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## **Yukon government supports Tier 3 projects generating economic benefits to Yukon's citizens**

Government of Yukon's Community Development Fund (CDF) awarded more than \$1 million to eight community organizations through Tier III funding last week. These projects will provide significant employment opportunities to approximately 66 people throughout Yukon, creating positive economic impacts to their communities.

Highlighted projects include:

The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation was awarded \$77,400 to install fencing around the new baseball diamond and soccer field at the Chief Zzeh Gittlit School for public safety and prevention of potential damage to the grounds. The project will create approximately 360 hours of employment for three people.

The City of Dawson was awarded \$200,000 to rebuild the Minto Park concession building that was lost to a fire in 2015. The park has a long-standing role as a location for community events, celebrations and athletic activities. This new facility at Minto Park will provide the community of Dawson City with a much needed venue to offer fitness, recreational and leisure programming in a safe and healthy environment.

The Teslin Tlingit Council was awarded \$150,000 to assist with labour costs associated with the installation and conversion of ten community buildings from propane and electrical heat to a district heating system using nine biomass boilers. The project includes the purchase and installation of a district heating system and the expansion of existing wood processing operations by upgrading and purchasing equipment. This project will create approximately 12 months or more of employment for 23 people during the construction phase, along with additional ongoing future employment opportunities once fully operational.

### **Quote**

"By providing employment and development throughout Yukon we are supporting meaningful, effective investments in jobs, in people and in communities across the territory. Supporting these types of initiatives enhances community development and contributes to our overall vision of a territory where Yukoners thrive."

*–Minister of Economic Development Ranj Pillai*

### **Quick facts**

- The Community Development Fund's primary goal is to support projects that provide long-term benefits and value to Yukon communities. The projects are awarded based on merit and the ability to demonstrate social, cultural and economic benefits.
- The Community Development Fund is divided into three tiers with five intake deadlines:
  - Tier I: Applications of \$20,000 or less (intake deadlines in January, May, July and October).
  - Tier II: Applications of \$20,001 to \$75,000 (intake deadline in May and September).
  - Tier III: Applications of \$75,001 or more (intake deadline in January).

**Learn more:** Community Development Fund

### **See backgrounder.**

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## **Backgrounder: CDF Tier III January 16, 2017 intake approved projects**

**Teslin Tlingit Council** – \$150,000 – Towards labour costs associated with the installation and conversion of ten community buildings from propane and electrical heat to a district heating system using nine biomass boilers. The project is to replace the import of fossil fuels by purchasing and installing a district heating system using biomass wood chip boilers and by expanding their existing wood processing operation by upgrading and purchasing equipment. The project will create approximately 12-plus months of employment for 23 people in addition to ongoing employment opportunities. Contact: Wes Wirth at 867-390-2532.

**Wolf Creek Community Association** – \$82,581 – To rebuild a community ice rink with a warming shelter in Wolf Creek Subdivision. This project will also include installing an additional street light providing one at each end of the rink. The rink will have a cement floor allowing use during the summer months for activities such as soccer, basketball, road hockey, and

roller blading. The project will create approximately 420 hours of employment for 12 people. Contact: Devon Yacura at 867-335-6490.

**Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation** – \$77,400 – To install fencing around the new baseball diamond and soccer field at the Chief Zzeh Gittlit School, for public safety and to prevent motorized vehicles from entering the area and causing potential damage to the grounds. The project will create approximately 360 hours of employment for three people. Contact: Miranda Chitze at 867-966-3261

**Champagne and Aishihik First Nations** – \$150,000 – To develop a new daycare facility that will be an expansion of the Da Ku Cultural Centre in Haines Junction. As the Da Ku Cultural Centre is the focal point of cultural, educational and traditional activities in the community, the daycare is a natural fit for the children of Haines Junction to grow and develop, while having access to elders and community. The project will create approximately 9,600 hours of employment for 11 people. Contact: Rob Fendrick at 867-456-6879.

**Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association** – \$75,575 – To bring together elder advisors, youth, indigenous master boat builders and apprentices from across the north, to construct four watercraft traditional to Yukon including a spruce or cottonwood dugout canoe, birch bark canoe, moose skin boat and skin kayak that will be toured to six Yukon communities. This project will provide an opportunity to preserve, revitalize and share important traditional skills, knowledge and cultural practices. The project will create approximately 780 hours of employment for seven people. Contact: Charlene Alexander at 867-667-7698

**City of Dawson** – \$200,000 – To rebuild the Minto Park concession building that was lost to a fire in 2015. The park has a long standing role as a location for community events, celebrations and athletic activities. This new facility at Minto Park will provide the community of Dawson with a much needed venue to offer fitness, recreational and leisure programming in a safe and healthy environment. Contact: Marta Selassie at 867-993-7400.

**Parish of St. Mary with St. Mark** – \$153,744 – To complete structural and electrical upgrades on the Anglican Church building as recommended in the engineering study and to meet code requirements. The project will preserve an important historic community asset and offers a point of interest for visitors. It contains a priceless collection of beaded moosehide and duffel altar hangings, a memorial stained glass window and a distinctive, handcrafted baptismal font made from a hollowed-out Yukon burl. Contact: Dr. Charles Maier at 867-996-2037.

**Town of Faro** – \$173,603 – To renovate and modernize the Father Pierre Rigaud Arena. The arena is an active hub used daily from October through March for public skating, school programs, instructional courses, hockey leagues and curling, as well as community events and tournaments. The project will create approximately 2,000 hours of employment for ten people. Contact: Ian Dunlop at 867-994-2728.

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