

Western James Bay Winter Road

Operated by Kimeskanamenow Corporation

WINTER ROAD UPDATE

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WINTER DRIVING TIPS

All users of the Winter Road must exercise caution and care while travelling. While there will be a decrease in the amount of traffic related to the Victor Diamond Mine, there are still heavy vehicles and equipment travelling the road and conducting maintenance.

- Drive according to the conditions; the Winter Road can be very slippery. Ice with a little bit of snow on it is very dangerous.
- Always be in control of your vehicle, and be prepared to stop or slow down at all times.
- When approaching heavy machinery on the road, make sure the operator has made contact with you. The operators are supposed to stop work until you pass.
- Always wear a seatbelt. Most deaths on roads in Ontario were the result of not wearing a seatbelt.
- Watch for flagging or reflective tape and pylons on the road as these indicate areas that may be unsafe. Exercise extra caution here.
- Slow down when meeting another vehicle, otherwise both vehicles may cause the snow to swirl up and decrease visibility.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Let others know when you are leaving, and when you arrive. If possible travel with another vehicle in case of a break down.
- Be prepared for the worst, and pack extra clothing, a hat, mitts, boots, and snacks and drinks. While there will be an emergency response team ready to help those in trouble, it can be a cold few hours waiting for help to arrive.

ROAD OPENED

The Winter Road officially opened to light traffic on January 16th as a result of good weather and efficient construction. The weight limit of 7 500 kg gross vehicle weight (GVW) was increased to 25 000 kg GVW on January 23rd. Low temperatures have helped the crews prepare the road surface quickly.

Construction and maintenance are ongoing and heavy equipment remains active on the road. Minor flooding activities may be ongoing for certain road sections.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ArcticMINI Run, an annual rally of MINI Cooper owners, will travel from Moosonee on February 14, and returning from Attawapiskat on February 16. There will be nine vehicles, travelling in convoy, and have travelled from New York City.

Please submit any upcoming community events to info@jamesbaywinterroad.com



1ST RESPONSE

Under the direction of the Road Safety Coordinator, Wally Turner, there is a new road safety plan, which includes Emergency Response to spills and 1st Response to accidents and emergencies.

This year, Kimeskanamenow Corporation will utilize the capacity already in the communities to provide emergency response services. Teams of individuals with the appropriate skills and training based in all four communities will be prepared to respond to an emergency on the road. The presence of trained and prepared teams in each community should ensure that help and assistance arrives as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency.

NEW LOGO DESIGN



Kimeskanamenow Corporation has a new logo, shown above, designed by Paul Kataquapit of Attawapiskat. Paul's winning entry into the Logo Contest earned him a prize of \$500. His design, featuring a winter road scene surrounded by a woven sweetgrass border was selected from a number of entries from all communities.

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