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Special warrant authorized for priority initiatives

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has issued a special warrant in order to ensure Yukon priorities continue to move forward, Premier and Finance Minister Darrell Pasloski announced today.

The special warrant provides an additional budgetary authorization of \$46 million for this fiscal year. A large portion of the warrant is made up of funds authorized for last year's projects, but not used. The remaining portion consists of funding for a number of new items including:

- Multiple sclerosis trial support
- Opening of six additional beds at the Whitehorse General Hospital
- Partnership with Kaushee's Place Housing Society under the Northern Housing Trust to provide secure, affordable housing for women in crisis
- Interim solution for the Ross River arena
- Urgent care services for people without family doctors
- Mine safety equipment

"The Government of Yukon remains in a very strong financial position and Yukoners can take comfort in this," Pasloski said. "Having a surplus and net financial resources, rather than debt, is an enviable position to be in. This government will continue to manage Yukon's finances in a prudent and responsible manner, investing in the economy and building a better quality of life for all citizens."

For this fiscal year, the government is projecting a surplus of \$29.5 million and net financial resources, a savings account, of \$44 million.

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