

FOR RELEASE
July 14, 2016

Art gallery partnership launches in Carcross with support from Yukon government

WHITEHORSE—A new gallery dedicated to the promotion of Yukon visual art and artists has opened at Carcross Commons. Art House Carcross is a partnership between the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation, Carcross Tagish Management Corporation and the Southern Lakes Artist Collective.

"The Government of Yukon is pleased to support this initiative, which will further strengthen and diversify our economy and the visual arts industry itself," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "This new space allows Yukon artists to showcase export-ready products, develop business skills, and promote their art to regional, national, and international visitors of Carcross."

Visitors can view the artworks on display and, using digital tools, discover more about Yukon artists, their work and other art attractions. Visitors can purchase artwork online from Yukon galleries or directly from the artist. Featured artists are providing demonstrations of their skills at the gallery as well.

The Yukon Arts Centre Corporation (YACC) is a non-profit charitable organization that works to develop the cultural, social and economic benefits of arts in the territory. YACC's role in the project is to jury and curate the work shown in the gallery.

"The Yukon Arts Centre is thrilled to work with Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Yukon government and Southern Lakes Artist Collective to open a unique art space to promote the amazing and diverse visual artists in our territory," YAC gallery director Mary Bradshaw said.

The Carcross Tagish Management Corporation (CTMC), the economic development branch of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation (CTFN), is an important partner in the gallery project.

"Carcross Tagish Management Corporation is very excited about the cultural and economic opportunities created by the new gallery at Carcross Commons," chief executive officer Nelson Lepine said. "The project supports cultural tourism, strengthens community partnerships, offers training for Aboriginal artists and youth, and advances the business potential that exists in the Carcross region."

The project was initiated by Southern Lakes Artist Collective (SLAC) co-founder Lawrie Crawford. SLAC is a group of professional artists who work in a variety of art media. Members are knowledgeable about Yukon art and art techniques and are staffing the gallery.

"The Southern Lakes Artist Collective team is in a great position to provide information and tell stories of the artists, the community and the land," Crawford said. "This gallery space lays the foundation to build a vibrant arts scene in Carcross."

Visitors to the gallery can access the Yukon government's Art Adventures on Yukon Time guide to connect with more than 150 Yukon artists, art retailers and public art attractions.

The Yukon government is providing \$75,100 over two years for the project through the Strategic Industries Development Fund.

Learn more
Art House Carcross
Strategic Industries Development Fund
Art Adventures on Yukon Time
Carcross Tagish Management Corporation
Southern Lakes Artist Collective
Yukon Arts Centre

-30-

Contact:

Michael Edwards
Cabinet Communications
867-633-7910
michael.edwards@gov.yk.ca

Lucie Wright
Communications, Tourism and Culture
867-667-5318
lucie.wright@gov.yk.ca

Kara Johancsik
Communications, Economic Development
867-667-5378
kara.johancsik@gov.yk.ca

Al Cushing

Chief Executive Officer, Yukon Arts Centre
867-667-8577
ceo@yac.ca

News Release #16-263



Stay up to date with the latest Yukon government news by subscribing to our RSS feed here:
<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/rss.html>. Or follow us on Twitter @yukongov.