

# WINTER ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## Construction Progress

The Kimesskanemenow Winter Road is now under construction for the 2011 season! As in previous years, the road is being built in sections with Kimesskanemenow overseeing the process.

The Attawapiskat First Nation section is being built as far as Big Willow River by the Kattawapiskak Development Company while the Kashechewan First Nation will be building a section and maintaining the road as far as Kapiskau once it is built. Fort Albany First Nation will also be building a section of the road, stretching from the midpoint of Albany Island to Halfway Creek. Finally, Innlink Concrete was selected as the contractor for the section of the



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road from Halfway Creek to Moosonee and will be working with Cree-Aski Services Limited and CS Enterprises.

## Project Team

The Kimesskanemenow Corporation is led by General Manager Gilbert Etherington, Operations Manager Wally Turner and Health and Safety Coordinator Conredge Solomon.

The Corporation also has four Road Supervisors, Bernard Sutherland, Edmond Edwards, Steve Hookimaw and Jeff Innes who help monitor conditions on the road. This experienced team will ensure that the road is in the best possible condition

and that safety is the priority throughout the season.

## Auto Extrication Training

Between November 3-4, 2010, members of the James Bay Winter Emergency Response Team (JBWRERT) participated in their annual auto extrication training. The training helps the team learn the new techniques to get people out of their vehicles if there is an accident. This year, the training was provided by the Northern College and the instructors were from the Timmins Fire Department.

On the first day safety briefing sessions were held. Following the sessions, five vehicles were placed in different types of crash scenarios, and each group was given a chance to use the combination tool (cutter and spreader).

First, the vehicles were stabilized using blocks and the airbag was also secured. The doors and car roofs were then removed along with the steering wheels to gain access to the trapped victims. Each trainee was given the opportunity to practice the tasks involved in auto extrication.



Practicing how to save lives by taking the roof off a "stranded" car during Auto-Extrication Training

Team members came away feeling very confident and excited about learning the new skills. Although equipment is limited in our communities, the knowledge will help them respond to emergencies and get travelers to safety.

The James Bay Winter Road Emergency Response Team (JBWRERT) is made up of 18 members led by the Fire Chiefs of each of the communities

along the Winter Road. The Fire Chiefs are: Steve Hookimaw (Attawapiskat First Nation), Michael Wesley (Kashechewan First Nation), Wayne Koostachin (Fort Albany First Nation), Chris Alisappi (Moose Cree First Nation), and Bill Henry (Moosonee).

The Kimesskanemenow Corporation would like to congratulate all those who completed the 2010 training. We also would like to recognize all of the hard work that goes into keeping travelers safe each season. Thank you!



## WINTER ROAD UPDATE JANUARY 2011 STATUS

The winter road is now finishing construction. The road opened on January 24th for cars and light trucks, and will open on February 7 for heavy trucks.

Please watch the web-site for regular updates as weather could force delays.

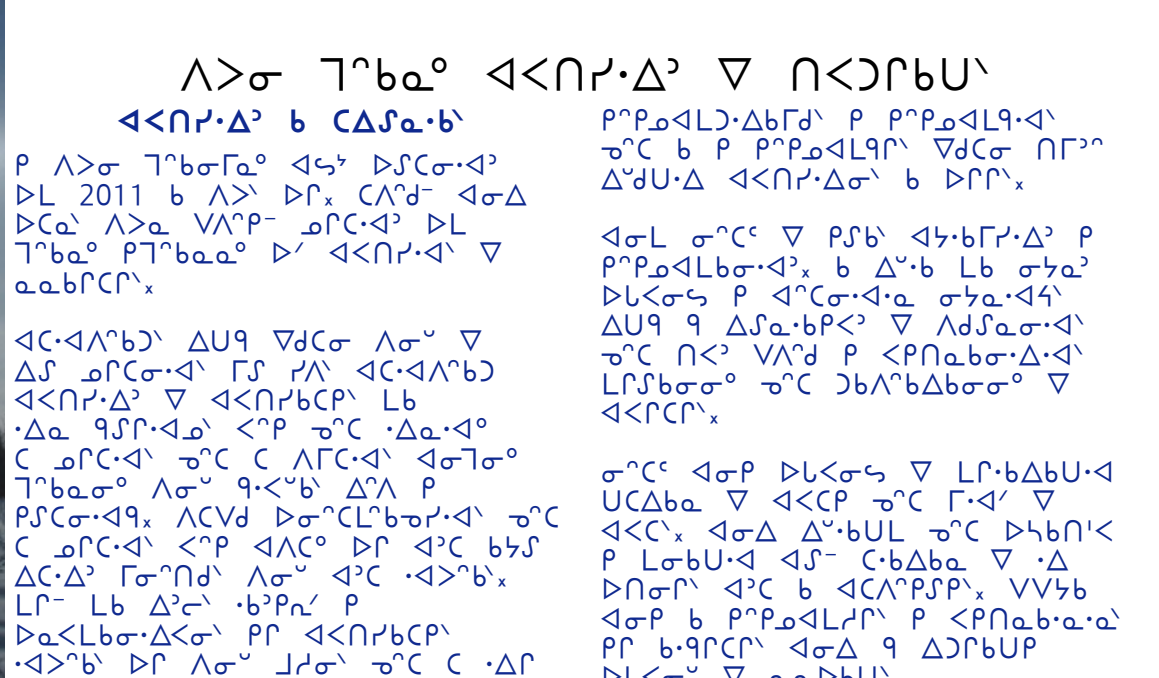
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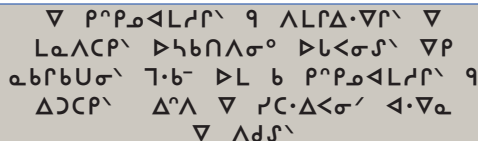
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