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KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION CELEBRATES NEW COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

WHITEHORSE—Kwanlin Dün First Nation hosted a celebration today to mark the official opening of a new \$177,850 community playground funded in part (\$100,300) by the Government of Yukon’s Community Development Fund.

“The community that plays together, stays together,” said Chief Doris Bill. “This playground is a beautiful addition to the recreation facilities available to residents of McIntyre and the greater Whitehorse community, and we invite everyone to come enjoy it with us.”

Children from the Dusk’a Head Start Family Learning Centre named the playground *Dunèna Nàkwäts’äye*, which translates to *Children Play* in the Southern Tutchone language. The children were drummed from Dusk’a to the event with a traditional song by KDFN Councillor Sean Smith. A sign with the playground’s name was revealed by the children, who also participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony before they began to play in the playground.

“This new playground provides a safe, fun environment for children and community members to play and be active together,” said the Government of Yukon’s Minister of Economic Development Ranj Pillai. “The Government of Yukon is proud to support projects that encourage active lifestyles and foster healthy, vibrant communities.”

The new playground is adjacent to the community baseball diamond that was upgraded by the Jays Care Foundation in 2018 as well as a covered hockey rink. An older playground adjacent the KDFN government offices will be moved to the corner of Crow and Swan streets in Takhini North.

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