

# Winter Road Weekly Update

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Porcupine Enterprises Limited Partnership
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#### Introduction

Porcupine Enterprises Limited Partnership is a civil construction company in the community of Old Crow, Yukon. It is owned by Vuntut Development Corporation which is in business as a for-profit economic force participating in, planning for and facilitating the creation of successful business ventures for Citizens of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN) has entered into an agreement with the Government of Yukon (GY) wherein VGFN has agreed to construct, maintain, and decommission a winter road. VGFN has contracted Porcupine Enterprises Limited Partnership (PELP) for the purpose of construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the winter road. PELP has subcontracted Rowe's Construction for the purpose of construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the winter road.

### Winter Road Schedule (estimates only)

#### Construction: (Phase 1) 30Nov22-15Dec22

December 3, 2022 – December 11, 2022

Started construction from Eagle Plains December 3, 2022. The weather and snow conditions are not the best but we felt we would be able to get a good head start on the first 100 Km before Christmas.

With warmer weather the graders worked from Km 0-38 and the snow cats turned around at Km 71 as there were too many soft spots and the creek only had 37 cm of ice. We flooded the creek crossing by hand and will leave it over the Christmas break to freeze.

## Construction: (Phase 2) 05Jan23-15Feb23

January 5, 2023 – January 22, 2023

Started construction January 7, 2023 from Eagle Plains. Snow cats cleared the already constructed road and continued to Km 71 to check on the creek crossing and ice conditions. Graders and water trucks followed behind.

Graders and water trucks are currently at Km 111 (first Porcupine crossing, main camp set up) and will work from the Porcupine crossing south back to Eagle Plains to ensure



15cm base is achieved. Snow cats spent the day yesterday bridging all three crossings on Pine Creek and are currently plowing at Km 147 north.

**Operations:** (winter road open only to authorized vehicles)

February 15, 2023 – March 15, 2023

VGFN and GY are responsible for logistics of the transport trucks and authorization of the use of the winter road. Rowe's Construction is responsible for the maintenance of the winter road and to assist the transport trucks where needed.

**Decommissioning:** (winter road closes)

March 16, 2023 - March 31, 2023

During this time the winter road gets removed.

Please reach out to myself should you have any questions or comments!!

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