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## **Construction contract awarded for new seniors' complex**

WHITEHORSE—Construction has begun on a new seniors' residence in Whitehorse, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Brad Cathers announced. A contract worth \$11.5 million to construct a new 48-unit accessible seniors' housing complex has been awarded to NGC Builders, a Whitehorse firm.

"Yukon Housing Corporation envisions a healthy and attainable housing environment for all Yukoners," Cathers said. "This government remains committed to ensuring our seniors have access to quality, safe, comfortable and affordable housing."

The four-storey, 48-unit residence will be constructed with design input from the Accessibility Advisory Committee, formed in 2013 to provide direction on building accommodations to support seniors and tenants with mobility challenges. The residence will be located on Front Street near the Ogilvie Street intersection with access to bus services and within walking distance of the Millennium Trail, the public library, shops and other amenities.

"Highways and Public Works is pleased to support Yukon Housing Corporation's vision and will manage the construction of this much needed facility," Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko said. "I am pleased to see this seniors' housing project awarded and look forward to its completion."

The energy-efficient building design incorporates a number of innovative accessibility design features to ease everyday activities for independent-living seniors, similar to those in the Alexander Street seniors' residence. These include accessibility standard entranceways and doors, mobility washrooms and plumbing fixtures, and easily accessible lighting controls and window operators.

"This new seniors' residence will be another state-of-the-art facility added to Yukon Housing Corporation's senior housing properties," Yukon Housing Board chair Janet Moodie said. "This building follows the approach taken by the corporation to design appropriate housing facilities that are reflective of the changing needs of seniors. The board is proud to help more seniors into new safe, comfortable and accessible housing."

Construction has commenced, with completion and occupancy preparation planned for fall 2015.

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*The original version of this news release started with the words "Construction is set to begin on a new seniors' residence in Whitehorse". We made the correction because construction has in fact already started.*

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