

THE EMERGENCE OF THE YUKON HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE BIRTH OF KWANLIN DUN HOUSING

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Project Origins

- SERNNoCa (Frances Abele)
- Poverty report (May 2012)
- Christina Sim
- Luigi Zanasi

Theoretical Framework

- Housing need is largely a function of income.
- Those with poor housing tend to be lower-income households.

Scope

- The Yukon
- Focus on 1970-2000



Methods

- Archival work
- Key informant interviews (two types)
- Lit Review

Emerging Themes

| Date | Development |
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| 1972 | Establishment of Yukon Housing Corp. |
| 72-78 | 220 units of public housing built |
| Early 80s | Scaling Back |
| Late 80s | Resurgence of Housing Corp. |
| 1990s | Federal Withdrawal |

Emerging Themes (cont'd)

- Squatting and Removal of Squatters
- Relocations (esp. Kwanlin Dun)
- Jurisdiction w.r.t. First Nations

Dissemination Possibilities

- *Canadian Review of Social Policy*
- Late-2013/Early-2014 Launch in Whitehorse
- Plain Language Summaries
- Executive Summaries

Status

- Interviews with Elders completed in Feb. '13
- Archival research completed in Mar '13
- Lit review to continue into spring/summer

Status (cont'd)

- Some former public servants have been interviewed
- Telephone interviews with more public servants to take place this spring
- Early draft(s) to be circulated in summer

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