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Training to help Pelly/Carmacks residents benefit from economic growth

WHITEHORSE—New training opportunities for residents of the Pelly/Carmacks region will help to equip them with skills needed for the growing local job market, Education Minister Scott Kent announced today.

"The Pelly/Carmacks Training Fund will develop the region's skilled workforce and ensure community members gain economic benefits from activity in their area," Kent said. "Our government is committing \$75,000 to the fund to help prepare local workers for employment in the region as the economy continues to expand."

To be eligible, applicants must reside in Pelly Crossing, Carmacks, or the surrounding area, including Braeburn and Minto.

Applications for funding will be accepted from employed or unemployed individuals who wish to take training to improve their occupational skills. Applications will also be accepted from organizations to support the provision of training opportunities for residents of the region.

"It is great to have this fund established and available to our communities," the fund's treasurer Cory Bellmore said. "The committee looks forward to supporting many people to achieve their training goals."

The training fund will help pay for costs such as course fees, rental fees for equipment, trainer costs, training supplies and travel costs as needed. Applicants are expected to contribute a minimum of half the cost of training, although under exceptional circumstances additional funding may be considered.

Funding decisions will be made by community members via a committee with representatives from the Village of Carmacks, Yukon College, Selkirk First Nation and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation.

This training initiative is part of the Yukon government's Community Training Fund, a successful and proven method to address the training needs of Yukoners. Funding for training is offered in three streams: community-based, industry/sector-based and project specific.

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