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New health facility opens to serve people of the Dawson City area

WHITEHORSE—Dawson City residents had an opportunity to tour the new Dawson City Community Hospital and Health Services Facility on Saturday, before it begins to admit patients.

Premier Darrell Pasloski, Minister of Health and Social Services Doug Graham and Yukon Hospital Corporation chair Craig Tuton cut the ribbon to officially open the new facility.

"This is a time for celebration, for the people of Dawson City, for the Yukon Hospital Corporation and for Yukon as a whole," Pasloski said. "We are happy that this facility is complete and will begin welcoming patients soon."

Graham said the opening of the health care facility demonstrates the government's commitment to the community of Dawson City and the provision of quality health care to all citizens.

"I am pleased that this facility will house a range of health-related services, as well as acute care, which will further encourage collaborative practice among a variety of health care professionals," Graham said.

The new building has a comprehensive range of health-related programs and services under one roof. The hospital, located on the main floor, consists of six in-patient rooms, a fully equipped emergency room, and state of the art diagnostics including x-ray and a laboratory. It also houses the Dawson Medical Clinic and a retail pharmacy. The second floor is occupied by Dawson Community Health Centre programs and services such as visiting mental health and hearing service professionals, home care and public health units.

Yukon Hospital Corporation Board chair Craig Tuton agrees the commitment to the community has been tremendous.

"The new Dawson City Community Hospital will be a huge asset to the community. Providing acute care closer to home supports the corporation's mission of excellent and safe patient care," Tuton said.

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