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Whitehorse waterfront project wins prestigious national award

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon-led Whitehorse waterfront revitalization project is the recipient of the Canadian Urban Institute's (CUI) annual Brownie Award.

The award is given to outstanding projects that represent excellence in leadership, innovation and environmental sustainability by transforming brownfields. A brownfield is land previously used that has the potential to be cleaned up or upgraded in some way.

"We are very proud of the waterfront revitalization project, which has brought many benefits for the territory, including the creation of jobs and skills training for Yukoners," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "In addition, the restoration of our historic waterfront has resulted in vibrant attractions for community members and tourists, in the heart of our city."

A representative of the Government of Yukon's Community Services' Infrastructure branch accepted the award at a gala event on October 23 in Toronto.

"This award is a great achievement," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "I congratulate all the various governments and organizations who partnered with the Government of Yukon to complete this award-winning Whitehorse waterfront project."

The waterfront revitalization project was funded through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund. Since 2006, the governments of Canada and Yukon have invested over \$33.3 million, with additional investments of \$8.1 million from the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and more than \$1.4 million from the City of Whitehorse.

The waterfront project was chosen under a category that recognizes excellence in project development on a neighbourhood scale.

For more information about the Whitehorse waterfront revitalization project view the news release announcing its completion and the Whitehorse waterfront booklet.

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