

Dempster Fibre Project

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Dempster Fibre Project will ensure reliable internet service for Yukon and the North.

About the Project

The Dempster Fibre Project is an 800-kilometer fibre optic line along the Dempster Highway from Dawson City, Yukon to Inuvik, Northwest Territories.

The Dempster Fibre Project will connect to the existing Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link in Inuvik. Together, the new line will complete a 4,000-km network that will provide communities along the route with more reliable internet and phone service in the event of a disruption.

There will be local employment and business opportunities for communities along the route during construction. The Government of Yukon is working with First Nations Governments, Indigenous groups, local businesses and communities to make the most of these opportunities.

Route

- 70 different communities in the North will directly benefit from the line.
- The line will be owned by the Government of Yukon and operated by Northwestel.



- Existing Northwestel Fibre
- Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link
- Dempster Fibre Line

Project Updates

Regulatory Items

The project's regulatory submission is currently with the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) for review. The YESAB submission is currently in the adequacy review phase. The MVLWB submission is currently in the Board review phase.

Both of these submissions are territorial requirements which ensure proper levels of engagement, planning, and environmental protection are being met before, during and after project completion. Once approved, land use permits can be issued for construction of the main fibre line.

Engagement Activities

The Dempster Fibre project now has a website. <https://yukon.ca/dempsterfibreproject>. From here, you can access past newsletters, view

project photos and learn more about the fibre line and how it will work.

The project team will continue a dialogue with all partners in Yukon and Northwest Territories as the project moves forward and update the website as the project moves ahead.

Planning and Design

The project design is underway and is progressing to the 80% design review phase. The request for qualification (RFQ) to begin the screening process for the primary contract for construction is now posted on the Tender Management System (TMS). The RFQ will be posted on the TMS until January 22, 2020.

As part of the process, the project team is holding two information session for interested contractors. One session was held on December 18th, 2019 and the second will be held January 7th 2020. To learn more and to view the tender documents please visit the TMS website:

<http://www.hpw.gov.yk.ca/csb/fr/tms.html>

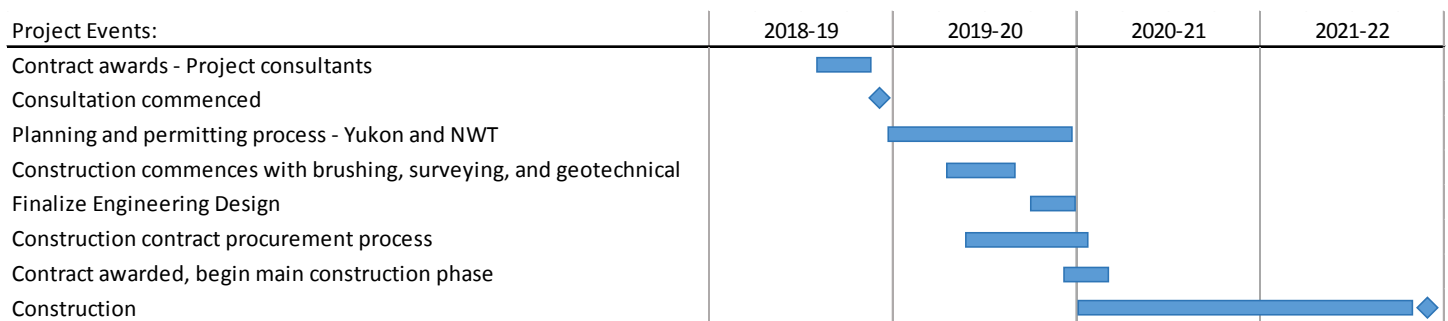


Figure 1 - Timeline of project events by fiscal year

Upcoming Activities

1. Regulatory reviews YESAB and MVLWB.
2. Continue project design review process.
3. Hold request for qualifications information session January 7, 2020.

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