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Fifth and Rogers project moving ahead

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent today announced that Stantec Architecture has completed its stakeholder consultation and has provided high level concepts and ideas for the development of the Fifth and Rogers project in Whitehorse.

"Stantec has taken the ideas and visions received through consulting with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, the Downtown Residents Association, and other stakeholders to provide the steering committee with concepts to consider for further study," Kent said. "We are taking the next step in moving this important community project forward and will provide further direction to Stantec by the end of April."

The Fifth and Rogers project partnership was announced in June 2015. The steering committee guides the direction of the project and assists the Yukon government and the City of Whitehorse in making plans that will lead to a mix of market and affordable housing and commercial development on the site. Any development will be consistent with the City's Official Community Plan, the Whitehorse Growth Strategy, and the Downtown South Master Plan.

"We are extremely pleased with the progress and with the work of the steering committee," Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis said. "Affordable housing and potential housing opportunities remain a top priority for the City and we look forward to hearing more on this planning project."

Stantec Architecture will continue the planning process and is expected to provide the steering committee with its final plan in the fall 2016.

The Fifth and Rogers steering committee includes representatives of the Yukon government, the City of Whitehorse, the Yukon Housing Corporation, the Vimy Heritage Housing Society and the Yukon Construction Association.

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