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Coordinator position for single parent family complex to continue

WHITEHORSE—A local pilot project featuring direct programming and services for tenants of the Whitehorse Affordable Family Housing complex in Riverdale is progressing successfully and will be continued, announced the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation (YHC) Scott Kent and the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor.

"We are taking an interactive approach on this family housing project to create a positive environment for families in need," Kent said. "For individuals raising children on their own, the support and the sense of community in this complex benefits the well-being of the family."

The coordinator carries out a dual role as onsite program coordinator and tenant relations officer. In the coordinator role this individual will continue to support and deliver workshops for tenants, provide drop-in activities at the family resource centre and conduct tenant meetings. In the tenant relations officer role the position will be responsible for housing intakes, moves, unit inspections and complaint investigation.

"An onsite program coordinator who supports single parent families has been critical to the success of this innovative housing initiative," Taylor said. "This project has contributed to a safe and healthy environment for families while promoting independent living through a variety of programs."

The Women's Directorate and Yukon Housing Corporation will continue to work together to provide support to the position and programming to ensure continued success.

The 32-unit complex was completed in November 2010 and funded through the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan.

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