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## **Governments of Canada and Yukon announce funding for Carcross/Tagish First Nation learning centre**

*Joint news release*

WHITEHORSE—The governments of Canada and Yukon are investing in modern public infrastructure that will help create jobs while building a strong foundation for a sustainable economic future.

Member of Parliament for Yukon Larry Bagnell, on behalf of Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Amarjeet Sohi, and Premier of Yukon Darrell Pasloski today announced \$5.3 million in funding for the second phase of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation learning centre.

The funding announced today will support the second phase of construction of the learning centre, which includes new spaces for the community: the Yukon College space, the youth and Elders space, the heritage and archives space, the document management system space and the learning space.

The learning centre will be a central gathering place for the community and provide a number of community services to Carcross/Tagish First Nation citizens. It will also benefit the local community by creating jobs, promoting skill development and supporting economic growth.

The Government of Canada will provide up to \$3,975,000 to this project through the Small Communities Fund and the Government of Yukon will contribute up to \$1,325,000.

### **Quotes**

"Today's announcement demonstrates Canada's commitment to working closely with Yukon to meet the unique needs of communities across the territory. By offering significant funding for a wide range of infrastructure projects, Indigenous and other Canadian communities will benefit from investments that promote sustainable development while helping grow the middle class. The learning centre will offer residents of Carcross/Tagish First Nation many opportunities to connect with each other, while ensuring a high quality of life for generations to come."

*Member of Parliament for Yukon Larry Bagnell, on behalf of Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Amarjeet Sohi*

"Our partnership with Canada is helping build modern and efficient infrastructure that is creating local jobs now and contributing to the long-term sustainability of Yukon communities. We look forward to the important role that the learning centre will play as a gathering place for the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, as a location where citizens can acquire new skills and as a new destination event venue for the community of Carcross and Yukon."

*Premier of Yukon Darrell Pasloski*

"This joint funding effort is monumental and will provide citizens of our First Nation, as well as the extended community, an opportunity to learn about, share and uphold our language, culture, and traditions."

*Carcross/Tagish First Nation Khà Shâde Héni (Chief) Andy Carvill*

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Photos from the event will be uploaded as they become available.

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