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## **George Johnston Museum unveils new addition to museum grounds**

WHITEHORSE—The Teslin Historical and Museum Association celebrated the latest addition to the George Johnston Museum in Teslin last week.

The not-for-profit association commissioned local artist Keith Wolfe Smarch to paint a traditional Tlingit house-front. Improvements have also been made to the grounds and landscaping in front of the museum.

The project is supported with just over \$65,000 through the Community Development Fund and \$7,700 through Tourism and Culture's Heritage Attraction Site Support and Special Projects Capital Assistance programs.

"These new additions to the George Johnston Museum are not only a creative step towards increasing the museum's visibility and appeal to highway travellers – they also demonstrate the museum and the community's ongoing commitment to promoting the heritage and culture of this unique part of Yukon," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said.

The 3,000 square-foot museum features galleries and artifacts honouring the lives of George Johnston, the Inland Tlingit and other Teslin residents.

"This project is an excellent example of how the Community Development Fund enhances community infrastructure and contributes to the promotion of First Nations culture and historical exhibits," Minister of Economic Development Stacey Hassard said. "I'm sure this will attract Yukoners and visitors alike to the museum, providing a boost to the community."

The George Johnston Museum is located at kilometer 1294 on the Alaska Highway in Teslin.

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