



HOUSING FIRST WHITEHORSE

Location:

Whitehorse, YT

Client:

City of Whitehorse

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Original Schedule:

May, 2018

Occupancy Date:

May, 2018

Original Budget:

\$ 3,100,000

Final Construction cost:

\$ 39,000,000

Due to increased scope of
work and limited bids

Size:

1,075 m²

Kobayashi + Zedda acted as the prime consultant for the new Housing First project initiated by the Yukon Government Department of Health & Social Services and managed by the Yukon Housing Corporation.

The 16 unit Housing First building in downtown Whitehorse responds to the need of sustainable, affordable and humane housing that addresses the matter of homelessness. While traditional transitional housing methods for our target demographic is typically achieved in gradual interchanges; from the streets, to a public shelter, to transitional housing, to private apartments, the Housing First Model differs, prioritizing moving individuals or households from their conditions, directly to their own apartment. The independence and security granted by this direct transition helps provides individuals with stability and safety which affect an immediate improvement in quality of life.

The building and its systems will meet the requirements of conceptual simplicity and low maintenance will be constructed of durable, resilient and non-toxic materials, ensuring a lifespan in an extreme cold climate of 40 years.