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## **Transitional haven now available for Yukon women**

WHITEHORSE—Betty's Haven, a 10-unit transitional, supportive and secure housing facility for women and their children fleeing abuse was officially opened today.

Premier Darrell Pasloski, Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor, and the staff and board of the Yukon Women's Transition Home Society took part in the opening ceremonies.

"This housing facility will be an important transitional residence for women and children who need help and support to rebuild their lives after experiencing abuse," Pasloski said. "Projects like this one are an important example of how this government is making sure Yukon families have the tools, support and assistance they need."

Highways and Public Works' Property Management division provided technical assistance and project management support for the project while the Women's Directorate provided support and funding to the society for the land, design and building contracts.

"Leaving a situation of abuse and one's home is not easy," Taylor said. "It takes personal strength, courage and the support of the community to make starting over possible. Betty's Haven will be an important step in this journey."

The Betty's Haven land and building will now be owned by the Yukon Women's Transition Home Society.

"Making Betty's Haven a reality was truly a coordinated effort and we are pleased that it has proceeded as planned and that it is now open to offer real help to Yukon families," Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko said. "The fact that so many people and groups came together to create this facility, on time and on budget, really highlights the community-minded spirit of caring that exists in Yukon."

Executive director Barbara McInerney added: "This is truly a unique collaboration that has made this project possible. I would like to thank the design team consisting of Highways and Public Works, NGC Builders and Kobayashi and Zedda Architects for their commitment to this project. Living with violence limits women's equality and the health of our entire community."

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