



News Release – Construction begins on Prohibition Creek Access Road Phase 1

NORMAN WELLS (November 22, 2022) – As part of efforts by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the Government of Canada to invest in strategic infrastructure that creates jobs and economic opportunities for Northern businesses, construction of phase one of the Prohibition Creek Access Road (PCAR) near Norman Wells is set to begin on Nov. 22, 2022.

Valued at \$25.5 million, construction of phase one of the access road will be cost-shared by the Government of Canada (75%) and the GNWT (25%) under the Green Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and is anticipated to take 12 months to complete.

HRN Contracting Ltd, a Norman Wells-based, Sahtu-beneficiary-owned company has been awarded the contract to build 6.7 km of all-season road between Canyon Creek and Christina Creek, along the existing Mackenzie Valley Winter Road alignment and the proposed all-season Mackenzie Valley Highway between Wrigley and Norman Wells.

Building the road between Canyon Creek and Christina Creek will help to connect communities, make transportation safer, and benefit Northerners by creating jobs and other economic opportunities in the Sahtu region.

This project reflects the GNWT's commitment to build and support local and northern capacity in the Sahtu region in advance of the future Mackenzie Valley Highway project. All levels of government continue to work together for Northerners to make strategic infrastructure investments in communities across the territory.

Quote(s)

“Today’s announcement builds on our government’s commitment to strengthen the Northwest Territories’ economy and provide Sahtu residents with infrastructure that benefits them in their daily lives. The construction of reliable, year-round transportation infrastructure in the North creates employment, training and business opportunities while also increasing access for traditional harvesting and recreational activities.”

- **Michael McLeod**, *Member of Parliament for Northwest Territories, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities*



“Making strategic infrastructure investments that will create jobs, help with economic recovery, and stabilize the cost of living in the NWT is a priority for this government. I am pleased that the Prohibition Creek Access Road project has reached this milestone and that construction will bring jobs and other economic opportunities to the Sahtu region.”

- **Diane Archie**, *Minister of Infrastructure, Government of the Northwest Territories*

Quick facts

- The PCAR connects to the end of the Canyon Creek All-Season Access Road, a 14-km road from Norman Wells to Canyon Creek that similarly advanced as a capacity-building project for the larger Mackenzie Valley Highway and was built along the existing winter road alignment. That project was completed in November of 2018.
- The Canyon Creek All-Season Access Road project offered training opportunities to approximately 12 trainees and 16 heavy equipment operators and maintained an average of 84% local and Northern employment throughout construction.

Related links

- [Prohibition Creek Access Road](#)
- [Canyon Creek All-Season Access Road](#)
- [Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program](#)

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