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McDonald Lodge to be replaced

DAWSON CITY—The 40-year-old McDonald Lodge in Dawson City will be replaced, Premier Darrell Pasloski formally announced this week.

On tour in the communities with Health and Social Services Minister Doug Graham, Pasloski stopped in Dawson City where he made the announcement.

"In 2011, a technical assessment confirmed what many Dawsonites already knew, that McDonald Lodge is at the end of its useful life," Pasloski said. "Last year designs were developed and now I'm pleased to say we will deliver on another commitment and replace the old lodge in the near future, pending legislative approval.

"I'd like to thank former Klondike MLA Steve Nordick for all his work on this project over the years," Pasloski added.

The government intends to replace the existing 11-bed building with a facility that increases capacity and meets the care needs of residents in Dawson and northern Yukon.

"Additional beds will enable flexibility and support programming space to meet other community care needs like recovery and respite care," Graham said.

The new facility will be built next to the new hospital to increase opportunities for sharing of heat, power and food services.

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