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Contract awarded for Ross River suspension bridge stabilization work

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has awarded a \$1,275,200 contract to Klondike Welding Ltd., to complete the first phase of stabilization work on the Ross River suspension bridge.

"The Yukon government recognizes the importance of the Ross River suspension bridge to the community," Minister of Highways and Public Works Wade Istchenko said. "Public safety continues to be a priority and we are pleased to be moving forward with the stabilization of the bridge."

An open house with the community of Ross River is planned for early October to introduce the contractor to the community and discuss the project.

"I'm happy that we've found a solution that preserves the bridge and meets the needs of Ross River," Pelly/Nisutlin MLA Stacey Hassard said. "I'd like to thank Ross River Chief Brian Ladue and Premier Darrell Pasloski for their leadership in making this happen, as well as the Ross River residents who fought to preserve their historic landmark."

Preliminary work on the bridge is expected to begin within the next week and is anticipated to be completed by the end of February 2015.

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