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Government of Yukon and Norcope reach settlement

WHITEHORSE—The contractual disputes between the Government of Yukon and Norcope Enterprises Ltd. for the supply and installation of subsurface infrastructure and site preparation work in Phases 1 and 2 of the Whistle Bend subdivision in Whitehorse have been settled out of court.

"The parties came to an agreement and the Yukon government is pleased that the matter is now resolved," Community Services Deputy Minister Harvey Brooks said. "The government is working to ensure that Phase Two lots in Whistle Bend are ready for public lottery this fall."

A settlement agreement was reached on May 15 following a series of negotiations between the parties that bring an end to the legal proceedings between them. The agreement between the parties amends the final value of the contract with Norcope, resolves all outstanding payments and disputes, and ends all remaining court action.

"Norcope sought and received additional compensation for changes made to the project and is satisfied with the agreement reached," Norcope President Doug Gonder said.

The original contract work was revised through change orders to reflect changes in quantities of material, work for subsurface infrastructure and site preparation in Phase 1 and Phase 2, which brought the total value of the contract to \$17.127 million. The settlement agreement increases the final contract price to \$17.6 million.

Under the agreement, Norcope will complete all unfinished work in Phases 1 and 2 before the areas are handed over to the surface-works contractor in June.

"This agreement is in the best interests of both parties," Brooks added. "People buying lots in Whistle Bend can be confident that quality water and sewer infrastructure is being installed that will provide both comfort and good value for money."

When all phases are fully completed, the Whistle Bend subdivision will have cost an estimated \$270 million. Whistle Bend is envisioned as a neighbourhood for 8,000 residents, complete with transit service, space for parks and commercial developments, green space, and paved and unpaved trails.

For more information on the Whistle Bend subdivision, including current lots available for sale, please visit www.emr.gov.yk.ca.

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