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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. It is found on page 15. I see that there is a \$50,000 contribution to the Capital Area Development Fund. I see that there are a number of other partners involved, including the City of Yellowknife, RCMP, Department of National Defence, and so on. Are the other partners contributing towards the fund, and if so, what is the total of the fund? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Mr. Mercer.

MR. MERCER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. When the revised capital area plan was developed in partnership with the City of Yellowknife and all of the remaining partners, the plan at the time was that all of these partners would make a contribution to the plan and to the Capital Area Fund, and it is my understanding that all partners will be doing a similar contribution. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thanks for that information. Over what period of time does the new plan cover for these expenditures? Is it over the next three or four or five years? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Mr. Mercer.

MR. MERCER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The plan calls for a steady state funding for the Capital Area Fund, so the thinking is that this \$50,000 contribution will be an annual contribution. These contributions will likely build up within the Capital Area Fund until there are adequate resources to undertake some fairly significant projects.

There is no time referenced in the capital area plan, but the thinking, subject to the appropriation of the legislature every year, was that this would be an annual contribution by all of the parties. Thank you, Mr. Chair.