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Yukon government provides \$2.7 million for Carcross/Tagish First Nation learning centre

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski announced today that the Yukon government will contribute \$2.7 million towards the construction of a learning centre in Carcross.

Financial support for the centre results from the intergovernmental accord signed by the premier and Carcross/Tagish First Nation Khà Shâde Hénì Dan Cresswell in March.

"The Carcross learning centre will become a central gathering place for the entire community, providing a number of critical services to Carcross/Tagish First Nation citizens," Pasloski said. "We look forward to working with the First Nation on this initiative and other projects."

The centre will provide a space to support training, community meetings and heritage initiatives.

"Thanks to our partnership with Yukon government, we are moving forward on several community initiatives, including the learning centre," Cresswell said. "It will be great to see this long-standing priority of the First Nation become a reality."

Through the intergovernmental accord, the two leaders committed to work together on common priorities. In addition to financial support for the learning centre, the accord supports the negotiation of an education agreement to improve the outcomes of Carcross/Tagish First Nation students and the provision of training for front-line workers focused on mental health and substance abuse.

Similar accords have been signed with the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and the Kluane First Nation. The accords provide a practical way for governments to work together on joint priorities and initiatives.

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