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**Coudert Hall SR
School Narrative
May 4, 2005**

This School Narrative summarizes documents that provide an over-view of the history and administration of the school.

NAME OF SCHOOL AND VARIANTS

- **Whitehorse Roman Catholic Hostel** [YS000333A] 1960-1966
Whitehorse R.C. Indian Hostel [YS000842]
Whitehorse Hostel [YS000371]
Our Lady of Whitehorse Hostel [YS000371]
Whitehorse Indian Hostel [YS005081]

- **Coudert Residence** [YS000134] 1967-1970
Coudert Student Residence [YS004004B]
Coudert Hall [YS002438]

- **Whitehorse Student Residence** (Yukon Hall and Coudert Hall) 1970-1972
[YS005159]
Coudert Hall [YS005103]
Coudert Residence [YS002870]

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

- 1957, Jan Planned establishment of a hostel in Whitehorse to be conducted under Roman Catholic auspices and called the Whitehorse Hostel [CH000021]
- c. 1960 Whitehorse R.C. Hostel to open September 1960 and house approximately 100 Roman Catholic children who will attend class at Christ the King School in the town [YS000333A]
- 1960, Aug Agreement between the Government and the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation (RCEC) of Whitehorse stated, "Whereas the parties hereto have agreed to share between them the cost of a school for Indian and non-Indian children, to be known as Christ the King School Annex." Part of the agreement also stated the RCEC shall, "Accept for enrolment in the school fifty children of Indian status resident at the Whitehorse Roman Catholic Indian Hostel" [YS000842]
- 1960, Sept Whitehorse Roman Catholic Hostel opened. Forty-seven Grade 8-12 Indian students admitted to the hostel on September 15th, 1960. Part-way through the year some students were set back a grade including some Grade 8 students set back to Grade 7 [YS000054]
- 1960, Sept Chief of Education suggested only 10 non-native students should be admitted to Whitehorse Roman Catholic Hostel [YS000365]

1960, Sept Three of the Indian students who resided at the hostel attended grades 11 and 12 at the Whitehorse Public High School [YS000836]

1961, Jul Government decided to keep grades 7 to 12 at Whitehorse Hostel for September 1961 [YS000413]

1962, Jan District Superintendent stated most of the children staying at the Whitehorse hostels were attending Christ the King High School and Selkirk Street school [CH000044]

1962, Aug Indian Superintendent suggested a priority enrolment for the Whitehorse Hostels to have them operating in full capacity whereby Indian status children were to be given first chance for admission [YS000408]

1963, Mar Possibility of amalgamating Yukon Hostel and Whitehorse Hostel suggested [YS003071]

1963, Apr Two non-Indian students resided at Whitehorse Hostel. Indian Superintendent believed non-Indian students should be admitted to the extent of available space on payment of an appropriate rate of board [YS000406]

1963, May Whitehorse Hostel accommodated students in grades 6-11 [YS000152A]

1963, June Indian Superintendent advised that non-Indian children may be admitted to Yukon Hall and Whitehorse Hostel on the same basis as Indian students subject to the availability of space [YS004214]

1963, Sept Whitehorse Hostel accommodated students in grades 5-11 [YS008345A]

1965, Jan Whitehorse Hostel accommodated students in grade 6 and up [YS000081]

1966, Feb Whitehorse Hostel accommodated students in grade 6 and up [YS000126]

1966, Dec Report indicated 15 of the 54 students present at the hostel were in the elementary grades [YS004038A]

1967, Jan Whitehorse Hostel accommodated students aged 13-18 [YS002328]

1967, Jan The name of Whitehorse Hostel changed to Coudert Residence as of January 3, 1967 [YS00134]

c. 1968 Survey of Yukon Indian children for the year of 1968-1969 reported the hostel housed children from grades 6-12 and one grade 3 student [YS004004B]

1968, Nov. Coudert Residence housed children from grades 7-12 [YS002445]

c. 1970 Proposal that as of September 1, 1970, students will be divided between

- Coudert Residence and Yukon Hall by age. The likely dividing point to be age 12 [YS002570A]
- 1970, Apr Student list for the hostel recorded students in grades 2, 4, and 6-12 [YS008393A]
- 1970, Apr Plan to enroll the younger children at Coudert Residence and the older children at Yukon Hall [YS002564]
- 1970, July Yukon Hall and Coudert Residence to become one multi-denominational institution under a single administration effective September 1, 1970 [YS002552]
- 1970, Aug Coudert Residence to house children from 6 to 12 years of age and Yukon Hall to house children 13 years of age and older [YS004083A]
- 1970, Sept Yukon Hall and Coudert Residence combined to form the Whitehorse Student Residence under the direction of the Government [YS005159]
- 1971, Aug Recommendation that the smaller Coudert Residence be closed before the start of the next school year because of the high costs of operating two residences [YS002438]
- 1971, Aug Plan to combine all student dormitories in Yukon Hall with the staff to reside in the Coudert Residence. The final disposition of Coudert Residence to be the subject of future consultation [YS002877]
- 1971, Aug Coudert Residence to be closed to students within a few weeks and used for some of the Whitehorse Student Residence's staff [YS004054A]
- 1971, Sept Residents of the Whitehorse Student Residence amalgamated and resided at Yukon Hall. Coudert Residence no longer housed students [YS005103]
- 1971, Sept The Coudert Residence was to become surplus to requirements. The Yukon Native Brotherhood showed interest in taking over the building to turn it into an Indian Cultural Centre [YS002870]
- 1971, Nov Amalgamation of the two hostels completed as all students resided in the former Yukon Hall building with all kitchen, laundry, and janitorial services combined in the one building. The Coudert Hall building was being used to accommodate staff of the Whitehorse Student Residence [YS002862]

MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL

Dates managed by Church

The Catholic Church managed the hostel from its opening until June 1970.

- 1960, June Madonna House Apostolate was staffing the new Whitehorse Roman Catholic Hostel [YS000372]
- 1960, Aug Agreement between the Government and the RCEC of Whitehorse stated: “Whereas the parties hereto have agreed to share between them the cost of a school for Indian and non-Indian children, to be known as Christ the King School Annex.” Part of the agreement stated RCEC shall, “Accept for enrolment in the school fifty (50) children of Indian status resident at the Whitehorse Roman Catholic Indian Hostel [YS000842]
- 1960, Oct Treasury Board Minute recommended that authority be granted to enter into an agreement with the RCEC for the provision of junior and senior high school facilities at Christ the King Annex School for Indian students residing in the Whitehorse Roman Catholic Indian Hostel [YS000837]
- 1962, Mar Agreement between the Government and the RCEC where the Government will provide funds for the hostel and RCEC will manage and operate the hostel [YS000063]
- 1963, Dec Sisters of Providence interested in taking over the administration of the Whitehorse Hostel [YS003695]
- 1964, March Sisters of Providence would not be the Order taking over the supervision of the hostel [YS000147]
- 1964, June The Madonna House Institute to give up their supervision at the hostel. Father Marcel Piche of the Institute of the Voluntas Dei was to takeover the hostel August 1, 1964 [YS000144]
- 1970, Apr With the Whitehorse hostels to become non-denominational in September 1970, the RCEC advised it would withdraw from any responsibility in Coudert Residence as of June 30, 1970 and the new hostel arrangement would annul the contract between the RCEC and the Government signed in 1962 for the administration of Coudert Residence [YS005079A]
- 1970, Sept Provisions made for appointed chaplaincy services which left the Church with no role in the administration of the new Whitehorse Student Residence [YS002438]

Dates managed by Federal Government

The Federal Government managed the hostel from July 1970 until it closed its doors to students in September 1971.

- 1970, Jul The Federal Government was operating the Whitehorse hostels and trying to transfer control of the residences to the Yukon Government as soon as possible [YS002552]

- 1970, Sept Yukon Hall and Coudert Residence were combined to form the Whitehorse Student Residence under the direction of the Federal Government [YS005159]
- 1971, Aug The Federal Government's attempts to transfer the Whitehorse Student Residence to the Government of the Yukon had been unsuccessful. The Commissioner of the Yukon had not agreed to accept responsibility for the administration of the two residences [YS002438]

Yukon Territory Involvement

It is unclear to what extent the Yukon Territory were involved with the hostel. The evidence does suggest however, that the Territory was never involved with the actual management of the hostel.

- c. 1969 Although the Yukon Territory took over the administration of education of Indian children in the Yukon, the Federal Government still operated the two Whitehorse student residences [YS004004B]
- 1969, May The Yukon Government was to be solely responsible for providing educational services for children resident in the Yukon Territory, as of September 1969. The Yukon Government also to set up criteria for "institutionalization" in the two hostels [YS005072D]
- 1969, Nov Statement from the Yukon Territorial Department of Education, whereby they were to exercise complete control of all education, and education services for children of the Yukon encompassing all Yukon students [YS002580A]
- 1970, July Whitehorse hostels operated by the Federal Government working in co-operation with the Yukon Department of Education which provided integrated schooling for all Yukon students including Indians. The Federal Government was looking to transfer the administration of the Whitehorse hostels to the Yukon Territory [YS002552]
- 1971, Aug Attempts to transfer the administration of the Whitehorse Student Residence to the Yukon Government had been unsuccessful [YS005043A]
- 1972, May Yukon Commissioner asked for Coudert Hall to use as a juvenile training centre in connection with its Correction Program. The residence had been offered to the Yukon Territory several times previously but they had not been interested [YS004023A]

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

- 1960, Sept Construction of Whitehorse Roman Catholic Hostel completed [YS000054]

- 1961, Jan Two of the smaller boys' dormitories had been allocated to sleeping quarters for the male staff [YS000504]
- 1963, Aug A three car garage to be constructed at the hostel [YS001060]
- c. 1965 Budget report indicated general renovations and improvements to occur at the hostel [YS001065]
- 1965, Feb No staff houses or accommodations located at the hostel suitable for married staff [YS003009]
- 1967, Jan A detailed study of the cost of renovating Yukon Hall and Whitehorse Hostel to accommodate two students per bedroom completed [YS004112]
- 1968, Oct Proposal to install lighting for the outdoor hockey rink at the hostel approved [YS000425]
- 1972, Dec Hostel building leased out to the Yukon Native Brotherhood [YS005103]

LAND

- Undated A preliminary sketch of Whitehorse High School (Christ the King Annex) shows the school to be located next to Whitehorse Hostel on Nisutlin Drive in Whitehorse [YS000805A]
- c. 1960 Construction difficulties caused the site of the hostel building to change. The site was moved to the extreme southeast boundary of the property which was bound by Federal Government-owned land [CH000023]
- c. 1960 The new Whitehorse Roman Catholic Hostel was to open up in September on Nistulin Drive in Whitehorse across the road from the Yukon Protestant Hostel [YS000333A]
- 1961, Jan Recommendation put forward to extend the hostel property by 100 feet to protect the surroundings and privacy of the hostel [CH000023]
- 1962, May Lot 333 on which Whitehorse Hostel was located, was to have its depth increased by 100 feet [YS005081]
- 1970, Aug The Whitehorse hostels were located facing one another on the extension of Lewes Boulevard in Riverdale, near the Yukon River [YS004083A]

PHOTOS, PLANS AND OTHER MEDIA

CH000108 Undated Photograph of Whitehorse Hostel

YS000805A	c. 1959	Preliminary sketch of Whitehorse Catholic High School (Christ the King Annex) shows the school to be located next to the Catholic Hostel on Nisutlin Drive
YS000179	12/00/1961	Sketch of the hostel kitchen
CH000119B	c. 1962	Plan showing Lot 333 on which the hostel was located. Also shows a planned addition to the lot
YS004083A	08/18/1970	Photograph of Coudert Residence in a newspaper article

GENERAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME

60 - 46 students in residence
61 - 34 students in residence
62 - 33 students in residence
63 - 67 students in residence
64 - 70 students in residence
65 - 68 students in residence
66 - 68 students in residence
67 - 64 students in residence
68 - 69 students in residence
69 - 58 students in residence
70 - 41 students in residence
71 - 73 students in residence

STUDENTS FROM OTHER RESERVES

Students from, at least, the following bands attended Coudert Student Residence:

Aishihik, Atlin-Teslin, Burwash, Carcross, Carmacks, Casca, Champagne, Dawson, Finlay River, Fort Nelson, Fort Ware, Frances Lake, Hudson Hope, Liard River, Kluane, Mayo, Nelson River, Ross River, Selkirk, Tahltan, Teslin, White River, Whitehorse

There may be alternate ways of spelling these band names.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Whitehorse [YS000842]
Madonna House Apostolate (Institute) [YS000372]
Institute Voluntas Dei [YS000144]
Institute of the Oblates of the Immaculate Mary [YS000144]

WRITTEN AGREEMENTS

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- 1962, Mar Agreement between the Federal Government and the RCEC where the Federal Government will provide funds for the hostel and the RCEC will manage and operate the hostel. Agreement outlines several conditions related to the running of the hostel for both parties. One condition stated the RCEC would be responsible for appointing a principal of the hostel subject to approval by the Federal Government [YS000063]
- 1968, Dec Agreement between the Federal Government and Commissioner of the Yukon Territory. The agreement released the parties from previous agreements regarding the payments of tuition fees for Native children attending Territorial Schools [YS000795]

DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO SCHOOL INCIDENTS

Incidents (Sexual)

- 1970-71 Claude Frappier pleaded guilty to 13 counts of indecent assault and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for five years on June 29, 1990. Frappier commenced his employment as a child care worker at Coudert Hall in September 1970. He was dismissed of his duties on October 23, 1971 [YS000201]
- Please note that Yukon Hall and Coudert Hall were administratively merged in September 1970. Both hostels remained open to students and the new institution was called Whitehorse Student Residence. In September 1971, Coudert Hall was closed to students and all students resided at Yukon Hall.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- c. 1961 Principal Cullinane reported a deteriorating academic situation leading to a pronounced frustration from the students being unable to cope with the academic program [YS000054]
- 1961, April Four girls ran away from the hostel. Two girls were over the age of 16 and were expelled under hostel policy. The other two girls were to be retrieved by the RCMP [YS000035]

- 1962, Jan Principal Cullinane reported that the overwhelming majority of students had received poor grades and did not appear to be learning much in school. He stated that the hostel had become more settled and that weak and emotionally insecure teachers had been replaced by more stable and secure ones. He predicted a high drop-out rate again in June [CH000060]
- 1965, Mar Report issued regarding corporal punishment given to three female students who left the hostel one weekend without permission [YS000125]
- 1966, Feb Issue raised of cigarettes and alcohol being introduced to the students at the hostel. Hostel had a special smoking lounge and students had been disciplined for bringing liquor into the hostel. One student had been expelled and another had been put on probation [YS000131]
- 1966, Dec Report indicated 22 of the 54 students who resided at the hostel were from British Columbia [YS004038A]
- 1968, Sept During the 1967/68 school year approximately 60% of the students at the hostel were residents of British Columbia [YS002449]
- 1970 A Health Inspection Report documented some unsanitary conditions at the hostel. Several food preparation items in the kitchen were unclean and the cutlery was found to be in poor condition. The carpet and ashtray in the senior boys' lounge were unclean and the chairs were badly in need of repair. The washroom received a poor review as the washbasins, toilets, baths, and curtains were all unclean. The recreational room was also found unclean. The girls' dorms were found to be in very good condition [YS005043]
- 1971, June Sunday services for children had been held by the Roman Catholic Chaplain at the Coudert Residence Chapel [YS005159]

PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS

Cullinane, Rev. Eugene A.	Principal	12/15/1959 - 07/02/1964
Piche, Rev. Father Marcel	Administrator	08/00/1964 - 06/00/1966
Michaud, Father Gerald	Principal	07/26/1966 - 12/00/1966, 04/00/1967 - 04/00/1970
Framboise, Clement	Principal	12/00/1966 - 03/00/1967
Carrier, Evelyn	Principal	06/00/1970 - 09/00/1970
Johnson, Keith W.	Administrator	09/00/1970 - closure

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