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Community Development Fund supports First Nations community improvement initiatives

WHITEHORSE— The Government of Yukon is contributing a total of \$150,000 to Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Teslin Tlingit Council towards projects that help create jobs and contribute to community well-being.

"The Government of Yukon is proud to support these First Nations in enhancing their community gathering places," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "These improvements will add to the sense of community togetherness and continue our commitment to work with Yukon First Nations for the benefit of all Yukoners."

The Teslin Tlingit Council received \$75,000 to undertake preparatory landscaping and trail work surrounding the Teslin Tlingit Council Heritage Centre necessary to complete a larger project, The Landscape Speaks. The project will create 1,000 hours of employment for five people.

"The Heritage Department of the Teslin Tlingit Council is very pleased to have received funding from CDF to begin our landscaping development surrounding our Heritage Centre," Teslin Tlingit Council Chief Carl Sidney said. "The landscaping project will help beautify our community and is a significant piece of the larger Canada 150 Project. We look forward to having more people working on such projects that make a difference in the community. We thank the Government of Yukon for their generous contribution."

The Kwanlin Dün First Nation received \$75,000 in funding to build an extension to the existing Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House, which will create 200 hours of employment for six people. "The Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House is vital to our cultural and community activities," Kwanlin Dün First Nation Councillor Dennis Calbery said. "Kwanlin Dün is pleased for the CDF support that shares the cost of enlarging this building that is a gathering place for many in the Whitehorse area. The current building is too small to adequately accommodate its many uses and the future plans for the space through the Canada 150 Fund."

These Community Development Fund Tier II projects will provide nearly 1,200 hours of employment to about 11 people.

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See list of funding recipients below.

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CDF Tier II September 2015 Intake Approved Projects

Kwanlin Dün First Nation - \$75,000: To build an extension to the existing Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House, not to exceed 1,175 square feet. The project will create 200 hours of employment for six people. Contact: Dorothy Sam, 867-633-7887.

Teslin Tlingit Council - \$75,000: To undertake preparatory landscaping and trail work surrounding the Teslin Tlingit Council Heritage Centre necessary to complete the larger project, The Landscape Speaks. The project will create 1,000 hours of employment for five people. Contact: Tip Evans, 867-390-2532.

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