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New proposed location for Francophone high school

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WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon and the Yukon Francophone School Board's joint construction subcommittee has recommended the site of the old F.H. Collins Secondary School as the new proposed location for the Francophone high school.

"We agree that this is a more viable location for a new French First Language high school," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "We will work with the neighbouring schools, the community of Riverdale and the City of Whitehorse as we move forward together. We appreciate the progress we are making with the Yukon Francophone School Board."

The Riverdale skateboard park site was also considered as a possible location for the new school. However, after evaluating this site, it was determined that it did not meet the minimum requirements for a new school.

"We are pleased that we have agreed on the site for the new school. We will be working closely with the other partners and stakeholders in the area to address the needs of these communities," Yukon Francophone School Board executive director Marc Champagne said.

The proposed location in the area between the new F.H. Collins Secondary School and Selkirk Elementary School offers advantages such as simplified site work needs, more space and flexibility for the design of the school and proximity to existing busing, through-traffic and parking. A traffic impact study will be conducted for this location to address traffic and safety concerns.

The negotiations between the Government of Yukon and the Yukon Francophone School Board are ongoing.

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