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Premier attends emergency response centre ceremony

WHITEHORSE—Foundation work is due to start this week for a new emergency response centre housing Whitehorse's new primary ambulance station, Premier Darrell Pasloski announced today.

"The new emergency response centre will provide much-needed facilities for Yukon's vital emergency responders and will contain a new ambulance station that will improve response times," Pasloski said.

Situated on the Alaska Highway by the Hamilton Boulevard north exit, the centre will house three ambulance bays, crew and training facilities, and an emergency communications dispatch centre. Built to post-disaster construction standards, the centre will be designed to withstand emergency events such as earthquakes.

"The Government of Yukon is committed to providing emergency responders with the facilities, infrastructure, equipment and training they need to do their jobs effectively and continue to keep Yukoners, their families and their properties safe," Pasloski added.

The new ambulance station means Emergency Medical Services (EMS) crews will be able to better serve growing communities at Whistle Bend and along Hamilton Boulevard and the Alaska Highway and meet national emergency response standards. The existing ambulance station near the hospital will continue to serve Riverdale, the downtown area and other areas as needed.

"The new ambulance station will enhance services for residents of Whitehorse and the surrounding area, and help address an anticipated increase in ambulance calls as our population expands," Pasloski said.

The emergency communications dispatch centre in the new building will enhance emergency response co-ordination and ensure the best use of EMS ambulances, staff and resources. The existing temporary ambulance station by the Protective Services building will continue to operate until the new facility is activated.

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