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Carcross infrastructure projects 2010 update

WHITEHORSE – Continued progress in completing vital Carcross infrastructure projects worth more than \$9 million has been reported by Community Services and Tourism and Culture departments.

"Yukon's investments in Carcross have helped to revitalize the community, and the downtown core is taking shape," Community Services Minister Archie Lang said. "We are proud to have worked jointly with Canada, White Pass and Yukon Route, the Carcross / Tagish First Nation, the local advisory council and the community to improve quality of life for residents and create local economic benefits."

In 2010, six projects were advanced, four of which have been completed: the welcome sign; the boat launch dock and parking lot along the waterfront; the first phase of downtown roadworks; and the new turning lanes and tourist pullout. As for the remaining two projects, major construction has been completed on the SS Tutshi Memorial, while the Gateway Pavilion and visitor washrooms are presently under construction.

By the end of 2010, over \$5 million will have been invested by Canada and Yukon in Carcross infrastructure development projects through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) and the Building Canada Fund (BCF). A further \$4 million will be invested over the next 2 years. The Yukon government has also contributed \$20,000 to the Carcross / Tagish First Nation Skookum Jim House project.

"Revitalizing the downtown core of Carcross is contributing to the community's well-being and the development of local tourism, culture, heritage and business ventures," Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said. "Yukon government investments to build, improve and enhance Carcross and Destination Carcross venues are bringing long-term benefits to the community and to the Southern Lakes region."

In total, Canada and Yukon are investing more than \$9 million in the development of the Carcross waterfront under CSIF and community infrastructure upgrades through the Building Canada Fund. This support has leveraged other funding programs and investments from the private sector, in partnership with governments, to help revitalize and develop Carcross.

For more information and photos visit www.community.gov.yk.ca.

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See backgrounder below.

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Carcross Infrastructure Projects Summary

Carcross Waterfront CSIF Phase I			
	Pedestrian Bridge	\$2.05 million	Completed Summer 2008
	Bennett Viewing Deck & Restroom Facilities	\$294,000	Completed Summer 2008
	Visitor Base Infrastructure Phase 1 - Power upgrades	\$90,000	Completed Fall 2009
	Carcross Carving Facility	\$472,000	Completed Summer 2009
	Carcross Welcome Sign	\$40,000	Completed Fall 2010
	Carcross Boat Launch, Dock and Parking Lot	\$585,000	Completed Summer 2010
Carcross Waterfront CSIF Phase II			
	SS Tutshi Memorial	\$600,000	Completion Fall 2010
	Carcross Gateway Pavilion and Visitor Washrooms	\$750,000	Under Construction Estimated completion Spring 2011

	Visitor Base Infrastructure Phase 2 - Carcross Downtown Roadworks	\$1.4 million	Under Construction Estimated completion Fall 2011
	Carcross Landscaping	\$450,000	Construction summer 2012 Estimated completion Fall 2012
Building Canada Fund			
	Water System Upgrades	\$1.5 million	Construction Summer 2011 Completion by January 2012
	Turning Lane and Tourist Pullout	\$1.0 million	Completed Fall 2010
TOTAL		\$9.23 million	

Canadian Northern Economic Development (CanNor) is the federal delivery agency for CSIF projects working in partnership with Infrastructure Canada. Building Canada Fund projects are administered by Infrastructure Canada.

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