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Site selected for Yukon's new continuing care facility

WHITEHORSE—The new continuing care facility, planned to open in 2018, will be built in Whistle Bend. The announcement was made today by the Minister of Health and Social Services Doug Graham.

"After considering several sites around the city, it was determined that Whistle Bend would be the most suitable location for this important new facility. We believe it will be a valuable addition to the new subdivision, in the same way that Macaulay Lodge and Copper Ridge Place have become integral parts of the Riverdale and Copper Ridge neighbourhoods," Graham said.

Construction of the new facility was announced earlier this year. The initial phase will be for 150 beds, with the second phase of an additional 150 beds to begin immediately after completion.

The Yukon government will be working with Partnerships BC on this exciting capital project. Partnerships BC will bring its expertise in building multi-million dollar health care design-build projects.

Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko said "Highways and Public Works looks forward to working with Health and Social Services, as well as Partnerships BC, to build a world-class continuing care facility for Yukoners to live in comfort and safety."

"We recognize the pressing need for more continuing care beds. This is a need that won't go away in the near future and we are doing everything possible to ensure that this facility is ready in a timely fashion," Graham added.

The minister also announced that an additional two beds were opened today at Thomson Centre. Patients will be transitioning into these beds from Whitehorse General Hospital. He added that further beds may be available before the completion of the new facility.

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