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## **Planning begins for new government campground at Conrad**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is developing plans for a new campground near the historic Conrad townsite, on Tagish Lake's Windy Arm, to help meet the growing demand for recreational opportunities near Whitehorse.

"Access to nature is a huge draw for visitors and Yukoners alike. For that reason this government is committed to expanding roadside camping opportunities," Minister of Environment Currie Dixon said. "This campground should prove popular with both boaters and history buffs, given its location on the lake and next to the Conrad historic site."

The campground is one of the six shared priorities identified in the memorandum of understanding, signed by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation and Yukon government in December, in support of recreational land and infrastructure development in the First Nation's Traditional Territory.

"The Carcross/Tagish First Nation welcomes the opportunity to work with the Yukon government on a work plan and construction process for the campground that will support sustainable growth and create jobs for our citizens," Carcross/Tagish First Nation Khà Shâde Héni Dan Cresswell said.

The government proposes to spend \$734,000 in 2014/15 on planning, research and construction, with the goal of having work on the campground begin this summer. The project will be subject to a full review by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board.

The campground would be built on a 44.5 hectare park reserve at the foot of Montana Creek, about 13 kilometres southwest of Carcross on the South Klondike Highway. The area is home to Montana Mountain's world-renowned mountain bike trails, and the vibrant Carcross Commons retail village is nearby in the heart of the community.

The campground itself would include RV sites, tent sites, two picnic shelters and a boat launch. Extra measures will be taken to ensure the campground complements the adjacent historic site, where the small town of Conrad City existed in the early 1900s during the operation of the Venus silver mine.

The next steps in the planning process are to complete the concept design, then submit the project proposal for assessment. Public meetings to review the plans will be held this summer.

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