



Grays Bay Road and Port Project Factsheet: Potential Social Benefits

Value Proposition of the Grays Bay Road and Port (GBRP) Project

The GBRP Project will provide:

- A land connection between the Kitikmeot region and Yellowknife when the Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road is in operation (typically February to April)
- Year-round storage of bulk goods and large volumes of fuel
- A safe harbour at the port site for community members travelling by water, land or ice
- The opportunity to build winter roads from the port to Kitikmeot communities, allowing transport of people and goods to/from the port between January to April
- An opportunity for an inter-community barge service that allows movement of goods and people to/from western Kitikmeot communities between June-September and to/from eastern Kitikmeot communities between July-August
- Improved regional infrastructure that results in positive changes, including increased business opportunities, reduced cost of living, better access to goods and services, improved food security, diversification of power and heating options, and lowered costs to deliver government services and programs

Reduced Dependency on Social Programs and Government Funding

Significant prospects for long-term, sustainable employment and business opportunities through:

- A need for local businesses and workers to construct and permanently operate the road and port
- An increase in support businesses, including professional services, based in Kitikmeot communities
- The creation of new businesses in response to infrastructure - e.g. barging companies for community re-supply, support for mineral exploration activities (including on Inuit Owned Land), tourism providers, regional logistics and expediting activities, etc.
- Increased income from employment and contracting could result in improvements to housing, food security and health, leading to greater personal, family and community well-being



Improved Connection to the Rest of Canada and Improved Community Resupply

GBRP Project infrastructure will create marine and terrestrial connections within the Kitikmeot region and with the south:

- Road and port, including a small craft harbor, will be available for use by community members
- Potential for ice road network to communities during the winter

Reduced cost of living and improved quality of life through:

- Earlier delivery of durable goods and construction materials
- Timely and less expensive delivery of fresh foods via potential winter and ice road network

Road corridor offers right-of-way opportunities for development of linear infrastructure that connects to southern grids:

- Transportation - all weather road to Yellowknife
- Telecommunications - fibre optic cable or microwave towers
- Power and energy - natural gas pipelines and power transmission lines

Enhanced Opportunities for Capacity Building and Training Initiatives

Provides a core opportunity to boost Inuit workforce capacity in the design, construction and maintenance of local and territorial roads

Better job training program outcomes as permanent nature of infrastructure lowers the risk that jobs for trainees will disappear before significant employment can occur

Greater business activity and longer-term opportunities should motivate individuals to invest in their own future through education and training

Potential Source of Social and Cultural Programming Funding

Excess revenues generated from infrastructure usage can:

- Support and enhance delivery of Inuit social and cultural programs (via the Kitikmeot Trust)
- Develop a pool of capital to re-invest in new infrastructure that serves Inuit social and cultural objectives