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Yukon government and Dawson partner on a regional landfill

WHITEHORSE—An agreement between the Government of Yukon and the City of Dawson regarding the Quigley Waste Management Centre will be signed today by Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor and City of Dawson Mayor Wayne Potoroka in the City of Dawson council chambers.

The three-year agreement formalizes the solid waste management centre as a shared-use regional facility that recognizes equal access to the facility for residents living within the municipal boundary of the City of Dawson and those residing beyond.

"This agreement represents a collaborative approach to solid waste management services and moves Yukon toward the regional solid waste model supported by Yukon's Solid Waste Action Plan and the findings of the recent Our Towns Our Future Solid Waste Working Group," Taylor said. "Arrangements like this will achieve long-term cost savings and efficiencies, and will allow for future planning of waste management needs."

"This agreement is the result of the strong relationship between Dawson City and the Yukon government and acknowledges our shared responsibility for the sustainable operation of the Quigley Waste Management Facility," Potoroka said. "On behalf of council and residents of the City of Dawson, I would like to thank everyone who played a role in the negotiation of this agreement."

Through the partnership, the Yukon government will contribute up to \$400,000 in support of a 10-year operational plan, site assessment, and future capital upgrades that ensure cost effective and environmentally responsible waste management and diversion to increase the expected life-span of the facility.

The Yukon government will also provide up to \$50,000 per year to the City of Dawson in support of operation and maintenance costs, in recognition of the importance of the facility for rural and peripheral users. Through the agreement, Yukon also agrees to assist with the transportation of special waste, metals, recyclables and other items that require off-site transfer.

The City of Dawson will contribute to ongoing operations and maintenance of the facility and is solely responsible and in control of the day-to-day management of the facility, including meeting all permitting requirements and groundwater monitoring.

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