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Government of Yukon to provide funding for SingleTrack to Success expansion

WHITEHORSE—The SingleTrack to Success Project will receive a \$60,000 annual contribution from the Government of Yukon for three years to help increase capacity and expand the program to other Yukon communities.

"The SingleTrack to Success Project is an excellent example of Yukoners collaborating to create positive change in their community," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "The Yukon government is pleased to support the expansion of a project that has been such a great success in Carcross, where it has provided youth with employment, recreation, and a sense of pride in their accomplishments."

The SingleTrack to Success Project began in 2006 in association with the Carcross/Tagish First Nation with the goals of creating a world-class trail network, connecting youth with their communities, generating tourism and employment opportunities. The project has created and restored 65 kilometres of trails on Montana Mountain and provided summer employment for youth over the past 10 years.

"The SingleTrack to Success Project has touched the lives of more than 50 youth in Carcross since 2006. We've witnessed transformational change as these young people spent summers on their traditional lands, building and riding trails, developing physical fitness and a strong work ethic, and greeting visitors from all over the world," project founder Jane Koepke said. "This generous contribution will allow the SingleTrack to Success Project model to benefit more Yukon First Nation youth and communities and enhance Yukon's growing reputation as a world-class trails destination."

With this funding, the SingleTrack to Success Project aims to expand to other Yukon communities and work with Yukon First Nations to engage youth and provide employment. Plans include developing more community trails with destination tourism potential and hosting a training and mountain biking camp in Carcross for participating Yukon First Nations youth.

The Government of Yukon funding will begin this year; future funding is subject to legislative approval.

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