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Community Development Fund continues to support community projects

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has awarded nearly \$1.39 million in Community Development funds to eight projects that will bring social, cultural and economic benefits to the territory.

"From playgrounds in Teslin and Carcross to enhancements at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, Yukoners are benefitting from this latest support from the Community Development Fund," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "We're proud to invest in these projects and we look forward to seeing the results."

The Carcross/Tagish First Nation will receive \$158,791 to build an adventure playground. The project will create approximately 240 hours of employment for four people.

"This playground will add to the growing vibrancy of Carcross," spokesperson Jeff Barrett said. "Carcross/Tagish First Nation is pleased to accept this funding and we look forward to creating a fun and active public space for youth in our community."

Additionally, Dawson City Sled Dawgs Association will receive \$254,512 to replace their snowcat trail groomer.

"Replacing our groomer will allow us to provide Dawson and the surrounding area with better trail development and maintenance," spokesperson Sue Lancaster said. "We're grateful for the funding and are looking forward to improving the trails in our community."

Learn more:

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See backgrounder below.

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Backgrounder

Community Development Fund Tier III approved projects for the January 15, 2016 application intake

Teslin Tlingit Council – \$130,312 – To build a playground for children in the Fox Point Subdivision. The project will create approximately 160 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Doug Hogan at 867-390-2532.

Kluane First Nation – Burwash – \$200,000 – This project is to build an exercise gym, change rooms and an attached storage facility as the second phase to the existing Burwash Landing Skating Rink/ Recreation Complex. The project will create approximately 1,600 hours of employment for eight people. Contact: Colin Asselstine at 867-841-4274.

Dawson City Arts Society – \$186,182 – To replace and repair the aging heating and ventilation system at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture. The project will create approximately 950 hours of employment for six to nine contractors and crew. Contact: Karen DuBois at 867-993-5505.

Town of Watson Lake – \$260,910 – To address safety issues and make necessary upgrades and renovations to the Dennis Ball Memorial Pool. The project will create approximately 1,200 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Alyssa Magun at 867-536-8020.

Dawson City Sled Dawgs Association – \$254,512 – To replace the organization's snowcat groomer so it can continue to provide Dawson and surrounding area with trail development and maintenance. Contact: Sue Lancaster at 867-993-3631.

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in – \$116,639 – To prepare and submit the nomination dossier for the Tr'ondëk-Klondike area as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The project will create approximately 9,000 hours of employment for two employees and 3,500 for 15 to 20 contractors. Contact: Paula Hassard at 867-993-2429.

Carcross/Tagish First Nation – \$158,791 – To build a fun and attractive adventure playground that will be a draw for local and regional youth, helping to bring more vibrancy and economic opportunities to downtown Carcross. The project will

create approximately 240 hours of employment for four people. Contact: Jeff Barrett at 867-335-5072.

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Society – \$80,700 – To enhance the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre waterfront property by installing protective and aesthetic fencing; designing, building and installing three tiny arts and cultural houses; and planning medicine gardens with traditional flora and fauna. The project will create approximately 1,420 hours of employment for 27 people. Contact: Tracy-Anne McPhee at 867-456-5322.

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