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Yukon Research Receives Boost from Canada

WHITEHORSE – Premier Dennis Fentie is pleased that Yukon research institutions and projects will receive money to help further their activities.

“The Government of Canada is recognizing the importance of the North and its tie to Arctic sovereignty by making this investment in Yukon research infrastructure,” Fentie said. “This funding will help support northern research, which builds our knowledge and understanding, and helps to inform environmental and economic objectives at both the local and national levels.”

Five Yukon research facilities will be receiving Arctic Research Infrastructure funding through Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, as part of Canada’s Northern Strategy. This funding supports Yukon’s research in several fields including: climate change, cold climate innovation and biodiversity, geology, archaeology, mineral exploration and paleontology.

The H.S. Bostock Geological Core Library, Yukon College’s Northern Research Institute, Yukon government’s Forest Management branch greenhouse and its Gunner Nilsson and Mickey Lammers Forest Research Centre, Kluane Lake Research Station, and the Old Crow Research Facility will all be making improvements to their infrastructure with this funding.

“These investments build on this government’s commitment, as outlined in the Climate Change Action Plan, to expand our research capability and knowledge on northern climate change,” Environment Minister Elaine Taylor said.

“All these institutions have made valuable contributions to Yukon and to Canada,” Fentie added. “This is another example of our important work with northerners and the Government of Canada that will benefit the North.”

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See backgrounder below.

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Yukon Recipients of Arctic Research Infrastructure Fund Awards

Yukon Geological Survey received up to \$3,885,000 for expansion of the H.S. Bostock Geological Core Library in Whitehorse that helps support sustainable mineral exploration.

Arctic Institute of North America, at the University of Calgary, received up to \$3,393,000 to support improvements to the Kluane Lake Research Station, which is used to conduct earth and life sciences research.

Vuntut Gwitchin government received up to \$2,044,950 for improvements to the Old Crow Research Facility, which is used by its Natural Resource Department, visiting researchers, and will house a significant collection of artifacts, data, materials and equipment.

Yukon College in Whitehorse received up to \$2,502,000 for expansion and renovation of the Northern Research Institute facilities and infrastructure. These improvements will assist in conducting its work in research in applied, pure and social sciences.

Government of Yukon received \$1,596,637 for upgrading and renovating the Forest Management branch's greenhouse and the Gunner Nilsson and Mickey Lammers Research Forest.

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