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NORTHERN TOWN WILL RETURN AFTER THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHITEHORSE – *Northern Town* producers are thrilled to announce they have been given financial support to develop seven additional episodes.

“We are extremely proud of *Northern Town*,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said following a screening of its first season. “Its success proves that the Yukon Film Development and Film Production funds are working to shape an active filming industry.”

Set in small-town Yukon, *Northern Town* depicts the adventures of a colourful cast whose fictional community is near a meteorite landing site. The first six episodes were shot in Carcross, Dawson City, Haines Junction and Whitehorse, in February and March of this year with a budget of \$3.3 million, \$500,000 of which came from the Government of Yukon’s Film Development and Film Production funds.

“Writing stories for another round of *Northern Town* is very enjoyable,” producer Daniel Janke said. Janke has traveled Yukon rivers and roads to augment his character development by talking with Yukoners.

“It is a chance to further engage our characters and the world they live in, as well as to develop new characters and threads of interaction. Storytelling seems a natural passion for people living in this part of the world. Keeping it 'real' is important to me,” Janke added.

With the backing of CBC and Telefilm, the filming of *Northern Town* episodes seven through 13 will also take place in the Yukon. Season two details, including budget and timing of the shooting, have yet to be finalized.

“The second season of *Northern Town* is now in active development,” co-producer Daniel Iron said. “We are very excited to have the opportunity to develop the on-going shenanigans of our characters and once again to shine the spotlight on the beauty and vitality of the Yukon.”

Episodes one through six of *Northern Town* put more than 250 Yukon residents to work.

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