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Tender for stabilization of Ross River suspension bridge work to be issued

WHITEHORSE— A public tender will be issued next week to stabilize the Ross River suspension bridge, with work expected to begin as soon as possible.

"The Yukon government recognizes the importance of the Ross River suspension bridge to the community and public safety remains a priority," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "Thanks to MLA Stacey Hassard for bringing forward community perspectives. After hearing these concerns, I directed staff to seek an innovative solution that is economical and balances public safety and community priorities. To them, thank you for your work."

At a public community meeting on August 26, the residents and council of the Ross River Dena Council were informed of the plan to revitalize the bridge and the process required.

The first phase of the process includes stabilizing the bridge structure. As much of this work as possible will be done before the shutdown of the ferry this fall. It will involve stabilizing the north and south towers of the bridge and will ensure that the ferry can continue to operate safely in future seasons.

Once the first stage of stabilization work is complete, the second phase of work will be carried out. This will involve the installation of new stairs and repairs to the decking structure to make it usable for up to 10 people at a time. The bridge will re-open to pedestrian use only once this second phase is complete.

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