

# Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor)



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**Natural Resources Panel Discussion** 

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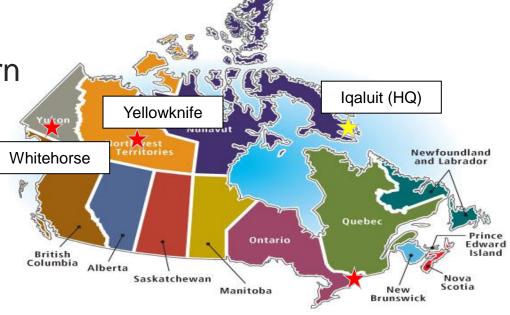
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#### **Milestones**

- CanNor was created in August 2009, as a key deliverable under the Economic and Social Development pillar of the Northern Strategy
- In May 2010, the Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO) was created within CanNor
- CanNor is the only federal entity to have its headquarters North of 60<sup>th</sup> parallel (Iqaluit)



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## **Northern Projects Management Office**

- NPMO is working to advance major projects in the North by providing:
  - Coordinating federal participation in the regulatory process and tracking timelines
  - > Path finding and issue resolution for industry
  - Crown consultation coordination

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- Advancing community readiness
- Aligned with CanNor research, advocacy and funding support

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#### Northern Infrastructure Projects Overview

- Key infrastructure projects
  - Inuvik to Tuk Road
  - Mackenzie Valley Highway

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- Bathurst Port and Road
- DND Nanasivik Marine facility
- Iqaluit Hydro
- Arctic Fibre
- Positioning infrastructure for future projects



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# Towards a Northern Transportation Strategy

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A Northern Transportation strategy will:

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- Help identify priority infrastructure projects for investment (ties to resource development)
- Ensure key established infrastructure does not get remediated (airstrips and ports)
- Can help reduce overall capital and operating costs
- Bridge to a more sustainable economy





## NPMO's Role in the Development of Key Northern Infrastructure

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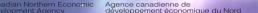
Coordination of project reviews

- Major infrastructure projects generally require an environmental assessment
- NPMO facilitates assessments by:
  - Coordinating federal expert input into project reviews
  - Ensure that the Crown consultation obligations are met
  - Facilitates issue resolution to ensure they do not negatively impact on project timing

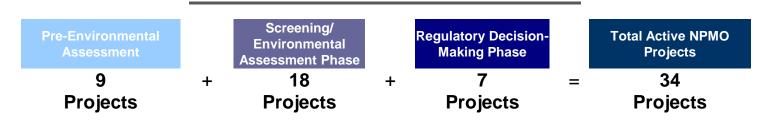








#### **Annex: Northern Projects Overview**



#### **Project highlights**

- Prairie Creek fully permitted
- Inuvik to Tuk highway construction expected to begin soon.
- Baffinland's Mary River Project amendment to the project certificate and water licence by next spring.
- Victoria Gold water licence expected by next summer
- Fortune Minerals permitted by next summer
- Gahcho Kue approved EIR Report moving into regulatory permitting







