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WHITEHORSE WATERFRONT TROLLEY MAKING TRACKS

WHITEHORSE - The Whitehorse Waterfront Trolley is definitely on the right track. At a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 25th, the Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society, Yukon government and dignitaries will celebrate the extension of the trolley into Rotary Peace Park.

"This initiative gives the trolley a more suitable destination and will add convenience for riders," Infrastructure Minister Scott Kent said. "Up until now the loading area was not very convenient for passengers. Now they can more easily access the trolley from the park."

The Yukon government contributed \$30,000 to upgrade the track extension. Approximately 200 metres (about 600 feet) of railway track was rebuilt on the White Pass right of way from the Yukon government's main administration building to the traffic lights on Second Avenue. The City of Whitehorse funded the new trolley loading platform.

"We are pleased to be working in conjunction with the Yukon government, the City of Whitehorse, Kwanlin Dun First Nation and White Pass to further this ongoing project, which everyone benefits from," said Dave Layzell, President of the Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society.

The society is its third year of managing the trolley for the Yukon government. The historic electric trolley runs along the Whitehorse waterfront from the Round House on First Avenue and Black Street to Rotary Peace Park at Second Avenue. It also operates a mining interpretive railway at the edge of the Whitehorse Copper Belt.

The public is invited to attend the opening ceremony at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 25th at Rotary Peace Park. They can also ride the trolley free all day Saturday, July 27th.

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