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Justice Wellness Centre opened for Community Corrections clients

WHITEHORSE – The Justice Wellness Centre at the corner of Jarvis Street and Fourth Avenue in Whitehorse was officially opened today by Justice Minister Marian C. Horne.

As part of the Correctional Redevelopment Strategic Plan, the Department of Justice identified a need to better coordinate the services it provides to offenders who require community supervision.

The Justice Wellness Centre will fulfill this need by providing extended programming and support for community corrections clients going through Community Wellness Court or who are low risk probation or bail clients.

"Following a careful review of community correction operations, the Justice Wellness Centre was created to ensure improved access to justice services by our clients," Horne said.

Comprehensive programming mandated by the Community Wellness Court will include addictions counseling, employment, education and skills development that will help to prevent re-offending. The Justice Wellness Centre will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Opening the Justice Wellness Centre is a big step towards meeting the needs of offenders while helping to reduce their risk of re-offending," Horne said.

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