Friends of McIntyre Creek.

Two years ago a Whitehorse resident dumped some large household articles over the cliff at a very well used wildlife viewing site.

The Friends of McIntyre Creek's mandate is to monitor and preserve the integrity of the Creek. We therefore took action to deal with this careless dumping of waste, not only an eyesore, but a real threat of toxic contamination to the fauna and flora of the Creek.

The Friends of McIntyre Creek approached Heli Dynamics to see if they would work with us to air lift this garbage to a place that the City of Whitehorse could manage the disposal.

Heli Dynamics quoted us a fair price for the job and we were thereby able to approach The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust for sponsorship for the charter of the helicopter. This being confirmed, we proceeded with the involvement of City and Yukon Government with the decision to wait until the ground froze, enabling us to gather the garbage into a net for retrieval.

On December 15th three nets full of garbage were lifted by helicopter from the valley floor and placed in a turnaround big enough for the City's truck and loader.

Many thanks to **Ta'an Kwach'an Council** and their wildlife technician **Phil Emerson**, who gathered the garbage into the net.

Many thanks to President of the **Whitehorse Disc Golf Association, Ryan Norquay**, who worked along side of Phil, also donating his time and energy to gather the garbage into the nets.

Many thanks to **Heli Dynamics** for the assistance they provided to lift the 3 nets full to a better place.

Many thanks goes to **Marc Boulerville** from City of Whitehorse Parks Department for his help in getting the dump truck and loader and being by for extra hands when needed. The Friends of McIntyre Creek will continue to monitor all areas for garbage dumping and abuse to the water shed.

As well we continually monitor the health and status of our wetlands and streams through our official Wetland Keepers program and Stream Keepers program.

Please help us to keep this area in its untainted, natural state for all to enjoy.

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Final Report Budget Sheet

Expenditures Categories	Items	Projected costs	Actual costs	Recipients included
Helicopter	1	\$3000	\$2000	Heli Dynamics
Advertising	1	\$500.00	\$497.77	Whitehorse Star
Advertising	1	\$500	479.12	Yukon News
Labor	1	In kind	In kind	2 men
Dump Truck Loader	1	In kind	In kind	City of Whitehorse
Organization	1	In kind	In kind	Friends of McIntyre Creek Society