

# Western James Bay Winter Road

Operated by Kimesskanamenow  
Corporation

## WINTER ROAD UPDATE NOVEMBER, 2008



Construction of the Albany River crossing last season.

### NEW ROAD STANDARDS

Over the past several winter road seasons, DeBeers Canada has provided a significant amount of funding to increase the size and capacity of the James Bay Winter Road as they constructed the mine site for the Victor Project. This has led to a wider road capable of withstanding heavier loads to accommodate the heavy equipment required in mine construction. As well, the road was widened and straightened in many places to increase safety, and usability for all road users. Many users still likely remember that there used to be tolls collected in order to offset the cost of the road, but since January 2005 tolls have not been collected.

The Victor Project has now commenced operations, and the requirements for this stage of the mine in terms of transportation are significantly less than in previous years. This means that the road will not have to carry as many trucks or as much cargo weight as before.

As a result of this, there will also be a decrease in the amount of construction and maintenance work on the winter road. This decrease will not affect the normal users of the road, and the road will still be built to carry normal loads, a normal amount of community traffic and approximately 500 loads of mine related traffic.

DeBeers Canada is still contributing significantly to the cost of the Winter Road construction and maintenance, and is an important partner of the Kimesskanamenow Corporation in this work.

### LOGO CONTEST

The Kimesskanamenow Corporation needs a logo. and is offering a \$500 prize to the best design submitted. Submissions should be emailed to [info@jamesbaywinterroad.com](mailto:info@jamesbaywinterroad.com) or mailed to:

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Please submit your design ideas by December 15, 2008.

Welcome to the first edition of the Winter Road Update for the 2008-2009 season! We will be bringing you important information throughout the season, so look for our newsletters in your mailbox or on [www.jamesbaywinterroad.com](http://www.jamesbaywinterroad.com)

### NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Thomas Tookate of Attawapiskat has been hired as the new General Manager of Kimesskanamenow Corporation. He will oversee all aspects of the Winter Road construction process and operations.

Thomas has experience as the Chief Executive Officer and as a Project Co-ordinator of the Attawapiskat Development Corporation. He has also worked as First Nation Manager, private consultant, and Director of Economic Development. He was also acting manager for KDCI last winter, and has managed the Attawapiskat - Debeers mine road.



When asked about the reasons for taking on this new role Thomas said, "I took this job because I love and enjoy the challenges of working in regional setting, and I already know most of the people in the coastal communities. I understand the importance of the winter road to everyone along the James Bay coast, and I will work hard to make sure the winter road is open early, and maintained well through out the season."

Thomas will be helping to keep everyone up to date through this newsletter this coming Winter Road season. You can reach Thomas at [ttookate@jamesbaywinterroad.com](mailto:ttookate@jamesbaywinterroad.com).

### ROAD UPDATE

The road remains closed at this time, and will not be opened until January of 2009 at the earliest. It is unsafe to use the Winter Road until it has been officially opened. If you are unsure whether the road is open or not, please call 1-866-943-6616 or visit [www.jamesbaywinterroad.com](http://www.jamesbaywinterroad.com).

Remember to visit [www.jamesbaywinterroad.com](http://www.jamesbaywinterroad.com) for the latest news about the winter road! Once the road opens, the road status will be available on the website as well as on the toll-free line, 1-866-943-6616. Kimesskanamenow Corporation looks forward to working with all users of the road to make this another safe and successful Winter Road season!

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