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Tender issued to demolish Korbo Apartment building in Dawson City

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Housing Corporation has issued a tender for the removal of hazardous materials and demolition of the Korbo Apartment building in Dawson City, and a lottery for the sale of residential lots will be held.

"Due to the environmental concerns and the age and condition of the building, the best way to provide housing on the Korbo site is to demolish it and build fresh," said Minister responsible for Yukon Housing Corporation Steve Nordick. "Yukon Housing Corporation is addressing its environmental responsibility and creating solutions to increase housing options in Dawson City."

Approximately 22,000 litres of fuel leaked from a ruptured fuel line into the ground at the Korbo site in 2010. The removal of Korbo Apartments will expedite the site remediation. The corporation will work with environmental and municipal authorities during the building removal and site remediation process.

"If Yukon Housing chose to leave the building in place it would take approximately five to six years before the site is remediated," Nordick added. "In addition, the Korbo Apartments would have to stay vacant during this time and that's why we have chosen a quick cost-effective solution to this issue."

The land lottery for the sale of residential lots in Dawson City is expected to take place soon.

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