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Construction of Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Well Underway

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With its first construction season over, the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway construction project is well underway.

It was a short and busy winter as more than 425 workers began constructing the highly anticipated 137-kilometre all-season highway that will link the communities of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk, which is currently only served by ice road, barge and air. This new highway to the Arctic coast will connect Canada's road network from coast to coast to coast.

This project is generating economic and social opportunities for this Northern region. It will also help decrease the cost of living in Tuktoyaktuk by enabling goods to be shipped year round by road, increase opportunities for business development, reduce the cost of job-creating onshore oil and gas exploration, and strengthen Canada's sovereignty in the North.

Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada is contributing up to \$200 million towards this project.
- The Government of the Northwest Territories is contributing \$99 million towards this \$299-million project.

Quotes

"The new all-season highway will strengthen Canada's Arctic presence and create jobs, economic growth and long-term prosperity in the North. Our Government is proud to invest in infrastructure projects that will have a direct impact on the regional economy here in the Northwest Territories and across Canada."

*The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
Minister of the Environment,
Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency,
Minister for the Arctic Council and Member of Parliament for Nunavut*

"The Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway is the northern-most segment of an envisioned highway through the Mackenzie Valley. The benefits generated by the construction project are injecting renewed vitality into residents and businesses of the Inuvik region. Such strategic investments in transportation infrastructure are imperative to strengthening and diversifying the NWT economy."

*The Honourable Tom Beaulieu
Minister of Transportation
Minister of Public Works and Services
Minister of Human Resources*

Associated Links

[PM marks start of construction on historic roadway](#)
[Minister Aglukkaq Confirms New Funding For Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway](#)

For additional information on the New Building Canada Plan, visit: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/plan-eng.html>.

To learn more about the Government of Canada's focus on jobs and the economy consult Canada's Economic Action Plan at <http://www.eap.gc.ca>.

Learn more about the innovative engineering techniques used during the winter construction of the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway at <http://inuviktotuk.dot.gov.nt.ca>.

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