



***ALL-SEASON ROAD PROJECT-
~COMMUNITY UPDATE~***

***All-Season Road from
PR 304 to Berens River First Nation***



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Our Commitment To You

“The East Side Road Authority (ESRA) is moving forward with the construction of a 156 km all-season road from PR 304 near Manigotagan to Berens River First Nation. As the project proceeds, ESRA is committed to updating local residents on the status of the project. This community update is the first of a series that will be distributed to local communities providing up-to-date information on community economic development, employment, training, construction, environmental licensing and other aspects of the project.” – Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the East Side Road Authority

PROJECT UPDATE

Investing in Communities

To date, ESRA has signed Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs), worth approximately \$49.25 million, with all 13 First Nations on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. As of September 30, 2011, ESRA has spent over \$20 million for pre-construction services provided by Hollow Water, Bloodvein and Berens River First Nations including:

- \$4.9 million in Hollow Water First Nation
- \$10.6 million in Bloodvein First Nation
- \$4.8 million in Berens River First Nation

These investments were made under ESRA’s sole-source pre-construction contracts with Hollow Water, Bloodvein and Berens River First Nations, which include:

Hollow Water First Nation/Hollow Water East Side Rd. Const. Ltd. – \$8.7 million

1. Road Improvement and Gravel Crushing Contract - \$7.7 million
2. Right-of-Way Clearing Contract - \$1.0 million

Bloodvein First Nation/BFN Construction Inc. - \$15.1 million

1. Brush Clearing Contract - \$1.5 million
2. Gravel Crushing Contract - \$5.5 million
3. Production of Blast Rock Contract - \$5.0 million
4. R6 Access Road Contract – \$3.1 million

Berens River First Nation/Pigeon River Contractors Ltd. - \$10.5 million

1. Gravel Crushing Contract - \$8.5 million
2. Right-of-Way Clearing Contract - \$2.0 million

Training

To date, approximately 112 training opportunities have been provided for the residents of Hollow Water, Bloodvein and Berens River First Nation. This training has included Introduction to Construction, Skilled Labourer and First Aid/Chain Saw Safety Training. In 2012, ESRA is planning to provide Heavy Equipment Operator Training in local communities.



Environmental Licensing

Recently, the East Side Road Authority received environmental approval from the federal government to proceed with the all-season road from PR 304 to Berens River First Nation. Provincial environmental approval was previously granted in August 2010. As the project proceeds, ESRA will now be seeking all necessary approvals and authorizations under the *Fisheries Act* and *Navigable Waters Protection Act*.

Construction Update

Construction of the all-season road will be undertaken through construction contracts. All contractors awarded construction contracts will be required to meet local hiring, procurement and training requirements that are identified in the Project Management Agreement. The local hiring requirement for road construction contracts is 30 per cent and for bridge construction contracts the local hiring requirement is 20 per cent.

Ongoing/Completed Projects

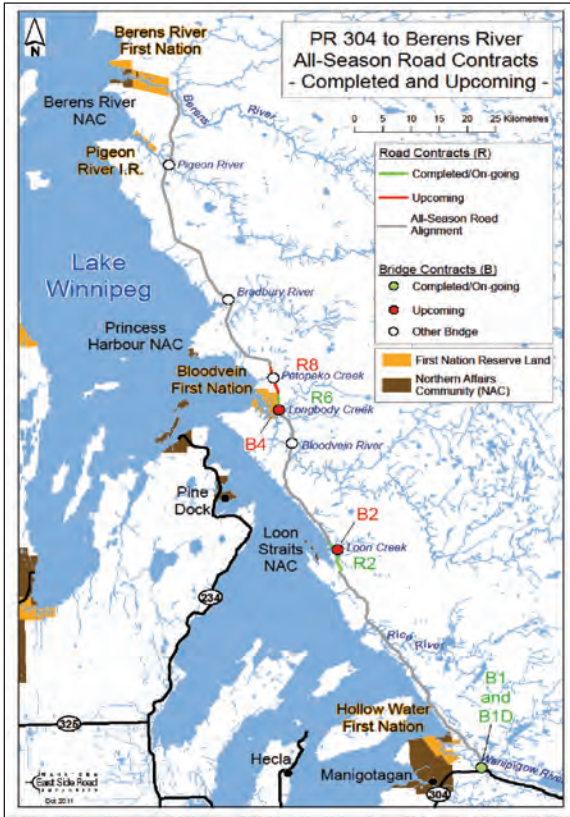
1. **Contract B1 D** – Completion of the installation of a temporary detour bridge over the Wanipigow River. The project, estimated at \$2.1 million, was undertaken by Minty's Moving.
2. **Contract B1** - Construction of the new Wanipigow River Bridge, estimated at \$4.9 million, is currently underway and was undertaken by Surespan Construction.
3. **Contract R2** - Road construction from km 48 to 55, estimated at \$7.1 million, was undertaken by Baudry Construction and is nearing completion.
4. **Contract R6** – Access road construction, estimated at \$3.1 million, was recently completed by BFN Construction Inc. under a Community Benefits Agreement.

Upcoming Projects

1. **Contract B2 - Loon Creek Bridge** – Construction of a new bridge located at km 53 over Loon Creek on the all-season road from PR 304 to Berens River First Nation. Surespan Construction Ltd. submitted the lowest bid in response to the tender, estimated at \$4.5 million.
2. **Contract B4 – Longbody Creek Bridge** – Construction of a new bridge located at km 84 over Longbody Creek on the all-season road from PR 304 to Berens River First Nation. Surespan Construction Ltd. submitted the lowest bid in response to the tender, estimated at \$13.3 million.
3. **Contract R8** – Road construction from km 88 to 93 was recently tendered and awarded to Western Specialty Contracting, estimated at \$6.4 million.



CONSTRUCTON CONTRACTS



CONSTRUCTON IS UNDERWAY

Slow Down When Approaching Workers and Equipment

The East Side Road Authority (ESRA) is reminding all drivers that construction has begun to replace seasonal winter roads with all-season roads on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

Construction is underway at various locations between PR 304 and Berens River First Nation and pre-construction work will be occurring at other locations along the all-season road network.

As work proceeds, construction workers and equipment will be present on or near winter roads at any and all times.

All drivers are advised to slow down and use caution when approaching construction workers and equipment.



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ESRA is reminding local residents that contractors will be looking for qualified workers to work on the project. East side residents and, in particular, those who live near construction projects in Hollow Water, Bloodvein, Berens River, Wasagamack and Red Sucker Lake First Nations and the communities of Aghaming, Loon Straits, Manigotagan, Princess Harbour, and Seymourville are encouraged to register for jobs and training.

For more information, please visit the ESRA website at www.eastsideroadauthority.mb.ca, or contact ESRA toll-free at 1-866-356-6355.

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