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Government of Yukon contributes to MacBride Museum expansion project

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is contributing \$450,000 to the MacBride Museum of Yukon History to assist with the planning and design of an expansion to the museum, Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor announced today.

MacBride Museum is proposing to renovate and expand its centennial log building, built in 1967, to attach a gallery for new exhibitions and partnerships.

"Though it has served Yukoners well these past forty-plus years, the MacBride Museum is, quite simply, full," Taylor said. "The museum has many more stories it could tell, if only it had the space to do so. The proposed expansion will provide room for new exhibitions, travelling shows, and safe artifact storage."

The funds will be applied toward the costs of engineering, architectural design, site preparation and planning.

"Culture and heritage play a significant role in the social and economic fabric of Yukon and we are pleased to provide funding to support this stage of the project," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "We look forward to working with our partners in the year ahead to strengthen Yukon's rich heritage, for the benefit of residents and visitors to our territory."

The proposed design will expand on the rear portion of the log-front centennial building to provide more space for exhibits and displays about mining, innovation, community and natural history in Yukon.

"The MacBride Museum needs more space to deliver on its mission to share Yukon's stories with both Yukoners and visitors and contribute to Yukon on the heritage and economic development fronts," museum chair Keith Halliday said. "We are very grateful for the consistent support of Premier Pasloski and Minister Elaine Taylor over the years and for their leadership to push forward on this initiative, and we are very excited about this new facility."

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