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YUKON GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS SAFE SPACES AND PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH

WHITEHORSE – Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon is pleased to announce that the Community Development Fund has awarded \$638,619 of Tier 3 funding, supporting several initiatives that aim to create safe spaces and programming for youth.

“The Community Development Fund (CDF) allows us to provide outlets the youth need to grow into responsible citizens,” Kenyon said. “This government is committed to working with Yukon communities and non-government organizations to support crime prevention initiatives, youth programs and to improve overall community safety.”

The Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in First Nation received \$83,385 to construct a community playground and skate park, providing a play structure for Dawson City youth to pursue active and healthy lifestyles through constructive outdoor activities.

“In Dawson City, we are struggling with a lack of facilities and this skate park will help fill the void,” Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Lands and Housing Director Ed Kormendy said. “We are certainly appreciative that CDF has stepped up to the plate to help provide Dawson City youth with a safe space to gather.”

Crime Prevention Yukon received \$79,636 for a youth employment skills program that offers life skills and employment training programming to youth aged 18 to 22.

“This funding has afforded us the opportunity to adopt a whole-person approach to employment training,” said Catherine Morgan, Project Manager at Crime Prevention Yukon. “This CDF funding is allowing us to implement one of the best capacity support programs out there. Providing training, counseling and support to youth will help them improve both their work and life skills.”

The primary goal of the Community Development Fund is to fund projects and events that provide long-term benefit and value to Yukon communities. CDF provides Yukon groups, associations and organizations funding for projects and events that create jobs, contribute to community well-being, and bring social and economic benefits to Yukon residents.

The intake deadline for CDF funding was May 15. This intake is for both Tier 1 (up to \$20,000) and Tier 2 (\$20,001 to \$75,000) projects.

Learn more about the Community Development Fund and how it may benefit your community by visiting the Yukon government website: www.gov.yk.ca.

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Backgrounder: Tier 3 Approved Projects and photos

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BACKGROUND: TIER 3 APPROVED PROJECTS

Crime Prevention Yukon received \$79,636 to offer a life skills and employment training program focusing on, but not limited to, youth aged 18 to 22. The project will create 6,800 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Catherine Morgan at (867) 668-4420.

Great Northern Ski Society received \$78,000 to complete emergency repairs to the Mount Sima chairlift and to ensure that the T-bar was in place as required by Canada Winter Games. **Contact:** Ernie Berken at (867) 668-4420.

Kluane Lake Athletic Association received \$88,135 to construct and install a new dock in the Destruction Bay harbor on Kluane Lake. The project will create 180 hours of employment for three people. **Contact:** Ken Cohoe at (867) 841-4553.

Raven Recycling Society received \$75,000 to assist with the purchase of a recycling baler to benefit the City of Whitehorse and a number of rural recycling centres. **Contact:** Monique Chatterton at (867) 668-5744.

Town of Watson Lake received \$120,757 for a major upgrade to the Signpost forest, including 500 new posts, a 50 seat amphitheatre and landscaping. The project will create 2,400 hours of employment for four people. **Contact:** Deb Hadwen at (867) 536-8022.

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation received \$83,385 to construct a skateboard park and install playground equipment in a new subdivision. The project will create 320 hours of employment for two people. **Contact:** Ed Kormendy at (867) 993-7142.

Yukon Convention Bureau received \$113,706 for website enhancements, mainly the addition of a virtual tour and image library to the www.meetingsyukon.com website. The project will create 440 hours of employment for one person. **Contact:** Jenn Houtby at (867) 393-8283.

PHOTO 1:



(L to R) Yukon Convention Bureau President Paul Choquette; Yukon Convention Bureau Managing Director Jenn Houtby and Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon

PHOTO 2



(L to R) Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in council member Bruce Taylor, Chief Darren Taylor, Klondike MLA Steve Nordick, and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in council members Peter Nagano and Roberta Joseph.