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Yukon government begins construction of new Carcross firehall

WHITEHORSE—Subject to legislative approval, the Government of Yukon is investing \$3.3 million in a new Carcross firehall to better serve the needs of the community and support the local volunteer fire department, Yukon Emergency Medical Services and Yukon Search and Rescue.

"By providing facilities, infrastructure, equipment and training, Yukon government enables emergency responders to do their jobs safely and effectively," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "This new firehall in Carcross will provide a modern training and work space for our valued volunteers, while promoting cohesiveness and cooperation among emergency responders that will strengthen local emergency response."

The Yukon government worked with the Local Advisory Council, the Carcross Heritage Management Plan working group, volunteers and community members to ensure that the new building will serve the community's needs and maintain the appropriate heritage character of Carcross.

"The design of the firehall is one that has been used in other communities and is proven to suit the needs of our volunteer fire departments," Dixon added.

The construction contract went to Cardinal Contracting, which began demolition work on the existing hall at the end of March. The new building is scheduled for completion this fall. During construction, the fire department is sharing space in the Yukon Emergency Medical Services facility. There will be no impact on emergency services.

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