



# Winter Road Weekly Update

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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

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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.

January 23, 2023 – January 29, 2023

The snowcats have plowed to the Porcupine River 10 km outside of Old Crow. They have returned to km 200 and will plow and groom back to the Porcupine River today. They are hoping to arrive at the Porcupine River later this afternoon and will start profiling the river thickness. If the ice thickness is good; they will start construction of the road into Old Crow on the Porcupine River either later today or Tuesday morning. The graders have worked to km 205. They have returned all the way back to Eagle for snow removal and to let the frost set in on the north end. They will then blade from km 210 to Porcupine River Thursday and Friday this week. The water trucks are working from km 160 to km 190. The weather and snow conditions are good.

January 30, 2023 – February 5, 2023

The construction crew was able to complete the last 10 km on the Porcupine River going into Old Crow this past week. However, there is some over flow on Johnson Creek that is causing some trouble. We are engaging with YTG and VGG on solutions around the overflow. With that being said we have requested for the final inspection of the rest of the road in preparation for opening the road. Please remember that this road is not open to the public and no one should be traveling on the winter road without authorization.

**February 6, 2023 – February 12, 2023**

Construction is complete; however, over flow at Johnson Creek will need to be monitored. VGFN will be doing an inspection this week. If all goes well the first convoy of transport trucks are scheduled to leave Eagle Plains on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

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

February 15, 2023 – March 15, 2023

VGFN and YG 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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