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Ross River suspension bridge to be repaired

WHITEHORSE— Work will begin this summer on the revitalization of a historic suspension bridge in Ross River, Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor announced today.

"The historic and practical significance of this bridge for residents of Ross River, and as a visitor attraction, is well understood and appreciated," Taylor said.

The 70-year-old bridge, which crosses the Pelly River, was originally built in the mid-1940s as part of the Canol pipeline project. Following an engineering assessment on the condition of the bridge last August, Community Operations staff met with the Ross River Dena Council and closed the bridge pending repairs.

The plan includes repairing or replacing damaged decking, guard rails, trusses and stairs. As well, hanger and sway cables will be tightened and braced. Engineering work will be done this summer to determine final details.

The \$1.1 million upgrades are expected to be complete by the end of the year.

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