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Yukon schools to get new playground equipment

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is moving forward with its plan to replace playground equipment at eight Yukon schools before the start of the 2015/16 school year.

"We are committed to ensuring that the playgrounds at all Yukon schools are safe," Minister of Education Doug Graham said "Replacing this equipment is an investment in our most cherished and valued asset – our children."

The Yukon government issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the supply and installation of new playground equipment at eight schools. The needs of each school vary, but the equipment can include play structures, rope climbers, monkey bars and slides. All of the equipment is required to be Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved. The successful contractors will consult with each school to determine final design, colour, and site location.

Schools scheduled to receive new playground equipment are Del Van Gorder School (Faro), Ghùch Tlâ Community School (Carcross), Hidden Valley Elementary School (Whitehorse), Holy Family Elementary School (Whitehorse), Nelnah Bessie John School (Beaver Creek), Selkirk Elementary School (Whitehorse), Johnson Elementary School (Watson Lake), and Teslin School (Teslin). Planning for a new playground for the Ross River School will begin soon, with new equipment to be installed by this fall.

"We are pleased to be working with the Department of Education on this initiative," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "New CSA-approved equipment will mean safer playgrounds for all Yukon communities."

This is the final phase of the Yukon government's plan to install new playground equipment at all Yukon schools. Earlier phases provided new equipment for nine schools across the territory. The total budget for the two-year playground replacement program is approximately \$1.46 million.

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