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Construction underway for two Yukon infrastructure projects thanks to government funding

Joint news release

WHITEHORSE—The governments of Canada and Yukon are investing in wastewater infrastructure that will help create jobs and grow the middle class now while building a strong foundation for a sustainable economic future.

Work will soon begin on two infrastructure projects in Yukon: the replacement of the Haines Junction lift station and the upgrades to Faro's sewage lagoon.

The Haines Junction lift station replacement project involves the construction of a new wastewater lift station and building. The new infrastructure will help to protect the environment and ensure that residents in Haines Junction and surrounding area continue to have access to a safe wastewater system that they can rely on.

Upgrades to the Faro sewage lagoon will include structural and manhole repairs, as well as upgrades to the berms, lagoon and surrounding area. The project also involves the construction of sludge drying beds.

These projects represent important investments in municipal infrastructure that maintain safe, healthy communities. Once complete, the work will significantly improve key municipal services for residents and help boost regional development.

Through the Small Communities Fund, the governments of Canada and Yukon will continue to work in partnership to fund priority public infrastructure projects that deliver on local needs in communities across the territory.

Quotes

"The Government of Canada is proud to invest in infrastructure improvements that contribute to Yukon's economy, help to protect the environment and enhance the quality of life for the people of Northern Canada. These projects and others like it are part of the federal government's commitment to build safer and more resilient communities, which is critical for attracting economic opportunities for the middle class and those trying to join it."

The Honourable Larry Bagnell, Member of Parliament for Yukon on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

"The Government of Yukon is pleased to partner with the federal government in funding projects that will contribute to developing and maintaining sustainable and healthy communities in Yukon. These infrastructure improvement projects are vital in providing the Village of Haines Junction and the Town of Faro with reliable wastewater systems."

The Honourable Currie Dixon, Minister of Community Services, Government of Yukon

Quick facts

- Haines Junction lift station replacement project:
 - The Government of Canada will provide up to \$2,557,500 through the Small Communities Fund for the project.
 - The Government of Yukon will contribute up to \$852,500 to this project.
- Faro sewage lagoon upgrades:
 - The Government of Canada will provide up to \$1,245,000 through the Small Communities Fund for the project.
 - The Government of Yukon will contribute up to \$415,000 to this project.

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