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## **Yukon to help develop long-term infrastructure funding program for Canada**

WHITEHORSE—Yukon will play a role in the nation-wide effort to develop a new long-term infrastructure funding program for Canada that extends beyond the expiry of the Building Canada Plan, Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor announced today.

"Yukon has experienced significant economic prosperity over the past several years and it is essential that we continue to build momentum into the future," Taylor said. "A key component will be the development of a new long-term federal infrastructure funding program that meets Yukon's unique needs and provides for innovative approaches to overcoming the challenges of delivering community-based infrastructure in the North."

Taylor will actively participate in the meeting of provincial and territorial ministers responsible for local government in Gatineau, Quebec on February 6, along with the Honourable Denis Lebel, Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

"A new funding program will help Yukon realize economic benefits, create new and lasting jobs and address ongoing infrastructure needs in our communities," Taylor said. "We look forward to working with the Government of Canada on a long-term sustainable funding framework which supports local decision-making and achieves the greatest possible benefit for all Yukon municipalities, First Nations, unincorporated communities and the North."

Yukon projects approved to date under the Provincial-Territorial Base Funding agreement of the Building Canada Plan total approximately \$228 million. Of this, \$152.5 million is being contributed by Canada, \$47.5 million by Yukon and \$28 million from other sources. Investments include drinking water, wastewater, local roads, solid waste and green energy infrastructure initiatives.

Visit online for more information on Canada-Yukon infrastructure funds.

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