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S.S. Tutshi Memorial and Carcross Gateway Pavilion opened as part of Golden Spike Day

CARCROSS, YUKON—The Governments of Canada and Yukon officially opened the S.S. Tutshi Memorial and Carcross Gateway Pavilion during Golden Spike Day as part of the ongoing Carcross Waterfront Development Project.

Golden Spike Day is held each year in honour of the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad and its ongoing support to the community of Carcross.

"The improvements to the Carcross Waterfront promote community development and showcase Carcross to visitors from Canada and around the world," said Yukon Member of Parliament Ryan Leef on behalf of the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency and Minister of Health. "Creating a more attractive and welcoming waterfront also increases local business opportunities, as visitors are encouraged to stay longer and explore all that Carcross has to offer."

Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said: "The S.S. Tutshi Memorial pays tribute to an important piece of Yukon's history. This initiative further supports the development of tourism in the region while contributing to the community as a whole."

Community Services Minister Archie Lang said: "It's clear how much has changed since the Destination Carcross summit in 2005. I want to thank all of our partners who have come together to help revitalize downtown Carcross for residents and as a tourism destination."

White Pass & Yukon Route president Eugene Hretzay said: "We appreciate the significant investment that the governments have made into Destination Carcross; it benefits us all."

The Carcross Waterfront Development project is funded through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund with equal contributions of \$3.3 million from the Government of Canada, through the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor), and the Government of Yukon.

Completed at a cost of \$600,000, the S.S. Tutshi Memorial commemorates the history of the vessel while sharing its stories through interpretive signage. The Carcross Gateway Pavilion, also completed at a cost of \$600,000, provides space for community groups and public washrooms.

Both projects complement other initiatives completed within the past few years, including the new entrance sign leading into Carcross, the carving facility, beach access, the viewing platform, the Carcross footbridge and the boat launch.

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