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Introduction

The Department of Infrastructure's Community Access Program (CAP) provides contribution funding to communities across the Northwest Territories for the construction and rehabilitation of transportation and marine infrastructure.

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 construction and training. Every effort is made for local and northern residents to benefit from the public dollars spent in their community.

In 2021-2022, a total of 30 projects were approved across all five regions. Six projects did not proceed, leaving a total of 24 projects receiving \$1,116,814 in funding.

2021-2022 Community Access Program Projects

Region	Community	Project	Amount Approved	Amount Spent
Sahtú	Déljné	14-Mile Ice Road to Whiskey Jack Point (<i>page 3</i>)	\$57,520	\$57,520
	Tulita	Four Mile Creek Quad/Walking Trail (<i>page 3</i>)	\$59,000	\$59,000
Beaufort Delta	Tsiigehtchic	32 KM (20 Miles) Arctic Red River Ice Road (<i>page 4</i>)	\$31,250	\$31,250
	Aklavik	80 KM Section - Peel River Ice Road from Aklavik to Esau Creek (<i>page 4</i>)	\$65,000	\$65,000
	Fort McPherson	80 KM Section - Peel River Ice Road from Fort McPherson to Esau Creek (<i>page 5</i>)	\$60,000	\$60,000
	Fort McPherson	8 Mile Access Road Upgrade (<i>page 5</i>)	\$90,000	\$90,000
	Paulatuk	ATV Trail Continuation Construction (<i>page 6</i>)	\$100,000	\$38,003
	Sachs Harbour	Marine Docking Facility	\$100,000	\$0
	Tuktoyaktuk	Husky Lakes Trail Continuation Constuction	\$50,000	\$0
South Slave	Town of Hay River	Access Road Upgrade (<i>page 7</i>)	\$56,000	\$56,000
	Town of Hay River	Porritt Landing Marine Facility Improvements (<i>page 8</i>)	\$102,264	\$102,264
	Kakisa	Cultural/Community Camp Trail (<i>page 11</i>)	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Kakisa	Marine Docking Facility – Phase II Construction	\$75,000	\$0
	Fort Smith Métis Council	Thebacha Campsite Access Road	\$74,025	\$0
	Fort Smith Métis Council	Grande de Tour Winter Road (<i>page 9</i>)	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Salt River First Nation	Thebacha Village Access Road (<i>page 9</i>)	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Fort Resolution	Nagel Channel Access Road Upgrade and Boat Launch (<i>page 10</i>)	\$40,000	\$40,000
	Fort Resolution	Dog Musher's Trail	\$30,000	\$0
North Slave	Wekweètì	Wekweètì Access Road (<i>page 12</i>)	\$130,900	\$68,268
	Whatì	3.6 KM Community Access Trail NW to Beach (<i>page 13</i>)	\$52,592	\$9,208
	Whatì	2.5 KM Community Access Trail to Lac La Marte (<i>page 13</i>)	\$37,042	\$36,391
	Whatì	Snowmobile and Walking/Skiing Trail (<i>page 14</i>)	\$16,900	\$3,500
	Behchokq̃	Ice Road "Connector" (<i>page 14</i>)	\$36,196	\$36,149
	Ndilo	Marine Docking Facility and Boat Launch (<i>page 15</i>)	\$50,000	\$49,626
	Łutselk'e	Austin Lake Access Road (<i>page 16</i>)	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Łutselk'e	Łutselk'e Marine Facility Refurbishment (<i>page 17</i>)	\$89,417	\$69,565
	Gamètì	Duck Pond Access Road Continuation Construction	\$103,500	\$0
Dehcho	Nahanni Butte	Access Trail Construction - Arrowhead, Bluebell, Swan Point, Achinea Trails (<i>page 18</i>)	\$20,000	\$15,570
	Nahanni Butte	Phase I – Nahanni Butte Boat Launch and Boat Launch Access Road (<i>page 19</i>)	\$147,600	\$76,500
	Wrigley	Jones Landing and Yendi Lake Access Trails Construction (<i>page 19</i>)	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL			\$1,827,206	\$1,116,814

Sahtú Region

1. Ice Road to Whiskey Jack Point – Délıne

Funding Amount: \$57,520

The Délıne Got'ıne Government received \$57,520 to build and maintain the 22.5km ice road to Whiskey Jack Point. The ice road provides multiple social benefits, including essential access to on-the-land harvesting activities that help families reduce the cost of living while also improving access to nutritional country foods. Activities facilitated via the ice road to Whiskey Jack Point include wood harvesting for home heating firewood, big and small game hunting, ice fishing, transportation to area cabins and hunting camps, and trapping. Community residents working on the project further developed their skills in ice road construction and maintenance and heavy equipment operation. Two community residents were employed continuously for several months operating heavy equipment as follows:

- 1 Front End Loader Operator
- 1 Grader Operator



Looking towards the community from Great Bear Lake on the 22.5km Ice Road to Whiskey Jack Point in Délıne.

2. Four Mile Creek Quad and Walking Trail – Tulita

Funding Amount: \$59,000

The Hamlet of Tulita received \$59,000 in funding to cover the cost of constructing the first phase of the Four Mile Creek Quad and Walking Trail to Four Mile in Tulita. The new trail greatly improves access to on-the-land harvesting including firewood that helps to reduce the cost of living for community residents.

Community residents working on the project further developed transferable skills and training in surveying, heavy equipment operation, safe and effective use of construction tools. Project employment included:

- 1 Supervisor
- 2 Survey Helpers
- 5 Slashers



Construction underway along the new Four Mile Creek Quad and Walking Trail in Tulita.

Beaufort Delta Region

3. Arctic Red River Winter Ice Road – Tsiigehtchic

Funding Amount: \$31,250

The Gwichya Gwich'in Council received \$31,250 in Winter 2021-22 to construct and maintain the 55km Arctic Red River Ice Road.

This project facilitates cost-saving winter transportation to heavily forested areas to access home heating firewood, as well as hunting, ice fishing, and trapping.

Community residents who worked on the project further developed transferable skills in operating heavy equipment and constructing and maintaining ice roads.

Four community residents were employed for three months (January 2022 to end of March 2022) working on the 55 km ice road as follows:

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



The Arctic Red River Winter Ice Road near Tsiigehtchic.

4. Peel River Ice Road – Aklavik to Esau Creek

Funding Amount: \$65,000



Plow trucks and operators working on the 80KM Aklavik section of the Peel River Ice Road from Aklavik to Esau Creek.

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

This ice road provides cost-saving winter transportation access between Aklavik and Fort McPherson, and also facilitates cutting and transportation of home heating firewood, hunting, ice fishing, and trapping. The one-way road distance from Aklavik to Fort McPherson without the ice road is 300 kilometres.

Transferable skills were further refined in operating and maintaining construction equipment and ice road construction. A total of four community residents were employed from December 2021-March 2022:

- 1 Plow Truck Operator
- 1 Snowcat Operator
- 2 Route Markers/Route Proofers (via snowmobile)

5. Peel River Ice Road - Fort McPherson to Esau Creek

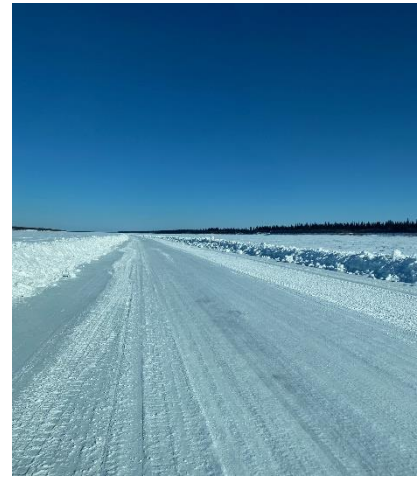
Funding Amount: \$60,000

The Tetlit Gwich'in Council in Fort McPherson constructed and maintained the Fort McPherson section (80km) of the 160km Peel River Ice Road. The ice road provides cost-saving winter transportation between Aklavik and Fort McPherson, avoiding a one-way land driving distance of 300 kilometres. Fort McPherson was responsible for constructing the 80km section of the Peel River Ice Road to the mid-way point at the Esau River and 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, and also provides valuable access to home heating firewood, hunting, ice fishing, trapping, and other on-the-land activities.

Community residents employed on the project further developed transferable skills and training in operating and maintaining heavy equipment and ice road construction. A plow truck and snowcat were utilized as well as snowmobiles, with four residents employed from December 2021-March 2022 as follows:

- 3 Plow Truck and Snowcat Heavy Equipment Operators
- 1 Grader Heavy Equipment Operator



Driving along the 80KM Fort McPherson section of the Peel River Ice Road constructed from Fort McPherson to the Esau Creek midway point.

6. 8-Mile Access Road Upgrade – Fort McPherson

Funding Amount: \$90,000

Fort McPherson (Tetlit Gwich'in Council) was supported with \$90,000 in funding to support heavy construction work to upgrade the 8-Mile Access Road.

The 8-Mile Access Road is primarily used by residents of Fort McPherson and region, particularly Elders, to access their fish camp and cabins at Nitaiinlaih (8 Miles) on the Peel River. Tourists also visit the Elders at their fish camps while enroute to Inuvik. The Elders are also very active teaching traditional fishing skills at Nitaiinlaih to the youth of Fort McPherson.

Construction involved use of a front end loader, dump trucks, and excavator, as well as trucking 1280 cubic meters of aggregate to the construction site. Two culverts were also installed to improve road drainage. A total of eight community residents were employed on the construction project as follows:

- 8 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO's)



The 8-Mile Access Road in Fort McPherson to Nitaiinlaih.

7. Community Access ATV and Snowmobile Trail – Paulatuk

Funding Amount: \$38,003

The Hamlet of Paulatuk was approved for \$100,000 in funding to cover the completion of surveying and design work and initial construction on the 7.7km Community Access ATV and Snowmobile Trail in Paulatuk, which connects to the Rat Lake Road. A total of \$38,003 was the final cost of the survey and design work, which was completed substantially under budget. The Rat Lake Road was constructed over several years and has greatly improved community ground transportation access to prime harvesting and tourism areas and the new community water supply.

The new ATV and snowmobile trail will further extend the enhanced 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.

Local residents worked on this construction 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

8. Golf Club and Ski Club Access Road – Town of Hay River

Funding Amount: \$56,000



Section identified for resurfacing on the Hay River Golf Club and Ski Club Access Road.



Curved section identified for resurfacing on the Hay River Golf Club and Ski Club Access Road.

The Town of Hay River was approved for \$56,000 for Phase I construction upgrades and improvements to the Hay River Golf Club and Ski Club Access Road in Summer 2021.

Included in the 2021-22 construction were drainage improvements and resurfacing work pre-construction preparation for Phase II chip sealing in 2022. Construction materials purchased in Phase I Summer 2021 included six 400 mm couplers, nine 400 mm culverts, three rolls of geotextile, and 900 cubic meters of 2" crushed gravel.

This project supports community transportation access to important local recreational facilities serving both the community and the region. Community residents further developed transferable skills and training in road surveying and construction, civil construction techniques, and heavy equipment operation.

A total of nine community residents were employed working on the project as follows:

- 3 Crusher Operators
- 3 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO's)
- 1 Compactor Operator
- 2 Labourers

9. Porritt Landing Marine Facility Continuation Construction – Town of Hay River Funding Amount: \$102,264



Porritt Landing Marina south shore retaining wall after completion of Summer 2021 continuation construction.



South shore of the Porritt Landing Marina on the Hay River Harbor after completion of Summer 2021 continuation construction.

The Town of Hay River was approved for \$102,264 to cover the cost of continuation construction at the Porritt Landing Marina.

Summer 2021 construction included south and west retaining wall repairs, the north retaining wall temporary repairs and engineering investigation, additional dredging and debris removal, the addition of a lighting and security camera system, and connector trail upgrades to Porritt Landing.

Included in the south shore retaining wall construction were structural repairs and the reinforcement of retaining walls, placement of granular materials and geotextile fabric, and resurfacing and grading of the adjacent area.

Heavy and light equipment utilized included a paving machine, welding truck, dump trucks, deck truck, IT24 front end loader, 330 JD excavator, 420 backhoe, HO-PAC compactor/driver, auger, and Bobcat skid steer.

A total of 19 community residents were employed during the construction as follows:

- 1 Foreman
- 14 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO's)
- 3 Labourers
- 1 Welder

10. Thebacha Village Winter Access Road – Salt River First Nation

Funding Amount: \$3,000

In 2021-22, the Salt River First Nation was approved for \$3,000 for plowing and maintaining critical winter access on the Thebacha Village Winter Access Road.

The Thebacha Village Winter Access Road is heavily utilized throughout the winter months by Salt River First Nations members and residents of Thebacha Village to provide community transportation access. The Thebacha Village Winter Access Road also facilitates harvesting of home heating firewood, hunting, ice fishing, trapping, and other community 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's)
- 2 HEO Assistants



A view along the Thebacha Village Winter Access Road – Salt River First Nation.

11. Grande de Tour Winter Road - Fort Smith Métis Council

Funding Amount: \$10,000

For Winter 2021-22, the Fort Smith Métis Council received \$10,000 in funding for the construction and maintenance of the Grande de Tour Winter Access Road in Fort Smith. This winter road provides important access for Fort Smith and area residents to firewood harvesting for home heating, as well as small and big game hunting and other on-the-land harvesting activities.

The construction and maintenance work on the Grande de Tour Winter Access Road 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's)
- 2 HEO Assistants



Winter 2021-22 grader operations on the Grande de Tour Winter Road in Fort Smith.

12. Nagel Channel Access Road and Boat Launch – Hamlet of Fort Resolution

Funding Amount: \$40,000

The Hamlet of Fort Resolution received \$40,000 in funding for construction work including upgrades and improvements in Summer 2021-22 on the Nagel Channel Access Road and Boat Launch in Fort Resolution. Included in the construction work on this well-utilized facility were the purchase and installation of seven 400 mm culverts, four 600 mm culverts, two 800 mm culverts, four couplers, 12 Boat Launch Pads, 373 cubic metres of 2" aggregate, seven rolls of geotextile fabric, and supply and installation of other items and materials.

The construction work on the Nagel Channel Access Road and Boat Launch in Fort Resolution helped community residents to further develop transferable skills and training in marine facility construction. A total of 8 community residents were employed working on the construction over a period of two weeks as follows:

- 1 Construction Project Manager
- 1 Construction On-Site Supervisor
- 6 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO's)



Construction work on the Nagel Channel Access Road and Boat Launch in Fort Resolution.

13. Cultural Camp/Community Camp Trail – Kakisa

Funding Amount: \$20,000

The Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation in Kakisa received \$20,000 in funding to support Phase I construction work on the Cultural Camp/Community Camp Trail from Kakisa to the camp location 45 km away on Tathlina Lake. The new trail facilitates more economical and fuel-efficient year-round ground transportation access into the Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation's campsite, instead of relying on floatplanes, particularly during the summer. The campsite is used to support community on-the-land and cultural activities for community residents, visitors, and tourists.

Phase I construction work involved the removal of snow cover, tree and brush cutting, and grading and levelling along the 45 km route from Kakisa to Tathlina Lake. Heavy equipment utilized in the construction included a bulldozer and front end loader, while lighter equipment included a skid steer, snowcat, and other light vehicles.

Six people were employed on the construction project as follows:

- 1 Project Manager/Foreman
- 2 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO's)
- 3 Laborers



Construction underway on a section of the Cultural Camp/Community Camp trail in Kakisa.



On-the-land activities at the Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation Cultural Camp/Community Camp trail in Kakisa.

North Slave Region

14. Wekweètì Bridge and Access Road - Wekweètì

Funding Amount: \$68,268

In 2021-22, the Community Government of Wekweètì was approved for \$130,900 in funding for continuation construction on the Wekweètì Access Road, complemented by \$63,745 in granular supplies and materials from the Community Government of Wekweètì. The Wekweètì Bridge and Access Road facilitates improved transportation access for community residents to important harvesting areas and to the Wekweètì Winter Road. Construction was completed under budget at \$68,268 total, as HEO's were not available to complete the full construction program for Summer 2021.

Employment opportunities for residents and transferrable training and skills development in heavy equipment operation and road construction were also key aspects of the construction project.

The 2021 construction work utilized a variety of heavy equipment, including dump trucks, bulldozer, front end loader, grader and crusher, with project staff as follows:

- 1 Supervisor
- 4 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO's)



Grading operations as part of Summer 2021 continuation construction on the Wekweètì Access Road.

15. Community Access ATV, Snowmobile and Walking Trail to Secondary Beach - Whatì **Funding Amount: \$9,208 (3.6 kilometres)**

The Community Government of Whatì was approved for \$52,592 in funding to cover the cost of construction on the 3.6km Community Access ATV, Snowmobile and Walking Trail from the community to Secondary Beach. The construction work involved tree cutting and removal and brushcutting to create a trail capable of accommodating ATV's, snowmobiles, hikers, and other users. The trail construction work came in under budget with all construction completed at \$9,208 total for Summer 2021.

The new 3.6km trail facilitates improved community access to important wood harvesting and wildlife harvesting areas, while also enhancing recreational and on-the-land opportunities for local residents, tourists 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 Supervisor
- 4 Laborers



Aerial view of bridges constructed on the 3.6km community access ATV, snowmobile and Walking Trail to Secondary Beach in Whatì.

16. Community Access ATV, Snowmobile and Walking Trail to Lac La Marte - Whatì **Funding Amounts: \$36,391 (2.5 kilometres)**

The Community Government of Whatì was approved for \$37,042 (2.5km) in funding to cover the cost of construction on the Community Access ATV, Snowmobile and Walking Trail from the community to Lac La Marte. The construction work involved tree cutting and removal and brushcutting to create a trail capable of accommodating ATV's, snowmobiles, hikers, and other users. All Summer 2021 construction on the 2.5km trail was completed under budget at a total cost of \$36,391.

The new 2.5km trail facilitates improved community access to important wood harvesting and wildlife harvesting areas, while also enhancing recreational and on-the-land opportunities for local residents, tourists and visitors.

The Community Government provided vehicles and equipment in support of the project. Community residents were employed with project staff as follows:

- 1 Supervisor
- 4 Laborers



Construction underway on the 2.5 km community access ATV, snowmobile and walking trail to Lac La Marte in Whatì.

17. Snowmobile and Walking/Skiing Trail - Whatì

Funding Amounts: \$3,500

The Community Government of Whatì was approved for \$16,900 in funding to cover the cost of constructing the Community Snowmobile and Walking/Skiing Trail, with the Community Government contributing \$3200 in-kind to the trail construction project. The construction work involved tree cutting, brush cutting, snow compaction and trail widening to create a trail capable of accommodating ATV's, snowmobiles, skiers, and other users. This winter trail construction project came in under budget at \$3500 with all trail construction and widening work completed.

The Community Snowmobile and Walking/Skiing trail facilitated improved community access to important wood harvesting, small game harvesting, walking and skiing areas, enhancing on-the-land activities for local residents, tourists and visitors.

The Community Government provided snowmobiles and equipment in support of the project. Two community residents were employed as follows:

- 2 Trail Builders/Laborers



Trail construction and widening work underway on the community snowmobile and walking/skiing trail in Whatì.

18. Ice Road “Connector” - Behchokò

Funding Amount: \$36,196

\$36,196 was approved for the Community Government of Behchokò in 2021-22 to support construction of the Behchokò Ice Road “Connector” linking Behchokò to the Tłıchq Winter Ice Road System and Edzo. The Behchokò Ice Road “Connector” benefits several communities including Behchokò, Whatì, Gamètì, and Wekweètì, reducing travel times while improving winter transportation access to home heating firewood, ice fishing, and hunting. The decrease in travel time allows residents to save on gasoline and diesel fuel and vehicle operating costs.

The \$36,196 in CAP funding covered the cost of ice profiling, ice road construction and maintenance. The Community Government of Behchokò contributed over \$16,000 in in-kind maintenance services to the construction project.



Driving on the Behchokò Ice Road “Connector” - Winter 2021-22.

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)

19. New Marine Docking Facility and Boat Launch - Ndilo

Funding Amount: \$50,000

The Yellowknives Dene First Nation was approved for \$50,000 for Phase II continuation construction in Summer 2021 for the new marine docking and boat launch facility in Ndilo. Five separate 26-foot x 8-foot dock sections and dock components were purchased for Summer 2022 installation. Dock components included the lumber, hardware, connector pins, and brackets necessary to complete the dock.

The Ndilo Marine Docking 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. Prior to the 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 local residents worked on Phase II as follows:

- 1 Consulting Engineer
- 1 Project Assistant



The new Ndilo Marine Docking and Boat Launch Facility will provide safe, modern, secure docking for marine vessels.

20. Austin Lake Access Road Continuation Construction - Łutselk'e

Funding Amount: \$100,000

The Łutselk'e Dene First Nation was approved for \$100,000 in 2021-22 for continuation construction of 3-4 kilometres on the 42km Austin Lake Access Road in Łutselk'e. The community contributed \$63,450 in-kind, for a total construction project budget of \$163,450.

The Austin Lake Access Road provides access for wood harvesting, as well as for hunting, fishing, trapping, and other on-the-land activities. The construction enhanced transferable work skills in heavy equipment operation, road construction and earth works, and also provided employment for two to three months.

Heavy equipment utilized in the construction included an excavator, grader, backhoe, and two dump trucks as well as lighter vehicles. 560 truckloads carrying 2000 cubic meters of 6" plus pit run large rock and 800 cubic meters of ¾" minus crush/gravel were used in the construction work.

Local residents worked on the construction as follows:

- 1 Supervisor/Foreman
- 3 Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO's)
- 3 Laborers/Brush Cutters



Construction underway on the Austin Lake Access Road in Łutselk'e.

21. Łutselk'e Marine Facility Refurbishment - Łutselk'e

Funding Amount: \$69,565

The Łutselk'e Dene First Nation was approved for \$89,417 in 2021-22 for refurbishment of the breakwater and docks at the Łutselk'e Marine Facility. The Łutselk'e Dene First Nation contributed an additional \$64,913 via in-kind project contributions including a front end loader, grader, and dump truck for a total construction project value of \$108,320.

All construction work was completed to refurbish the breakwater and three docks at a total cost of \$69,565 in CAP funding. The breakwater, which had been severely impacted by a heavy late fall open water storm, was reconstructed using armor stone along the approaches, cribbing and rock fill, and the three steel and concrete docks were repaired and put back into service. The refurbishment construction work included rebar work, cutting and addition of log cribbing including 105' x 15' foot logs, 40 x 20' logs, and 30 x 25' logs, and 150 threaded rods with washers and nuts. Heavy equipment utilized on the project including a dump truck, front end loader, and grader.

The Łutselk'e Marine Facility is heavily utilized by community and visiting boats and floatplanes for on-the-water activities including transportation to Yellowknife, as well as access to fishing and hunting areas.

Fourteen local residents worked on the project:

- 1 Supervisor/Foreman
- 1 Assistant Foreman
- 10 Marine Construction Workers
- 2 Advisors



Łutselk'e Marine Facility after successful refurbishment of the three docks and the breakwater in Łutselk'e.

Dehcho Region

22. Access Trail Continuation Construction – Arrowhead, Bluebell, Swan Point, and Achinea Trails – Nahanni Butte

Funding Amount: \$20,000

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band was approved for \$20,000 in 2021-22 for continuation construction on the Yohan Lake, Arrowhead, Bluefish Lake, Swan Point, and Achinea Trails in Nahanni Butte.

Construction work conducted over winter 2021 included trail widening and improvements and the removal of trees, brush, and other vegetation that posed a safety hazard on the trails. Crews used construction equipment that included chain saws, hand tools, and snowmobiles with toboggans.

Construction work was conducted over a distance of 14.37 kilometres by five workers employed on the construction project. The trails are utilized extensively by community residents for firewood harvesting, hunting, fishing, ice fishing, trapping, and other on-the-land activities.

A total of five local residents worked on the construction project as follows:

- 5 Tree/Brush Cutters



Access trails continuation construction - Nahanni Butte.

23. Boat Launch and Boat Launch Access Road – Nahanni Butte

Funding Amount: \$75,500

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band was approved for \$147,600 in 2021-22 for Phase I construction on the Nahanni Butte community boat launch and boat launch access road, with the Band making an in-kind contribution of \$5000 to the construction project. Phase I construction was completed for \$75,500 which is just over half of the community's total estimated budget amount.

The construction work completed included site clearing, tree and brush cutting, and the removal of all terrain obstructions in preparation for Phase II and Phase III construction. Equipment used in the construction work included chain saws, hand tools, trucks, ATV's and snowmobiles. Forty-eight concrete pavers and other supplies were also purchased for the construction project in Phase II.

A total of three weeks was required to undertake the work to completion. When completed, community residents and visitors including tourists will have an upgraded boat launch from which to operate, as well as improved access connecting the boat launch and the community.

Four local residents worked on the construction as follows:

- 8 Tree/Brush Cutters



Phase I construction - Nahanni Butte Boat Launch and Boat Launch Access Road.

24. Jones Landing Trail and Yendi Lake Trail – Wrigley

Funding Amount: \$20,000

The Pehdzeh Ki First Nation received \$20,000 for trail construction and improvements over 16 kilometres of trail to the Jones Landing Trail and Yendi Lake Trail in Wrigley.

Included in the construction work was wood cutting, slashing and clearing, with equipment used in the construction work including chain saws and hand tools as well as snowmobiles.

The trails are used by community members for harvesting home heating firewood, fishing, hunting, trapping, traditional medicine gathering, and other on-the-land harvesting and recreational opportunities.

Eight local residents worked on the construction as follows:

- 1 Supervisor
- 5 Wood Cutters/Slashers
- 1 Cook
- 1 Cook's Assistant/Camp Attendant



On-the-land harvesting at Jones Landing in Wrigley.