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Governments sign Jackson Lake Healing Camp funding agreement

WHITEHORSE—A three-year, \$1 million funding agreement was signed today by Premier Darrell Pasloski and Kwanlin Dün First Nation Chief Doris Bill towards land-based healing programs at the Jackson Lake Healing Camp.

"The Government of Yukon has long recognized the importance and benefits of a land-based approach for the treatment of trauma and addictions," Pasloski said. "The nationally-acclaimed Jackson Lake Healing Camp is owned and operated by the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and is an example of the success that can be achieved when healing is rooted in traditional values and connection with the land."

Signing the funding agreement was the next step after the Government of Yukon announced one-time funding in March this year to support a healing facility open to all Yukon people.

A Council of Yukon First Nations Leadership resolution was passed in 2013 supporting the Government of Yukon's allocation of \$1 million to Kwanlin Dün First Nation for a pilot land-based healing program at Jackson Lake.

"Kwanlin Dün and its Yukon First Nation partners applaud the Yukon government's commitment to supporting cultural land-based healing," Kwanlin Dün Chief Doris Bill said. "This support allows us to expand the program to help more Yukoners and, more notably, it also fulfills a legacy left by former MLA and Yukon Cabinet minister the late John Edzerza, who lobbied tirelessly in support of land-based healing."

Jackson Lake programs address the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical needs of participants dealing with issues stemming from substance abuse. Participants have included people from Yukon and other First Nations, as well as non-First Nation Yukoners. This agreement completes the task of the Working Group established at the 2012 Yukon Forum to examine land-based healing options.

Learn more:

Watch a video about the Jackson Lake healing program on the Kwanlin Dün First Nation's YouTube channel.

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