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Fifth and Rogers planning contract awarded

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Scott Kent today announced that the Fifth and Rogers Street planning initiative contract has been awarded to Stantec Architecture Limited of Whitehorse.

"We are proud to take the next step in moving this important community project forward," Kent said. "This parcel of land has the potential to provide a mix of affordable housing and commercial development opportunities in the Whitehorse core."

The Fifth and Rogers project steering committee, led by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources in partnership with the Yukon Housing Corporation and the City of Whitehorse, issued a request for proposals to hire a consultant to produce planning and engineering design options for the parcel.

"The Yukon Housing Corporation is pleased to participate in this planning activity," Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Stacey Hassard said. "This initiative is consistent with the goals of the Housing Action Plan which envisions a diversity and abundance of housing options."

The Fifth and Rogers project partnership was announced in June 2015. Working with the consultant, the committee will guide the project and assist the Yukon government and the City of Whitehorse to plan a mix of market and affordable housing, as well as commercial development on the site. Plans will be consistent with the City's Official Community Plan, the Whitehorse Growth Strategy, and the Downtown South Master Plan.

"Affordable housing remains a top priority for the City and it was a key issue raised in the discussions at the recent Vulnerable People's Forums," Mayor Dan Curtis said. "We are extremely pleased with the partnership between the Yukon Housing Corporation, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, the City of Whitehorse and key stakeholders as we collaborate on planning for potential housing opportunities."

Up to \$250,000 from the Northern Housing Trust will fund the project. The planning process is expected to be completed by June 2016.

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