



17 Wing Headquarters Groundbreaking



The official groundbreaking for the new, \$7.5-million 17 Wing headquarters and office facility was held on June 8. This new addition to 17 Wing and CFB Winnipeg is part of the Winnipeg Consolidation Project. The 4,400-square-metre building will also accommodate two units currently operating from ICAD headquarters. The contractor for this project is Dominion Construction of Winnipeg, and DCC is providing contract management services. Above, LCol Jim Kerr addresses a contingent of 17 Wing and DCC personnel who came out for the event.

Clean-Up at French Cable Wharf

The spot known as the Narrows in Halifax Harbour was made famous in 1917 for the site of the horrendous explosion that devastated half of the city. But this past year, the site of the French Cable Wharf, located on the Dartmouth side of the Narrows, was the scene of a DND environmental clean up project that came together on-time and on-budget for Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT).

For the past 100 years, French Cable Wharf was the site of a coal fired heating plant and was used for the location of an underground fuel line, used for refueling ships. Both were the probable sources of coal ash and petroleum contamination found in the soil.

DND has a strong commitment to cleaning up its contaminated sites, and MARLANT took action quickly on getting this project completed.

Prior to the tendering and award of the contract, Area Engineer Ross Welsman (902-426-5640) played a major role in the preparation of the project specifications and unit price table, on which contractors based their bids. Welsman's extensive experience in similar projects allowed for the creation of an appropriate and accurate specification listing. By having the complete picture from the onset, due to Welsman's early participation in the procurement process, the project was able to move along quickly. DCC tendered and awarded the contract for MARLANT.

CBCL Limited was engaged to perform the environmental consultancy work in conjunction with Dexter Construction who did the excavation and soil transportation work. Envirosoil Limited took care of the waste treatment and disposal.

The deadline from time of award to completion was three weeks. The weather, almost always unpredictable on any construction site, co-operated with only one lost day. Often, in this part of the country, a spring snowstorm is always possible. French Cable Wharf is in the midst of a commercial and residential area, and work like this poses the risk of disrupting every day routines.

MARLANT facilitated regular communication between all groups, the contractors, neighbouring businesses, the residential community and DCC to ensure that there was minimal disruptions.

Not only was the project completed on time and on budget, but the Department now has another clean-up project to its credit.



Commuter Challenge

DCC's head office employees took up the Commuter Challenge this year and found out that it's easy being green! The event, held during Environment Week (May 30 to June 5 this year), is a friendly competition between Canadian communities to encourage as many people as possible to use sustainable and active modes of transportation. About half of Canada's greenhouse gases result from motor vehicle emissions. Individuals can play a significant role in reducing harmful emissions by using sustainable forms of transportation.

The leader of DCC's team was Kristen Sanderson, Environmental Scientist (613-998-4820), who led the way for the team to take second place in the public sector category.

In total, 70 percent of DCC's head office employees used some mode of sustainable transportation to travel to and from work each day that week. In total, they travelled 10,577 kilometres by walking, jogging, cycling, in-line skating, carpooling or taking public transit. Next year, DCC looks forward to expanding this participation to all of its offices across Canada.

For more information about the Commuter Challenge, visit www.commuterchallenge.ca. If you would like to find out more about the effects of climate change and get tips for protecting the environment, go to www.climatechange.gc.ca.

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Above are two views from PIN-M, Cape Perry, where clean-up work was completed earlier this year.

This summer, the following employees were on site in the Arctic: Kris Seiler, Environmental Coordinator at PIN-3, Lady Franklin Point; Alain Dufresne, Environmental Project Coordinator at CAM-2, Gladman Point; Bruce Clarke, Site Manager at CAM-4, Pelly Bay; Rod Watson, Contracting Officer and Bruce Cook, Contract Coordinator at FOX-M, Hall Beach; Mark Rae, Contract Coordinator at FOX-5, Broughton Island; and Paul Champagne, Site Manager at DYE-M, Cape Dyer.

Accreditation for Environmental Coordinator

This past April, Bryon McConnell, Environmental Coordinator, P.Eng, MSc (ChemEng), attained his Canadian Certified Environmental Practitioner designation from the Canadian Environmental Certification Approvals Board (CECAB).

McConnell has been certified under the subsectors of environmental communications, integrated environmental management and integrated natural resources management.

DCC encourages its employees to pursue recognized industry certifications to help them provide expert support to DCC's client, the Department of National Defence.

McConnell has been with DCC for five years and has worked on environmental assessments totalling \$70 million over that period. McConnell conducted the environmental assessments for the Royal Military College New Dormitory II and for the Toronto Consolidation Project.

Eldon Adams, Site Manager, said, "I am very pleased that another one of our staff members has taken the initiative to achieve this external validation. It is just one more way that DCC supports the work of the Department."

The CECAB (www.cecab.org) was established in 1997 to develop and administer a

national certification program for Canadian environmental practitioners. Through extensive consultation with industry representatives and government leaders, the Canadian Certified Environmental Practitioner and Canadian Environmental Practitioner-In-Training certifications have been established to denote the competence of certified environmental practitioners and to elevate the standards for environmental practice in Canada.

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