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Whitehorse waterfront project chosen as finalist for national award

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

The award recognizes leadership, innovation and environmental sustainability in the development of brownfields across Canada. A brownfield is land previously used that has the potential to be upgraded in some way.

"The revitalization of the Whitehorse waterfront was a significant project that was years in the making," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "The upgrades and improvements to this vital area are sure to bring cultural and economic benefits and will enhance Whitehorse as a destination. To be nominated for an award and to have this important partnership project recognized nationally is very fitting indeed."

The waterfront initiative was funded through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund. Together, the governments of Canada and Yukon invested just over \$33 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 since 2006.

"I congratulate the many people involved in bringing this project to such a successful conclusion from Community Services and other Government of Yukon departments, the Government of Canada, the City of Whitehorse, the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and to the many other organizations involved," Cathers added. "It is very gratifying to see all of the partners' hard work recognized and you can bet I will be rooting for our project to win this prestigious award."

The CUI Brownie Award winners will be announced at a gala awards event on October 23 at the annual Canadian Brownfields Conference in Toronto.

For more information about the Whitehorse waterfront revitalization project view the news release announcing its completion and the Whitehorse waterfront booklet [pdf 1.22MB] .

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