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Yukon College renovations scheduled for 2016

WHITEHORSE—Upgrades are coming to Yukon College with some key renovations scheduled for this year, subject to legislative approval. The work will focus on repairing the building envelope, upgrading lighting and enhancing accessibility. Planning for further changes is also underway.

"Providing students with safe and modern facilities is key to the long-term success of Yukon College," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "These improvements will remedy known issues while addressing accessibility concerns. We want these spaces to showcase the unique post-secondary institution we've built here in Yukon."

Design work has been completed for repairs to the building envelope and is proceeding to tender. Construction is expected to start this year.

In the trades wing, lighting will be upgraded and a lift will be installed between the lower level welding shop and the main level to ensure barrier-free access.

The total cost for the three projects is \$1.25 million. The lighting retrofit will reduce operating expenses.

In addition to the above work, several other projects are in planning phases. They include replacing the fire alarm annunciator, a new residence door, daycare fence replacement and additional lighting upgrades in common areas.

"We are committed to helping Yukon College become the best learning environment possible for post-secondary students," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "Improving facilities and student comfort at the Ayamdigut Campus will position the college for great successes in the future."

Most Yukon government-owned buildings were built prior to 2005, when accessible design became part of National Building Code requirements. Highways and Public Works is working to upgrade all sites to meet current standards for accessibility. The Government of Yukon is committed to ensuring all government buildings are clean, safe and warm for Yukoners.

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