

Long History, Bright Future

MVLWB issues two key Land Use Permits

Yellowknife, June 24, 2013 – The Canadian Zinc Corporation is on the verge of realizing the full potential the Prairie Creek mine site. Construction could begin as early as 2014, now that the corporation has secured key land use permits. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) issued the permits on Friday, June 21.

“We want to congratulate Canadian Zinc Corporation for its persistence and for its investments in the NWT,” says Kathy Gray, President of the NWT Chamber of Commerce (NWTCC), “they are the type of proponent that moves our economy forward.”

The permits enable extraction and concentration of ore, a staging area and other requirements necessary to operate the project. Earlier this year, the MVLWB issued a land use permit enabling outbound transportation of zinc and lead concentrates and inbound transportation of fuel and other supplies.

“When Canadian Zinc presented at our business conference in April it was apparent to everyone in the room that the Prairie Creek mine would be the most important economic initiative in the history of the Deh Cho,” says Angela Fiebelkorn, President of the Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce and a Director of the NWTCC. “Speaking for the businesses in Fort Simpson, we have all been looking forward to the Prairie Creek mine opening, and are very pleased with this announcement.”

Located about 200 kilometers west of Fort Simpson, the Prairie Creek site already has roughly \$200 million in existing infrastructure. And Canadian Zinc Corporation has completed Impact Benefits Agreements with Aboriginal governments, is working with the Mine Training Society to build a regional workforce, and estimates employment at 220 full-time with a payroll of \$25 million per year.

In association with the network of chambers in Fort Simpson, Inuvik, Norman Wells, Hay River, Fort Smith, and Yellowknife, the NWT Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of business across the NWT. For 40 years, it has been the only pan-territorial voice of businesses across all sectors of the northern economy.

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