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**DOZENS OF YUKONERS PUT TO WORK THROUGH GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon government has awarded several more contracts for highway maintenance and rehabilitation.

Skookum Asphalt Ltd. of Whitehorse has received a \$292,800-contract for a pavement overlay on a section of the Klondike Highway north of the Hot Springs Road. This will employ about 15 Yukoners from mid-June to early July.

The Yukon government has awarded two seeding and fertilizing contracts to Adorna Flowers and Landscaping Ltd., also of Whitehorse. One contract is worth \$102,719 and is for work along the Alaska Highway between Jarvis Creek and Silver City. It will provide work for four people for a few weeks in June.

The second contract, for \$37,400, is for seeding and fertilizing along the highway near Ross River. It will employ four people from the middle of June to July 5.

A third seeding and fertilizing contract has gone to Interior Reforestation Ltd. of Cranbrook, B.C. The agreement will see \$92,527 spent this summer on revegetation for erosion control along the Alaska Highway between Burwash Landing and the Donjek River.

“Once again this shows that by approving the 2002/03 capital budget last fall, we have been able to award contracts much earlier in the season,” Infrastructure Minister Scott Kent said. “We continue to receive favourable feedback from Yukon contractors on this decision.”

The government also awards some contracts under its annual maintenance budget. It has given a \$43,400-contract to David Kruse o/a Tarpan Enterprise of Whitehorse for brush and weed control work on the Alaska Highway north of Beaver Creek and on the Haines Road near Kathleen Lake. This will employ three people. The work will be done between mid-June and the end of July.

A second brush and weed control contract, worth \$31,250, has gone to Ivan Thompson Contracting of Whitehorse. It covers work to be done along the Alaska Highway from Jake’s Corner north towards Marsh Lake. Three people will be hired to do this work from mid-June to early July.

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