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Introduction

Established in 1990, the Government of the Northwest Territories' Community Access Program (CAP) provides contribution funding to communities and Indigenous governments across the Northwest Territories (NWT) for the construction and rehabilitation of transportation and marine infrastructure. On behalf of the GNWT, the Department of Infrastructure improved the application process in 2020 to include summer and winter intake periods to help create more planning and preparation time for project submissions.

The program is application-based with an annual budget of $1.5 million. The Department of Infrastructure often partners with other departments, as well as municipal and Indigenous governments, to support local construction project capacities, employment and training opportunities through CAP construction projects. CAP projects include the construction and/or maintenance for access roads, winter roads, trails and for marine docks, wharves and breakwaters. Every effort is made to maximize the contributions for local and northern residents to benefit from the public dollars spent in their community, while improving their local infrastructure. Applications are encouraged to be submitted before the deadline for each intake period, as late submissions will be considered after the applications that were received on time.

In 2020-21, a total of 26 projects were supported across all five regions. This *CAP 2020-21 Results Report* outlines these construction projects throughout the NWT and their outcomes.

2020-21 Community Access Program Projects

Region	Community	Project	Funding Amount	Amount Expended
Sahtú	Délı̨ne	14-Mile Ice Road to Whiskey Jack Point	$57,520	$57,520
	Délı̨ne	Grey Goose Dock and Boat Launch Expansion	$100,000	$100,000
	Colville Lake	Community Camp Dock	$57,711	$57,711
Beaufort Delta	Tsiigehtchic	32 km Arctic Red River Ice Road	$28,750	$28,750
	Tuktoyaktuk	Husky Lakes Trail Construction	$100,000	$100,000
	Aklavik	80 km Section - Peel River Ice Road from Aklavik to Esau Creek	$50,000	$50,000
	Fort McPherson	80 km Section - Peel River Ice Road from Fort McPherson to Esau Creek	$50,000	$50,000
	Fort McPherson	Happy's Landing Boat Launch	$109,000	$109,000
	Paulatuk	ATV/Snowmobile Trail	$40,000	$26,960
South Slave	Hay River	Fisherman's Wharf Access Road	$111,000	$111,000
	Hay River	Porritt Landing Marine Facility Improvements	$42,624	$42,624
	Kakisa	Dock and Boat Launch Upgrade	$75,000	$0
	Fort Smith	Grande de Tour Winter Road	$10,000	$10,000
	Fort Smith	Thebacha Campsite Access Road	$84,025	$6,300
	Fort Smith	Thebacha Village Access Road	$3,000	$3,000
North Slave	Wekweètì	Wekweètì Access Road	$154,300	$154,300
	Whatì	Community Access ATV and Walking Trail	$50,000	$42,696
	Gamètì	Duck Pond Access Road Construction	$107,250	$36,140
	Behchokǫ̀	Ice Road Connector	$34,500	$34,500
	Behchokǫ̀	Access Trail – Edzo Trail – School to Lake	$24,300	$24,300
	Behchokǫ̀	Access Trail – Rae Extension – Cemetery to Lake	$18,600	$18,600
	Łutselk'e	Austin Lake Access Road	$100,000	$100,000
	Dettah	New Marine Facility	$50,000	$5,090
	Ndilo	New Marine Facility	$50,000	$45,911
Dehcho	Wrigley	Airport Lake Trail and Jones Lake Trail	$50,030	$0
	Nahanni Butte	Access Trail Construction - Arrowhead, Bluebell, Swan Point, Achinea Trails	$20,000	$20,000
	Fort Simpson	Deneyoua Drive Access Road	$54,000	$30,711
		TOTAL	**$1,631,610**	**$1,265,113**

Sahtú Region

Ice Road to Whiskey Jack Point – Délı̨ne

Funding Amount: $57,520

The Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę Government received CAP funding to build and maintain the 22.5 km ice road to Whiskey Jack Point. The ice road provides multiple social benefits, including essential access to on-the-land harvesting activities that help reduce the cost of living while also improving nutrition, such as wood harvesting for home heating, big and small game hunting, ice fishing, transportation to cabins, hunting camps, and trapping.

Community residents working on the project further developed their skills in ice road construction and maintenance, and heavy equipment operation. A total of two community residents were employed over the duration of the project:

- 1 Front End Loader Operator
- 1 Grader Operator

Cabins located along the 22.5 km Ice Road to Whiskey Jack Point in Délı̨ne.

Grey Goose Dock and Boat Launch Expansion – Délı̨ne

Funding Amount: $100,000

The Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę Government received $100,000 in funding to assist in covering the Phase I cost of procuring and transporting approximately 125 tons of construction materials for the Grey Goose Dock and Boat Launch expansion project in Délı̨nę. One Project Manager was employed during Phase I. This marine facility expansion project will double the size of the current Grey Goose Dock and Boat Launch to a 20,000 square foot marine facility with a 200-foot galvanized steel dock and rebar-reinforced grooved cement tie boat launches.

Aerial view of the expanded Grey Goose Dock and Boat Launch in Délı̨nę.

Upon completion, the expanded marine facility will provide additional sheltered mooring for small vessels and floatplanes.

In future phases, it's expected that community residents working on the project will further develop transferable skills and training in heavy equipment operations, metal work, etc.

Community Camp Dock – Colville Lake

Funding Amount: $57,711

The Behdzi Ahda First Nation in Colville Lake received $57,711 in funding to cover the cost of constructing the new Community Camp Dock on Horton Lake. The new dock improves access to on-the-land harvesting that helps to reduce the cost of living for community residents. The dock also provides safe mooring for small vessels and floatplanes, and the safe, sheltered storage of marine equipment.
Community residents working on the project further developed transferable skills and training in heavy equipment operations, safe and effective use of construction tools, etc. Project employment included:

- 1 Heavy Equipment Operator
- 4 Carpenters/Laborers

Part of the new Community Camp Dock on Horton Lake.

Beaufort Delta Region

Arctic Red River Winter Ice Road – Tsiigehtchic

Funding Amount: $28,750

In Tsiigehtchic, the Gwichya Gwich'in Council received $28,750 in funding to construct and maintain the 32 km long Arctic Red River Ice Road.
This project facilitates cost-saving winter transportation to access home heating firewood, as well as hunting, ice fishing, and trapping.
Community residents who worked on the project developed transferable skills and training in operating heavy equipment and constructing and maintaining ice roads.
In total, four community residents were employed for three months (January 2021 to end of March 2021) as follows:

- 1 Plow Truck Heavy Equipment Operator
- 1 Snowcat Heavy Equipment Operator
- 2 Route Markers/Route Proofers (Via Snowmobile)

Coming into a curve along the Arctic Red River Winter Ice Road in Tsiigehtchic.

Husky Lakes Access Road and Trail Construction - Tuktoyaktuk

Funding Amount: $100,000

Funding of $100,000 was provided to cover continued construction on the Husky Lakes Access Road and Trail during the summer of 2020, which will connect from the Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway to Husky Lakes. A total of 1,526 cubic meters of aggregate from Quarry 312 was transported via 87 hopper truckloads to the construction site and applied using heavy equipment. Heavy equipment used included multiple dump trucks, a front end loader, two bulldozers, and a number of additional light and medium vehicles. The continued construction work enabled community residents working on the project to further build on and develop their skills in road building and heavy equipment operation. Approximately 19 community residents were employed during this construction project as follows:

- 1 Crew Leader
- 15 Dump Truck Operators
- 1 Front End Loader Operator
- 2 Bulldozer Operators

Heavy Equipment Operator operating a bulldozer during Husky Lakes Trail construction.

Peel River Ice Road – Aklavik

Funding Amount: $50,000

Coming into a curve on the 80 km Aklavik section of the Peel River Ice Road from Aklavik to Esau Creek.

Funding was provided to construct and maintain the Aklavik section (80 km) of the 160 km Peel River Ice Road, the longest ice road in the NWT. The Aklavik Indian Band was responsible for constructing and maintaining its section of the ice road from Aklavik to the mid-way point at the Esau River.

This ice road provides cost-saving winter transportation between Aklavik and Fort McPherson while it also facilitates hunting, ice fishing, firewood harvesting, and trapping. The one-way distance from Aklavik to Fort McPherson without the ice road is 300 km.

Transferable skills were further refined in operating and maintaining heavy equipment, and ice road construction. A total of four community residents were employed from January 2021 to March 2021:

- 1 Plow Truck Heavy Equipment Operator
- 1 Snowcat Heavy Equipment Operator
- 2 Route Markers/Route Proofers (Via Snowmobile)

Peel River Ice Road - Fort McPherson

Funding Amount: $50,000

Fort McPherson (Tetlit Gwich'in Council) was supported through CAP to construct and maintain the Fort McPherson section of the 160 km Peel River Ice Road. This road provides cost-saving winter transportation between Aklavik and Fort McPherson. Fort McPherson received $50,000 and was responsible for constructing the 80 km section of the Peel River Ice Road to the mid-way point at the Esau River. Fort McPherson supplied a plow truck and crew used to construct its portion of the ice road.

This ice road is utilized for ground transportation between the two communities, while also providing access to hunting, ice fishing, trapping, and firewood cutting for home heating.

The community residents employed on the project further developed transferable skills and training in operating and maintaining heavy equipment and ice road construction. A total of four residents were employed from January 2021 to March 2021 as follows:

- 1 Plow Truck Heavy Equipment Operator
- 1 Snowcat Heavy Equipment Operator
- 2 Route Markers/Route Proofers (Via Snowmobile)

A view along the 80 km Fort McPherson section of the Peel River Ice Road constructed from Fort McPherson to the Esau Creek.

Happy's Landing Boat Launch – Fort McPherson

Funding Amount: $109,000

Fort McPherson (Tetlit Gwich'in Council) was supported through $109,000 in funding for the construction of the Happy's Landing Boat Launch.

The Boat Launch is primarily used by small vessels from Fort McPherson and adjacent communities and also by various government agencies involved in marine search and rescue, as well as by local schools.

The construction project involved extensive use of heavy equipment, including trucking 104 loads of aggregate to the construction site. A total of seven community residents were employed on the construction project as follows:

- 5 Dump Truck Operators
- 1 Front End Loader Operator
- 1 Bulldozer Operator

Happy's Landing Boat Launch Access Road after application of aggregate.

Community Access ATV and Snowmobile Trail – Paulatuk

Funding Amount: $40,000

The Hamlet of Paulatuk was supported through $40,000 in funding to cover initial mapping, route surveying, and engineering work on the Community Access ATV and Snowmobile Trail, which connects to the Rat Lake Road. The Rat Lake Road was constructed via the CAP on a multi-year construction basis and has improved community transportation access to prime harvesting and tourism areas and the new community water supply.

The new trail will further extend the access provided by the Rat Lake Road into hunting and fishing areas, benefitting community health and nutrition. The trail will also help to facilitate increased tourism and visitation.

Two NWT-based engineering/staff were engaged as part of the initial phase, as well as three local residents providing survey/mapping and ground transportation services were employed on the project as follows:

- 2 Engineering/Surveying Staff
- 3 Survey/Mapping and Ground Transportation Assistants

ATV and snowmobile community access trail outside of Paulatuk.

South Slave Region

Fisherman's Wharf Access Road – Hay River

Funding Amount: $111,000

Fisherman's Wharf Access Road curving past Fisherman's Wharf on the Hay River Harbour.

Fisherman's Wharf Access Road with local fishing vessel on ramp.

The Town of Hay River was approved for $111,000 for completion construction on the Fisherman's Wharf Access Road.

Included in the 2020-21 construction was earth works, road surfacing, grading, levelling, demolition work on old wharf structures, installation of 100 metres of interlocking concrete Jersey Barriers to prevent ice and debris damage plus additional installation of wood barriers, application of fill to meet elevation requirements, as well as trucking, application and steamrolling of aggregate including 450 tons of 3/4" crushed gravel and 4" crush gravel.

Heavy equipment and crews utilized in the construction work included a 336 excavator, 333 skid steer, winch truck, 450 bulldozer, BOMAG steamroller, Bobcat, water truck, and other heavy equipment.

This project supports community transportation access via the Fisherman's Wharf Access Road to the Fisherman's Wharf, an important community marine facility serving both the community and the region. Community residents further developed transferable skills and training in road construction and heavy equipment operation. A total of eight community residents were employed for several months working on the project as follows:

- 1 Project Manager
- 1 Foreman
- 2 Heavy Equipment Operators
- 3 Laborers
- 1 General Construction

Porritt Landing Marine Facility Improvements – Hay River

Funding Amount: $42,624

Long-boom crane and pile driver during construction at Porritt Landing Marina.

The Town of Hay River was approved for $42,624 in CAP funding to cover the cost of marine facility improvements at the Porritt Landing Marina.

Summer 2020 marine construction included the installation of new metal pilings along the south side of the marina, brushing and debris removal on the east side to facilitate construction, and purchase and stockpiling of 50 galvanized gabions, 170 cubic meters of ballast rock, and geotextile cloth for erosion control placement in summer 2021.

Heavy equipment utilized included a long boom crane and pile driver, 323 excavator, HO-PAC compactor/driver, and other heavy equipment.

A total of five community residents were employed during the construction as follows:

- 1 Project Manager
- 1 Supervisor
- 1 Welder
- 2 Heavy Equipment Operators

View of west side of the Porritt Landing Marina on the Hay River Harbour.

Thebacha Village Winter Access Road – Salt River First Nation

Funding Amount: $3,000

The Salt River First Nation was approved for $3,000 for plowing and maintaining critical winter access on the Thebacha Village Winter Access Road, which is utilized throughout the winter months and also facilitates harvesting of home heating firewood, hunting, ice fishing, trapping, and other social activities.
Snow plowing and road clearing work on the access road helped community residents further develop transferable skills and training in using heavy equipment. A total of four community residents were employed for several months as follows:

- 2 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO)
- 2 HEO Assistants

A view along the Thebacha Village Winter Access Road.

Grande de Tour Winter Road - Fort Smith

Funding Amount: $10,000

The Fort Smith Métis Council received $10,000 in funding for the construction and maintenance of the Grande de Tour Winter Access Road. This winter road provides important access for Fort Smith and area residents to firewood harvesting, as well as hunting and other harvesting activities.
This construction project helped community residents to further develop transferable skills and training in winter road operations and maintenance. A total of four community residents were employed for several winter months working on the road as follows:

- 2 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO)
- 2 HEO Assistants

Grader operations on the Grande de Tour Winter Road in Fort Smith.

Thebacha Campsite Access Road – Fort Smith

Funding Amount: $6,300

The Fort Smith Métis Council received $6,300 in funding to support Phase I engineering, surveying, and design pre-construction work on the Thebacha Campsite Access Road 34 km west of Fort Smith. The access road facilitates community transportation access into the Thebacha Campsite, where community residents engage in camping and camping-related activities.

Local schools also use the Thebacha Campsite to deliver on-the-land educational programming, as well as Elders and local Indigenous organizations. The Thebacha Campsite facilities include eight cabins and one meeting hall, which are used to host activities such as meetings, to teaching students, cultural camps, nature tours, family gatherings, wedding receptions, etc.

One community resident was employed in the pre-construction engineering, surveying, and design work as follows:

- 1 Engineer/Surveyor

A view along the Thebacha Campsite Access Road near Fort Smith.

North Slave Region

Wekweètì Bridge and Access Road - Wekweètì

Funding Amount: $154,300

The Community Government of Wekweètì received $154,300 in funding for continued construction on the Wekweètì Access Road. The Wekweètì Bridge and Access Road facilitates improved transportation access for community residents to the Wekweètì Winter Road and to important harvesting areas for home heating firewood, hunting and fishing, etc.

The project provided employment opportunities for residents and transferrable training and skills development in heavy equipment operation and road construction.

A variety of heavy equipment was utilized on the construction, including dump trucks and a bulldozer, front end loader, back hoe, fuel truck, grader, and crusher, with project staff as follows:

- 1 Crew Leader
- 7 Heavy Equipment Operators
- 2 Cooks

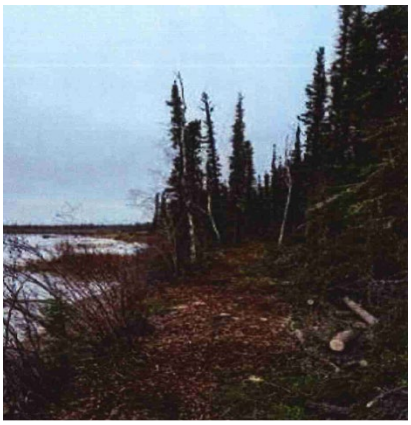
Bulldozer and dump trucks during summer 2020 construction on the Wekweètì Access Road.

Community Access ATV and Walking Trail - Whatì

Funding Amount: $42,696

The Community Government of Whatì was approved for $42,696 in funding to cover the cost of construction on the Community Access ATV and Walking Trail. The construction work involved route clearing and alignment work, tree cutting and removal and brush cutting to create a trail capable of accommodating ATV's, snowmobiles, hikers, and other users.
The trail will facilitate community access to important harvesting areas, while also enhancing recreational opportunities for both local residents and visitors.
The Community Government provided vehicles and equipment in support of the project. Six community residents were employed, with project staff as follows:

- 1 Crew Leader
- 5 Laborers



Construction underway on the Community Access ATV and Walking Trail in Whatì.

Duck Pond Access Road Construction - Gamètì

Funding Amount: $36,140

The Community Government of Gamètì received $36,140 in funding to cover the cost of continued construction on the Duck Pond Access Road to Gamètì's proposed new community campground.
After project completion, the Duck Pond Access Road will facilitate improved community access to the campground and Duck Pond. Community access to firewood harvesting, hunting and fishing will also be enhanced.
A total of twelve construction workers were employed during this access road work as follows:

- 1 Foreman
- 3 Heavy Equipment Operators
- 4 Brush Cutters
- 4 Laborers

Duck Pond Access Road in Gamètì after the conclusion of 2020-21 construction.

Ice Road Connector - Behchokǫ̀

Funding Amount: $34,500

A total of $34,500 was approved for the Community Government of Behchokǫ̀ to support construction of the Behchokǫ̀ Ice Road Connector linking Behchokǫ̀ to the Tłı̨chǫ Winter Ice Road System and Edzo. The Behchokǫ̀ Ice Road Connector benefits several communities including Behchokǫ̀, Whatì, Gamètì, and Wekweètì, reducing travel times while improving winter transportation access to home heating firewood, ice fishing, hunting, etc. The decreased travel time allows residents to save on fuel and vehicle operating costs.

CAP funding covered the cost of ice profiling, ice road construction and maintenance. The Community Government of Behchokǫ̀ contributed $15,000 for in-kind maintenance services.

Seven local residents worked on the construction as follows:

- 2 Snowcat Operators
- 1 Heavy Equipment Operator – Plow Truck
- 3 Pilot Vehicle Operators (Piloting, Patrolling, Fueling)
- 1 Ice Profiler (Ice Profiling, Scouting and Route Setting)

Driving on the Behchokǫ̀ Ice Road Connector during the winter of 2020-21.

Behchokǫ̀ Access Trail – Behchokǫ̀

Funding Amount: $24,300

A total of $24,300 was approved for the Community Government of Behchokǫ̀ to support construction of the Edzo Section of the Behchokǫ̀ Access Trail from Chief Jimmy Bruneau Regional High School to Great Slave Lake. The trail improves community transportation access for ATV's, snowmobiles, walkers and hikers.

The summer 2020 construction covered 1.3 km and involved extensive use of heavy equipment to remove trees, vegetation, and for route clearing and grading. Heavy equipment used in the construction included an excavator fitted with a rotary brush cutter as well as a bulldozer, front end loader, and dump truck.

Four local residents worked on the construction as follows:

- 4 Heavy Equipment Operators

Construction on the Edzo Section of the 1.3 km Behchokǫ̀ Access Trail.

Behchokǫ̀ Access Trail – Behchokǫ̀

Funding Amount: $18,600

The Community Government of Behchokǫ̀ was approved for $18,600 for construction work on a 1 km section of the Behchokǫ̀ Access Trail, the Rae Extension Section running to the North Arm of Great Slave Lake.
The 2020 construction on the Behchokǫ̀ Access Trail took place over three weeks, with the Community Government of Behchokǫ̀ contributing $4,500 to the project. The project facilitates improved community transportation access including via ATV, snowmobile, and for walkers and hikers. Heavy equipment used on the construction included a front end loader and bulldozer, as well as a skid steer.
A total of three local residents worked on the construction as follows:

- 3 Heavy Equipment Operators

Construction proceeding on the Rae Extension Section of the Behchokǫ̀ Access Trail.

Austin Lake Access Road Construction – Łutselk'e

Funding Amount: $100,000

The Łutselk'e Dene First Nation was approved for $100,000 for construction of an additional 4 km on the Austin Lake Access Road in Łutselk'e. The community contributed $55,000 in-kind.

The Austin Lake Access Road enables wood harvesting, hunting, fishing, trapping, etc. In addition to employment, the construction enhanced transferable work skills in heavy equipment operation, road construction and earth works, and staff supervision.

Heavy equipment utilized in the construction included an excavator, grader, backhoe, and two dump trucks as well as lighter vehicles. Approximately 560 truckloads of 2,000 cubic meters of 6" pit run large rock and 800 cubic meters of 3/4" minus crushed gravel were used in the construction work.

Thirteen local residents worked on the construction as follows:

- 1 Foreman
- 4 Heavy Equipment Operators
- 8 Laborers

Newly constructed section of the Austin Lake Access Road in Łutselk'e.

New Marine Facility - Dettah

Funding Amount: $5,090

The Yellowknives Dene First Nation was approved for $5,090 towards Phase I planning, design, site engineering investigations, and community consultations for the new marine facility in Dettah.

The Dettah Marine Facility will provide safe, secure, modern marine access to the community for vessel traffic. It is anticipated that tourism initiatives will also benefit, contributing to community economic development and employment. Pre-pandemic, on-the-water tourism was recording strong growth in the NWT, in conjunction with the rapid overall expansion of NWT tourism into a multi-season industry.

Two NWT residents worked on Phase I as follows:

- 1 Consulting Engineer
- 1 Project Assistant

The new Dettah Marine Facility will provide safe, modern, secure docking for marine vessels.

New Marine Facility - Ndilo

Funding Amount: $45,911

The Yellowknives Dene First Nation was approved for $45,911 as a contribution towards Phase I planning, design, site engineering investigations, and community consultations for the new marine facility in Ndilo.

The Ndilo Marine Facility will further build local marine transportation capacity and provide safe, secure, modern marine access to the community for vessel traffic. The Ndilo Marine Facility will also support marine transportation between Ndilo and Łutselk'e, as well as marine transportation to outlying areas. Marine tourism initiatives will also benefit, contributing to enhanced community employment and economic development.

Two NWT residents worked on Phase I as follows:

- 1 Consulting Engineer
- 1 Project Assistant

The Ndilo Marine Facility will further build local marine transportation capacity including to Łutselk'e and other communities.

Dehcho Region

Deneyoua Drive Access Road – Fort Simpson

Funding Amount: $30,711

The Village of Fort Simpson was provided with $30,711 in funding to support road safety upgrades to the Deneyoua Drive Access Road. The road safety upgrade work involved installing 45-foot power poles and 48-watt road lighting to illuminate the road during night time and low light conditions.

Construction involved two weeks of clearing the roadside of trees, brush, etc. This was followed by the installation of poles and anchors. Shop assembly and installation of the streetlights took place, followed by stringing of the primary and neutral, and installation of the duplex for the power feed. Heavy equipment utilized on the project included an electric utility bucket truck, auger/digger truck, and a service truck.

A total of eight local residents worked on the access road lighting construction project as follows:

- 4 Power Line Technicians
- 4 Construction Workers (Brushing/Cutting/Clearing)

Deneyoua Drive Access Road in Fort Simpson after installation and activation of 48W road lighting.

Access Trail Construction – Nahanni Butte

Funding Amount: $20,000

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band received $20,000 for continued construction on the Arrowhead, Bluebell, Swan Point, and Achinea Trails.

The winter 2020, work included trail widening and the removal of obstructions, including trees, brush, and other vegetation. Equipment used in the construction work included hand tools, ATV's, snowmobiles, etc.

A total of 20 days was required to undertake the work to completion. The trails are utilized extensively by community residents for firewood harvesting, hunting, fishing, trapping, and other on-the-land activities.

A total of ten local residents divided into two crews worked on the construction as follows:

- 2 Crew Leaders
- 8 Tree/Brush Cutters

Access trails construction with chain saws in Nahanni Butte.