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Aboriginal partnerships

Looking Ahead Together
June 1-2, 2016
Hôtel des Eskers
Amos (Quebec)
Registration now open!
Summary

- Who we are
- Companies Activities
- Partnerships with First Nations
- Short video

“You are my best business partners!”

Billy Diamond
Waska Ressources: Who We Are

- Joint force with Siibii Development Corporation
- Use sub-contractor from other communities (Apitsiu, VCC, etc...)
- Use Human Resources from other communities (lineman)
Company’s Activities

- Forestry
- Civil Engineering
- Project Management
- Construction (RBQ licence)
- Environment
- Surveying
- Geomatics
- Communications
- Customized Training
Let’s say you want to travel the world....

If you walk, it takes about 20,000 hours or 10 years.
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Forestry
- Development & integrated management of resources
- Ecoforestry and multiresources inventories
- Silviculture works
- Photo-interpretation (ecoforestry, geomorphology)
- Clearing plans & specifications
- Dynamic study of vegetation under powerlines
- Forestry and ecology mapping
- Forest roads
- Management & surveillance of forest & silviculture works
- Feasibility economic study
- Supplying study

Environment
- Development & integrated management of resources
- Ecoforestry and multiresources inventories
- Impact study
- Certificates & environmental authorizations
- Mitigation measures studies
- Affected sites plans & specifications
- Verification of compliance
- Aquatic biology
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Surveying & Technical Surveys
- Layouts technical surveys
- Plans & profiles production
- Layouts optimization (filling & cutting, Class 1 & 2)
- Price quantities
- Borrow pits localization
- Technical surveys for campsites and bridges
- Watersheds studies
- Geomorphology

Certification (sustainable development)
- Layouts technical surveys
- Environmental certification (ISO 14 000, CSA, FSC)
- Forestry practices certification
- ISO 9000 Certification

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Les entreprises forestières AMTECH

Forest Works
- Harvesting (turnkey project)
  (planning, harvesting, transport, supervision)
- Road construction
- Merchantable wood salvage (reservoir, epidemic, fire
- Vegetation control (mechanical, chemical)
- Initial clearing (line, pipeline, rail road)
- Ice bridge
- Drainage
- Scarification
- Rehabilitation of burned sites
- Reforestation
- Thinning (commercial, pre-commercial)
- Fertilization

Other works
- Civil works
- Construction
- Right-of-way management
- Snow clearing

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Community of Waskaganish

Construction of weirs (SEBJ)
- 60% of Cree operators ($200M contract)
- Sub-contracting to other communities (Eastmain, Wemindji)
- Liaison agent
- Concrete plan, camp, bus, trucks, grader, excavators

Environmental monitoring (HQ)
- Ice inspection training (10 Crees)
- Cree biologist working on our projects
- Hiring of local drivers and boats in each community
- Drifting larvae: 30 workers
- Cisco monitoring: 10 Cree boat drivers and 10 Cree assistants
- 20 Cree trainees in environment

Rupert river access road construction (SEBJ)
- 100% aboriginal workers (except superintendent)
- Local sub-contractor (Siibii)
- Client satisfaction (price, quality)

Office in the community
Community of Waskaganish

Construction of a spur in the Rupert River (SEBJ)
- Sensitive area for the population (directly in the village)
- Local joint venture (Siibii)
- Client satisfaction

Construction of an electric Nemiscau-Waskaganish (HQ)
- Over 30,000 hours by Aboriginals
- Agreement between 4 partners, including CCDC

Conversion of electric network and construction Waskaganish power station (HQ)
- Linemen training (7 Crees, Back to the North video)
- Agreement between 4 partners, including CCDC

Construction of a grocery store (community)
- Client satisfaction (schedule and budget)
- Work just finished
Community of Waskaganish

Construction of a water filtration plant (SEBJ)
- Client satisfaction (schedule)
- Sub-contracting to other communities (Eastmain)
- Over 95 000 hours by Aboriginals

Clearing of Rupert bays (SEBJ)
- Over 15 000 hours by Aboriginals
- Training in manual felling
- Client satisfaction (schedule)
- Sub-contracting to other communities (Wemindji)
- Collaboration with tallymen

Various works with tallymen (SEBJ-HQ)
- ATV trails
- Snowmobile trails
- Boat ramps
- Trouts spawning grounds

Others
- Access road maintenance (MTQ)
- Camp site construction (SEBJ)
- Control of biting insects (SEBJ)
- Cree trainees (Niskamoon)
- House (community)
Now, a little further....

If you walk from earth to the moon, it takes about 192,000 hours or 96 years.
Back to the North Video

Cree linemen trainees
Waskaganish February 2007

Trainees with their teacher – March 2007

In class training – September 2006
20,000 hours is equivalent of 10 jobs

192,000 hours is 96 jobs

1,600,000 man-hours or 800 jobs

Until now for Aboriginal workers, we created
Images of completed work

Rupert River pile removal

Waskaganish water filtration plant

Rupert River Bailey bridge installation
Images of completed work

Waskaganish Waterfront spur construction

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Images of completed work

Rupert River fish study

Rupert River ice monitoring

Rupert River Cree workers

Rupert River larvae drift study

Rupert River water quality
Images of completed work

Water Quality Newsletter - 2009

Waskaganish worker's camp

Waskaganish network upgrade

Activity report # 5

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN COMPLETED!

The additional campaign we announced in July is done. Sampling was carried out on July 25th. It will enable us to verify the potential effects of the pre-flooding of the Rupert forebay on the water quality of the river.

The usual parameters were measured (see section Water Quality Follow-up at a Glance-Reminder). During this campaign, six (6) out of the twenty-two (22) sites were sampled to monitor the quality of water after the pre-flooding of the forebay. These sites are distributed along the Rupert River:

- Near KP350, “Kamouheowwanouch”, in Mesgouez Lake, control site;
- Near KP292, “Kayikhahtawak Pasingun”, near Lemare River;
- Near KP245, “Meetskoseyouch”; 
- Near KP189, “Nemskau Sekheegun” or Old Nemaska;
- Near KP85, near Mr. George’s camp;
- Near KP22, “Niuut-mes-sah-naan”, or Gravel Pit.
Images of completed work

Waskaganish larvae drift laboratory

Rupert Diversion internship program

Linemen training program
Images of completed work

OOPS !!! Wrong image

Rupert Diversion manual loggers
Images of completed work

Drone 3D modeling (volume calculation)

Drone with high precision GPS
Long term partnership
Job creation
Training
Community’ spinoffs
Give a man a fish, feed him for a day
Teach him to fish, feed him for lifetime !!!

Thank you!
Meegwetch!