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Contract for second stage housing is awarded

WHITEHORSE—A contract to provide land, construction and design for a new 10 unit second stage housing facility for women and children has been awarded to NGC Builders. The facility, to be called Betty's Haven, will be built at 4041 4th Avenue in Whitehorse.

"This important infrastructure will contribute toward the health and safety of women and children in need in our community," Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said. "The Yukon government is pleased to partner with the Yukon Women's Transition Home Society and contribute to this progressive project."

Upon completion of the facility, the land and building will be owned by the Yukon Women's Transition Home Society. The Department of Highways and Public Works is providing technical assistance and project management to the Society, and the Women's Directorate is providing support and funding for the land, design and building contracts.

"We are proud to contribute to the construction of this safe facility for Yukon's women and children," Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko said. "This significant partnership aligns with Yukon's long-term plan for infrastructure investment and supports local employment and economic growth."

Betty's Haven will provide 10 second stage units of supportive, secure and affordable housing for 12 to 18 months to women and their children who are fleeing abuse.

"At Kaushee's Place we see daily that lack of secure and affordable housing is a significant barrier to the safety of women and children of the Yukon," Yukon Women's Transition Home Society executive director Barbara McInerney said. "This project is a crucial step towards improving the safety, health and well-being of women. We have been working towards this project for years and are extremely excited to see it moving forward."

The Yukon government has committed a total of \$4.5 million towards the completion of Betty's Haven. The contracts between the Society and the contractor are valued at slightly less than that at \$4,450,000. The design is currently underway and some site preparation including geotechnical work has commenced.

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