



Klondike Gold Rush History podcast

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Yukoners launch Klondike Gold Rush History podcast for summer Covid listening by both Sourdoughs & Cheeckakos

WHITEHORSE, June 9, 2020 - Two Yukoners released the first episode of the *Klondike Gold Rush History* podcast today, available on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher and Spotify. The podcast will bring Yukoners, Alaskans and tourists the epic stories of the Klondike gold rush in an easy-to-listen narrative over 25 episodes, to be released over the summer and next winter.

Written during the Covid-19 lockdown, the podcast aims to provide interesting listening for Yukoners and Alaskans sick of Netflix and hoping to reconnect to the amazing personal sagas of the Stampeders and Yukon First Nations people. After lockdown, the authors hope students and tourists will enjoy the show too.

The series is designed to take about the time needed to travel the Trail of 1898 from Dyea to Dawson, in your podcast equipped pickup and not by mule, boat or dogsled of course.

“I grew up listening to old family tales about the Gold Rush, and a Covid podcast is a great way to share the Stampede stories,” said Pascale Halliday, one of the authors and narrators. “It’s been a lot of fun to re-read the classic history books and pull it together into something that will be fun to listen to on a Yukon roadtrip or walking the dog.”

The podcast is a labour of love by two Yukoners with a passion for local history. Pascale Halliday is a descendant of gold rush stampeders who loves giving historical walking tours around Whitehorse, and is currently studying history at the University of Victoria. Keith Halliday is the author of *Aurore of the Yukon* and the *MacBride Yukon Kids Series* of historical adventure novels for young Yukoners.

“We found ourselves watching a lot of Netflix and listening to a lot of podcasts,” said Keith Halliday. “But when we looked for a good narrative podcast about the biggest single event to happen in our part of the world, we couldn’t find one. So we decided to make one ourselves.”

The episodes are about 20 minutes long and will be released roughly every two weeks. They will cover the historical timeline, as well as special episodes on famous gold rush characters such as Soapy Smith, Keish (also known as Skookum Jim) and Klondike Kate. There will also be deep dives on things you need to know, like how to stake a claim and build an 1898-style sluice box.

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