

Mayor and Council

Aug.27,2019

City of Whitehorse

It has come to our attention that the City of Whitehorse is, once again, trying to collect taxes from a long-time major attraction of the City. MacBride Museum has been exempted from paying taxes since it's establishment in 1950.

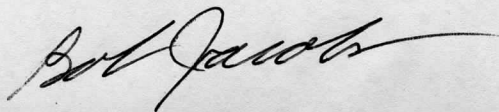
As one of the first Yukon Museums, run mostly by Volunteers. It has done a extremely remarkable job preserving, showcasing, and informing local citizens, business travellers, and tourists of our history.

The fact that the recent improvements, and additions to the premises ( funded and supported by various levels of governments) have increased the value should not be reason to now collect taxes. They should continue in perpetuity to be exempted from paying taxes, as has been the case for the last 67 or so years.

The MacBride Museum has limited incomes and can not afford to pay the recent city taxes and still operate. Jacobs Industries Ltd has been a family operated business in Whitehorse since 1943. It employs 10 to 15 persons full time, has contributed substantially to the operation of the Museum over the years.

We stongly encourage the City to revisit the decision to collect taxes from the Museum, and to make the museum tax free in perpetuity. Paying the current tax charge would deliver a crippling blow and probably eliminate any future improvements and endeavours to continue to expand the preservation of our history.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jacobs", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert Jacobs,

President:

Jacobs Industries Ltd, Arctic Respiratory Services