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Yukon government and City of Whitehorse sign memorandum of understanding on land development

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski and City of Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis signed a memorandum of understanding last week that enables the city to assume the responsibility for developing and selling Yukon land within its municipal boundaries.

"The transfer of responsibility for planning, developing and selling of lots to the city of Whitehorse is a significant milestone," Pasloski said. "We are pleased to partner with the city in developing land within their boundaries to meet residents' needs for years to come."

The memorandum of understanding (MOU) will be supported by implementation agreements that will include the details for each specific project. Under the first project agreement being developed, the city will take over the construction and sale of lots for Phase 3 of the Whistle Bend subdivision.

"This MOU gives the City of Whitehorse the power to design and control development within its borders that other municipalities across the country enjoy," Curtis said. "It makes good sense for our two governments to enter into this agreement, streamlining the land development process for Yukoners."

To date, approximately 70 per cent of Whistle Bend Phase 1 lots and over 50 per cent of

Phase 2 lots have been sold. Phase 3 development will contribute to the city's inventory of residential and multi-family lots.

"Yukon is unique in Canada in providing land development services to municipalities," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "So, Whitehorse assuming its own land planning, development and lot sales is a major step."

The MOU is an extension of the city's land development protocol which was signed with the government in 2006. The Ingram subdivision was planned and completed in 2010 under this protocol. The public charette conducted by the City of Whitehorse for the design of Whistle Bend, as well as planning and development of the Whistle Bend subdivision, were also done under the protocol.

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