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Mackenzie Valley Highway



The Mackenzie Valley Highway will connect the Northwest Territories communities from Wrigley to the Arctic Coast.

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FAST FACTS (Wrigley to Norman Wells)

- Two-lane gravel highway
- 321 kilometres in length
- 40 of 42 bridges already built
- Estimated cost is \$700 million

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Current focus is segment between Wrigley and Norman Wells.
- Improved intercommunity mobility, increase social opportunities and lower the cost of living.
- Replacing the existing winter road will support a more resilient transportation system in the face of climate change.
- The corridor would create new economic opportunities such as increased tourism and access for mineral and petroleum resource development.
- The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is working with the various land claimant organizations to advance the project.

CURRENT STATUS

- The northernmost section of the Mackenzie Valley Highway, the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway, opened to traffic on November 15, 2017.
- A 14 kilometre-long access road from Norman Wells to Canyon Creek opened on November 13, 2018. Construction of the road created employment, training and business opportunities for local residents.
- On June 27, 2018, the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories announced \$140 million for construction of the Great Bear River Bridge, planning and environmental studies for the Mackenzie Valley Highway, and construction of an access road from Wrigley to Mount Gaudet.
- On April 10, 2019, the GNWT and Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Cooperation on the Advancement of the MVH through the Environmental Review and Regulatory Processes.
- Next steps include engaging with Indigenous governments, NWT residents, and other stakeholders, further planning work, and completing the Developer's Assessment Report as part of the Environmental Assessment.

