

Chief Isaac Mechanical doubles its workshop capacity with \$1.5M investment from the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Chief Isaac Mechanical, the light- and heavy-duty mechanic shop owned and operated by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens' development corporation in Dawson City, Yukon, has secured \$1.5M investment from the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) to double its workshop capacity.

Construction will begin in Spring 2022 to lay the pad and start building the 460 square metre expansion to the facility on the Callison Industrial Area outside Dawson City. The construction will be completed, and the new facility open by late 2022. The expansion will allow Chief Isaac Mechanical to service heavy duty vehicles in a heated shop and to expand its team of mechanics.

Frances Aitken, Industrial Manager for Chief Isaac said: "The team at Chief Isaac Mechanical are proud of the quality of their work and customer service. CanNor's \$1.5m vote of confidence in them is a huge boost. This allows us to expand our services for heavy and light duty customers and grow our team of professional technicians. As a 100% First Nation owned business all our profits go back to the local community and CanNor's investment increases our ability and capacity to do that."

"Our government is supporting Chief Isaac Mechanical as they work towards expanding their services and growing their team of professional mechanics. This investment from CanNor reflects our government's commitment to supporting sustainable regional and community economic development in Yukon and helping to create good local jobs in Northern and Indigenous communities."

- The Honourable Daniel Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs, Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

"Not only will Chief Isaac Mechanical's workshop expansion create valuable jobs and support business growth, improvements to servicing heavy-duty vehicles will no doubt benefit Northerners more broadly. I look forward to seeing the positive difference this investment will make on their operations as well as the impact it will have on the community of Dawson City."

- Brendan Hanley, Member of Parliament for Yukon

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About Chief Isaac Group of Companies

Chief Isaac Group of Companies is the Development Corporation for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens, 100% owned by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Trust. Based in the Traditional Territory around Dawson City in the Yukon, our mandate is to generate wealth and prosperity for current and future generations of Citizens. Chief Isaac Mechanical is our light and heavy repair, recovery, and tire service business. We own and operate other businesses in fuel, security, custodial and property management. We also operate joint ventures with trusted partners in catering, environmental services, wholesale groceries and freight. For more information, visit www.chiefisaac.ca.

About CanNor

CanNor works with Northerners and Indigenous peoples, communities, businesses, organizations, other federal departments and other orders of government to help build diversified and dynamic economies that foster long-term sustainability and economic prosperity across the territories – Nunavut, Northwest Territories, and the Yukon.

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