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Yukon Housing Corporation projects on track for federal funding program

WHITEHORSE—Minister responsible for Yukon Housing Corporation Steve Nordick announced today that the corporation is on track for completing projects funded through Canada's Economic Action Plan.

"Housing is crucial to the health of our communities," Nordick said. "Over the last two years, Yukon Housing Corporation has been working to maximize time-sensitive funding from Canada's Economic Action Plan. The corporation has succeeded in building several new affordable housing projects and upgrading over 300 existing units, and construction will continue throughout the fiscal year. We are on target for meeting our March 31, 2012 deadline for expenditures under this program."

Canada provided \$51 million to Yukon Housing Corporation in 2009 for social housing, with a program expiry date of March 2012. Yukon contributed another \$5.6 million.

Yukon Housing Corporation distributed nearly \$560,000 to non-profit societies for renovations to existing units.

In addition to projects funded through Canada's Economic Action Plan, the corporation contributed land and resources to Habitat for Humanity to construct a triplex for low income families in both downtown Whitehorse and the Ingram subdivision. Yukon Housing Corporation is actively working with organizations on projects that will continue to address the housing needs of Yukoners.

For more information see backgrounder below or visit www.housing.yk.ca.

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Backgrounder:

Project	# of units constructed
Family Focused (Whitehorse) *	32
Watson Lake Seniors*	12
Teslin Seniors*	8

Faro Seniors*	6
Attached Family Housing (Ingram Subdivision, Whitehorse)*	6
Seniors' Housing (Whitehorse)* (207 Alexander St. replacement)	30
Social Housing (Dawson)* (Korbo replacement)	19
Duplexes (Whitehorse)*	6
Haines Junction Seniors (2008)	9
Whitehorse Seniors (2007 – Athletes Village)	48
Yukon College Affordable Student Family Housing (2007 – Athletes Village)	24
TOTAL	200
Upgrades (includes many different types of work, such as interior or exterior retrofits, roofing repairs, flooring replacement, furnace upgrades, boilers, siding, trim and air barrier upgrades, elevator upgrades, wheelchair lift, bathroom and kitchen renovations, painting and furnace/appliance replacements)	**Over 300 units upgraded

*Canada's Economic Action Plan (CEAP) funding

** Not included in totals

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