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## **Government of Yukon and City of Whitehorse plan next steps for educational reserve**

Yukon government and City of Whitehorse will work together on technical studies

Yukon government will host a public open house this fall

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon and City of Whitehorse held a successful meeting last week on the proposed location of a new Francophone school and its potential implications for both governments. The meeting was originally arranged to discuss the future of the Second Haven Skate Park, but the group recognized that discussing the work of the F.H. Collins Educational Reserve Planning Committee was a priority.

"The planning committee has been meeting since last fall to plan for future flexibility in the area," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "As the chair of this committee, I was happy to share a report of our work with Mayor Curtis and councillors. It quickly became clear that there is technical work that the committee had identified that we can work on together."

The committee had indicated that additional planning would be needed if the Francophone school board selected the skate park location for its new school. As a result of the board's recent selection of this site, Mayor Curtis and councillors invited Yukon government and city administration to work together to complete this planning.

"City Council had a productive meeting with ministers Kent, Graham and Dixon on the Education Reserve," Mayor Dan Curtis said. "We have asked our officials to work together to address technical issues related to the location of the new Francophone high school, including traffic and underground infrastructure issues. We are pleased to know that Yukon government will hold a public meeting in the fall to share the outcome of the technical review and discuss the next steps."

The Educational Reserve Planning Committee plans to host an open house as the final step of its process. This open house is planned for the fall, when school is back in session and families are more likely to be able to attend. It will provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the work of the planning committee.

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