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Providing clean water for Yukoners

WHITEHORSE—More than \$32 million is identified in the Department of Community Services' 2012-13 budget for planning and construction of key drinking water projects across the territory.

"The Yukon government is committed to ensuring that Yukoners have safe and sustainable drinking water," Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor said. "In partnership with the federal government, we work with municipalities, First Nations and other community groups throughout the territory to ensure Yukoners have year-round access to clean drinking water."

Since 2008, Yukon has identified 60 infrastructure projects under the Building Canada Fund (BCF) to help address core infrastructure priorities throughout Yukon communities.

Drinking water projects underway in 2012-13 through joint investment from Canada and Yukon under the BCF include upgrades to water treatment in Carcross, Mayo, Old Crow, Ross River, Teslin, Tagish and Haines Junction and water system upgrades in Faro, Watson Lake, Deep Creek, Rock Creek and Mendenhall.

March 19 to 25 is Canada Water Week and a number of activities have taken place in Yukon to celebrate this fundamental resource and highlight the importance of reducing our water footprint.

Find more information on Canada Water Week and Yukon's water resources on our webpage.

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Backgrounder

There are 15 Building Canada Fund water projects currently underway in 2012-13. Under BCF, Canada contributes 75 per cent of funding and Yukon contributes 25 per cent.

Community	Project	Status	Estimated Completion
Carcross	Water system treatment phases one and two	Under	October 2012

		construction	
Faro	Water pipe replacement	Under construction	December 2012
Haines Junction	Water reservoir & pump system	In design	Fall 2012
Haines Junction	Upgrade of water system (arsenic treatment)	Under construction	Fall 2012
Mayo	New community well (installed) & treatment system	In design	Spring 2013
Ross River	Upgrade of water system and public works building	Under construction	October 2013
Tagish	Taku subdivision fill point upgrade of water system	In design	Fall 2012
Teslin	Upgrade of water system (arsenic treatment) and new well/pumphouse	In design	October 2013
Watson Lake	Water and sewer pipe replacement and wet well phase one	Under construction	Fall 2012
Deep Creek	Water treatment plant to serve Deep Creek and Horse Creek communities	In design	December 2013
Rock Creek	Well upgrades, storage tanks, filtering treatment systems, and new facility to house new equipment	In design	Spring 2013
Burwash Landing	Well head protection phase one	Under construction	Fall 2012
Mendenhall	Community water supply	In design	December 2013
Old Crow	Water supply upgrades	Under construction	Fall 2012
Whitehorse	Marwell water & sewer upgrades	Under construction	Fall 2012

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