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Second Ambulance Station Planned For Whitehorse

WHITEHORSE – Planning and design work for a new Whitehorse Integrated Emergency Response Facility is set to begin, Community Services Minister Archie Lang announced today.

“The new Integrated Emergency Response Facility will house Whitehorse’s new primary Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ambulance station,” Lang said. “This new facility will reduce EMS response times and improve services to residents of Whitehorse and surrounding areas.”

The second EMS facility will be located in the area of Two Mile Hill and the Alaska Highway and will enable EMS responders to reach the majority of Whitehorse residents more quickly. The existing EMS ambulance station located at the Whitehorse General Hospital will also continue to serve the community.

“The Government of Yukon is committed to providing Yukon’s vital emergency responders with the facilities and equipment they need to help keep Yukoners safe,” Lang added. “The additional emergency service facility will ensure quick response times to best serve a growing community that includes new neighbourhoods along the Alaska Highway and Hamilton Boulevard.”

A request for proposals for the design of the new facility will be issued later this month. In the interim, a second EMS ambulance crew will be located in the Protective Services building at the top of Two Mile Hill on the Alaska Highway.

Construction plans for the new integrated emergency response facility are expected to be announced next year.

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