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## **Yukon government and Carcross/Tagish First Nation sign intergovernmental accord**

WHITEHORSE— Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski and Carcross/Tagish First Nation Khà Shâde Hénì Dan Cresswell have signed an Intergovernmental Accord. Through the accord, the two leaders committed their governments to working together on areas of mutual importance.

"The Yukon government is pleased to sign this new Intergovernmental Accord, our first with the Carcross/Tagish First Nation," Pasloski said. "The accord provides an opportunity to work on several projects which will provide jobs, skills and valuable services and programs to the community."

Priorities identified in the agreement include financial support for a new learning centre in Carcross, the negotiation of an education agreement to improve the outcomes of Carcross/Tagish First Nation students, and support for training focused on mental health and substance abuse.

"Carcross/Tagish First Nation is looking forward to support for the learning centre, improving outcomes for our children in the education system and building partnerships with Yukon government," Cresswell said.

This accord builds on the recent successes resulting from the economic development Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed by the two governments. That MOU has led to the development and sale of remote cottage lots in the area, and to progress on the Tagish Avenue extension and Bennett Beach residential-commercial project in Carcross.

There have been a number of successful initiatives arising out of similar Intergovernmental Relations Accords with Vuntut Gwichin First Nation, First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Kluane First Nation. The accords provide a practical way for governments to work together over the long term on joint priorities and initiatives.

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