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Yukon Government Opens New Tombstone Interpretive Centre

DAWSON CITY – The doors to the new Tombstone Territorial Park visitor interpretive centre were opened today by Premier Dennis Fentie, Environment Minister Elaine Taylor and Klondike MLA Steve Nordick.

“In addition to helping residents and visitors alike to learn about the natural, cultural and recreational values of the park, this building is a significant example of green infrastructure that will help reduce operation costs and decrease greenhouse gas emissions,” Taylor said.

The \$2 million building was designed using the Leading in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) standards to minimize its environmental footprint.

Design considerations included maximizing passive solar energy and natural air circulation to heat and ventilate the building; using solar panels as the key electrical source; instant-on hot water supply, low flow toilets and sinks; and using natural materials instead of plastics.

The interpretive program in the building was developed by the Yukon Parks branch and the Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Heritage Department, with Holland America Tours providing substantial financial support for the planning and fabrication of displays and exhibits.

The Interpretive Centre will offer activities as well as information about the park to tour groups, independent travellers and back country campers. The importance of the Dempster Highway to Yukon and Northwest Territories will also be featured.

The building will be available for school programs and may serve as a base for research initiatives.

The building will be opened to the public over the next week.

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