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Government invests in upgrades to seniors' facilities and social housing

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is investing in Yukon Housing Corporation seniors' facilities and rural social housing, subject to legislative approval, meeting its commitment to ensuring that housing options are available to those most in need.

"In the 2014/15 budget we are investing in upgrading our seniors' residences through several capital projects," Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Brad Cathers said.

Yukon Housing Corporation has identified a number of important social and senior residence upgrades in its 2014/15 capital budget. Improvements during the year ahead will focus on safety and indoor comfort.

- Greenwood Seniors Facility will receive a sprinkler system upgrade to improve fire prevention safety.
- Closeleigh Manor will receive air ventilation system upgrades.
- \$250,000 has been earmarked for accessibility upgrades in a number of seniors' residences to improve the quality of life for these tenants.
- Increasing social housing availability in Ross River by retrofitting three units.
- Duplex to quadplex conversions to accommodate single tenants.

Operations and maintenance budgets have also been increased to approximately \$700,000 per year in order to maintain Yukon Housing Corporation's growing housing inventory.

"We are committing \$1.5 million of new capital investment and increasing the O&M budget to \$700,000. This will help our government continue to deliver a quality social housing program for Yukoners," Cathers added.

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