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New recreation centre ready for Ross River residents to enjoy

WHITEHORSE—The newly constructed Ross River recreation centre is now open to the public, Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers announced today.

The centre was designed for energy efficiency and accessibility and includes an ice arena, change rooms, a viewing area, a multi-purpose room for recreational programming and activities, a kitchen and a youth lounge.

"The recreation centre in Ross River provides a new and improved gathering space for Ross River residents," Cathers said. "Recreational facilities play a significant role in encouraging healthy and active lifestyles and are often a central part of life in rural communities."

Planning for the new centre was directed by a building committee chaired by the former Ross River Recreation Society president and included community members, recreation society members, representatives from the Ross River Dena Council and the Government of Yukon.

"The whole community is very excited to have a new recreation centre," Ross River Recreation Building Committee chair Fran Etzel said. "The youth are eager to move into their new youth lounge and our local hockey players look forward to skating in a new indoor facility."

Construction started in spring 2012 at the site of the old recreation centre, which was destroyed by fire in March 2011.

"The Ross River recreation centre project is one of the government's key commitments to my constituents," Pelly-Nisutlin MLA Stacey Hassard said. "I am pleased we have delivered on this commitment and I am confident it will add to the quality of life for Ross River residents."

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