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## **Yukon government employees moving back into the Lynn Building**

A detailed investigation of the Lynn Building has determined that the seismic activity on May 1 did not damage the structural integrity of the building and that it is safe to reoccupy.

The building underwent three assessments — two visual inspections followed by a third one that further investigated the underlying structure behind the walls in locations where exterior cracking in the stucco and drywall finishes appeared.

Staff from the Government of Yukon's Department of Community Services will be moving back into the building this week, except for the Property Assessment and Taxation office as noted below. Operations are expected to be back to normal within a couple of days.

All necessary repairs to the building have been completed.

### **Quotes**

"Thank you to the building owners for their full cooperation and swift repairs to the building. We appreciate their patience and willingness to work with us to ensure that the building is safe for occupancy."

*—Minister of Highways and Public Works Richard Mostyn*

"I would like to thank Community Services' staff from the Lynn Building for their professionalism and resiliency during the last few weeks. Ensuring staff safety has been our primary concern, and I am thankful for the team effort between engineers and the building's owner to find a solution as quickly as possible."

*—Minister of Community Services John Streicker*

"We wanted to ensure that the safety of the employees came first, so we took the extra measure of revealing and visually inspecting the underlying structure to make sure it wasn't damaged. We appreciate the patience that Yukon government and its employees provided us."

*—Lynn Building representative Stanley Noel*

### **Quick facts**

- Property tax payments can be made until early July at the Main Administration Building on 2nd Ave. in Whitehorse, and all other Property Assessment Tax branch inquiries will resume regular service in the first floor of the Lynn Building.

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