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## **Energy efficiency program contributes to vitality of local businesses**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon's new Commercial Energy Incentive Program is proving to be successful in encouraging local businesses to improve efficient energy use in Yukon.

"By participating in the Yukon government's energy incentive programs, Yukon businesses are choosing to realize cost savings and lower greenhouse gas emissions," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said.

The Commercial Energy Incentive Program offers incentives for improving energy use in multi-family dwellings and commercial buildings through building retrofits or lighting system upgrades.

In the last three months, six local organizations have initiated energy efficient retrofits or lighting upgrades to their buildings. Northern Vision Development is upgrading lighting in three of its Whitehorse hotels under the new incentive program.

"The Commercial Energy Incentive Program was a key factor in our decision to convert our hotel properties in Yukon to energy-efficient and long-lasting LED lighting systems," Northern Vision Development CEO Rich Thompson said. "We congratulate the Yukon government for this program which stimulates investment in energy efficiency. This is good for business and good for all Yukoners as it reduces overall energy use and costs in the territory."

To date, the lighting systems of 10 commercial buildings including hotels, a curling rink and a vehicle service centre have been upgraded to LED lamps and fixtures. These upgrades represent an approximate annual energy savings of 1,188,000 kWh and an annual cost savings of \$142,500.

"Through the Commercial Energy Incentive Program, Residential Energy Incentives Program and the popular Good Energy Incentives Program, the Yukon government is providing a wide variety of sustainable energy solutions for Yukoners and businesses," Kent added.

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