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Plans for new Faro RCMP building move forward

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is committing more than \$3.5 million this year to construct a new RCMP facility in Faro, subject to legislative approval. The project is now in the design phase, with construction expected to begin this summer.

"This new building is an important step forward for policing in the Faro region," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "The project is being designed with the necessities for any detachment in mind so it can be adapted for other communities, which will result in substantial long-term savings as other RCMP facilities are replaced in the future."

Plans for a new building were announced in 2014 after an operational review of Yukon's police detachments concluded that Faro's 44-year-old facilities were in the greatest need of replacement.

Yukon's existing Territorial Police Service Agreement, signed in 2012, recommends a new RCMP facility be developed every five years over the 20-year lifespan of the agreement. Under the agreement the Yukon government will provide 70 per cent of the capital and operation and maintenance funds, with the Government of Canada contributing the remainder.

"A special provision in our policing agreement allows Yukon to participate as full partners in the delivery of the project," Cathers added. "This allows us to bring local expertise to the project to ensure that our new facilities meet the needs of our communities and the demands of our climate."

Chief Superintendent Peter Clark, Commanding Officer of the RCMP in Yukon added: "RCMP detachment buildings provide safe and secure infrastructure for police and public safety activities. This innovative project exemplifies the coming-together of the RCMP and territorial government to support community safety. The RCMP is pleased that we are making a joint investment to support public safety and policing in the Faro region."

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