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## **Yukon to continue partnership with Rick Hansen Institute**

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski today committed to continuing the government's partnership with the Rick Hansen Institute.

"Five years ago, the Yukon government entered into a partnership with the foundation in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Man in Motion tour. Through that partnership, Yukon provided \$100,000, over five years, to the institute to help create accessible, inclusive communities for people with spinal cord injuries and mobility disabilities," Pasloski said.

The money flowed through the institute to a locally-established disability expert group that in turn granted funds to applicants requiring assistance and support.

The premier congratulated the expert group, the Yukon Solutions Team, for its work over the past five years. The team has funded community support programs, the purchase of adaptive equipment and other mobility aids. Some projects include installation of ramps and initiatives that stretch the imagination, such as adapting a snowmobile to allow a trapper to continue working.

"This money has been spent in Yukon to provide huge benefits to Yukoners and has helped improve health outcomes and enhance the quality of life for participants. Much good work has been done over the last five years, and I am very happy to say that we look forward to our continued partnership with Mr. Hansen's foundation, and more successful projects from the Yukon Solutions Team," Pasloski added.

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