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Expansion to Yukon Archives vault announced

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is moving ahead with plans to increase storage vault space at the Yukon Archives.

"The much needed expansion will enable Yukon Archives to acquire and preserve important records that make up Yukon's documentary legacy for years to come," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "Records comprise donations from individuals, families, businesses and organizations as well as important documents acquired through the Yukon government's Records Management program and additions to the unique library collection."

The \$6.2 million project will see increased storage for paper records; a separate cold storage for unstable materials such as acidic paper, colour photographs, films and negatives as well as a separate vault for digital records.

"Highways and Public Works is supporting the project by managing the construction of this expansion," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "The project will improve the energy efficiency and extend the functional life of the existing facility to enable the continued collection and preservation of Yukon's valuable historical records."

The facility was built in 1990 and was designed for 20 years of storage growth. The current storage capacity is approximately 1,000 square metres; the expansion project will increase space by more than 550 square metres.

"The Friends of the Yukon Archives Society is very pleased that the government is moving ahead to expand the Archives vault," president Diane Chisholm said. "This will support the preservation of the wealth of irreplaceable materials unique to Yukon's history and culture that are held there in safe-keeping for Yukoners."

The Yukon Archives was established to acquire, preserve and make available the territory's outstanding documentary resources including textual, photographic, audio-visual and digital records.

The design of the expansion is complete and the next step is to issue a tender for construction of the vault. Work is anticipated to begin in early summer and will be completed early in 2017. It is not anticipated that Archives' services will be disrupted during the construction period.

The funding for the Archives vault expansion is subject to legislative approval.

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