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## Yukon delivering on new residential lots

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is on track to release more than 100 new residential lots in Phase 1 of the Whistle Bend subdivision, the single largest subdivision project ever undertaken in Yukon, Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor announced today. This is in addition to a number of other subdivision projects which are being planned and developed across the territory.

Duplex lots start at \$76,000 and will be sold in pairs. Single family lots start at \$104,000 and multi-family lots start at \$180,000. The lots are being offered at development cost and are valued approximately 6.5 per cent below market value.

"This approach offers new lots at the most cost effective price for new homeowners starting out in the new Whistle Bend subdivision," Taylor said. "Development costs include sidewalks and roads, parks and trails, water and wastewater systems, and more, all of which are recovered through the land sales."

The Yukon government is constructing the subdivision, based on planning and design work by the City of Whitehorse. The city's zoning bylaws allow a maximum of 262 units to be constructed on the lots in Phase 1.

"The City is pleased to work with the Government of Yukon through our Land Development Protocol to provide housing choices for Whitehorse families," Mayor Bev Buckway said. "We would like to thank all the members of the community who participated in the Whistle Bend planning process for bringing forward your valuable insights and ideas."

On September 26, a lottery will be held for 111 new residential lots in Phase 1 of Whistle Bend. Phase 1 will offer 90 single family lots, land for eight duplexes, and seven multi-family lots. A pair of duplex lots from phase one, which will accommodate a building for two families, will be set aside for Habitat for Humanity.

Once complete, the Whistle Bend subdivision is envisioned as a neighbourhood for 8,000 residents, complete with transit service, space for parks and commercial developments, green space, and paved and unpaved trails.

In this fiscal year, the Yukon government's Department of Community Services has allocated a near record land development budget of more than \$34.8 million to complete Whistle Bend Phase 1, carry out work on Whistle Bend phases three to eight, and proceed with other developments in a number of Yukon communities.

Current land development information is available at www.community.gov.yk.ca.

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