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Government of Yukon to fund five additional RCMP positions

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is providing \$385,000 in funding in 2016/17, subject to legislative approval, to fund five new RCMP positions in Whitehorse.

"This funding will provide the RCMP with the ability to enhance crime-reduction operations, community response and policing," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "In addition, the increased resources are intended to allow the RCMP to increase its efforts in targeting property crime and drug trafficking."

This new funding follows a period of close consultation with Yukon's RCMP Division, as well as meetings with local government and community stakeholders including the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Yukon Communities and the City of Whitehorse.

"These new resources will provide additional capacity for the RCMP first responders who are providing 24/7 public safety coverage in Whitehorse," Yukon RCMP commanding officer Chief Superintendent Peter Clark said. "In combination with other efforts to focus policing resources and engage the community in public safety, they will allow for more flexibility to build on proactive policing and intelligence-led crime reduction operations."

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