

## DCC employees help build playground for Kandahar school children

When DCC employee Tim Summers first laid eyes on the Sayad Pacha School in Kandahar, Afghanistan, last August, the sight saddened him. The school itself, located just outside the Kandahar Airfield, was less than a year old, but the schoolyard was littered and desolate. "The kids had nowhere safe to play," he recalls. So Summers, along with co-workers Wanda Deong and Chris Diezpak, resolved to build the kids a playground in their spare time.



From left: DCC employees Tim Summers, Wanda Deong and Chris Diezpak testing out the new swings at the Sayad Pacha School in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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According to Summers, the most difficult part was figuring out where to start. "We started firing e-mails to everyone we thought could help." Soon after, responses arrived from various organizations eager to help. A committee was formed and a plan put in place. Other groups had had similar ideas in the past and had even done some fundraising activities. "All they needed was someone to take the lead," says Summers.

Organizations such as the Canadian International Development Agency, the NATO Acquisition and Material Supply Agency and the Commander of the Kandahar Airfield provided funding. For their part, Canadian Forces (CF) members organized the clean-up of the site where the soccer field and playground were to be placed. The Operational Mentor and Liaison Team also helped by coordinating efforts with the

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# Second International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions

Underwater munitions can be found in every ocean and in many freshwater lakes and rivers around the world. In recent years, there has been an increasing interest in identifying and assessing the potential risk posed by both conventional and chemical munitions to public safety and the environment; determining the impact of ocean environments on underwater munitions and determining whether a response is required at any given time to ensure public safety; and environmental due diligence. Technology, research and assessment activities have rapidly accelerated over the past several years, prompting the need for a global exchange of information on this subject.



The Second International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions is being held in Honolulu, Hawaii, February 25-27, 2009. It will be a premiere international forum for addressing the relevant and timely issues of risk assessment, management and communication,

which affect countries throughout the world. The intention is to foster a dialogue and collaborative consultation to reach positive outcomes. You may find more information on the Dialogue and register at: [www.underwatermunitions.com](http://www.underwatermunitions.com)

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Afghan National Army and school authorities to receive the proper authorization and additional land for the school.

A number of contractors also supplied equipment, manpower and services. For example, four contractors built one or more pieces of play structure. One contractor cleared unexploded ordinance from 5300 square metres, and another graded the land. In addition to this, a local Afghan contractor agreed to

install the entire structure free of charge.

Before they left Kandahar in December, Summers and the Canadian Forces security personnel who volunteered their time to escort the civilians involved drove out to the school. While the project wasn't completely finished, they were pleased with what they saw. "About 30 kids were playing soccer and the school attendant was sitting on a piece of cardboard watching them play. And

younger kids were playing on the nearby structure," says Summers.

Since then, DCC employee, Stephanie Tanguay, who volunteered to carry on assisting the school, has overseen the installation of a perimeter fence. A sniper screen is also being installed as an extra measure of protection for the children — especially the girls — attending the school, and plans for a ribbon-cutting ceremony are in the works.

# DEW Line Clean-Up update



Over the next few months, contractors will begin removing debris in Macbeth River at the FOX-3 DEW Line site.

This coming summer will be a particularly busy one for the team responsible for one of the largest environmental clean up projects in North America. Going into its busiest two years of construction—with work estimated at over \$50 million annually for 2009 and 2010—the DEW Line Clean-Up (DLCU) team will be reaching important milestones over the next few months.

This spring, the DLCU team will be tendering its final clean-up contract, which will be carried out at Cape Young. This milestone marks the end of the design phase of the program and puts the site investigation phase completely behind the team.

Another important project will be taking place at the FOX-3 site on Baffin Island. Activity will begin in March with a 250 kilometer mobilization. Heavy equipment

and other items needed to carry out work at the site arrived by sea last fall at a North Warning Systems Office Short Range Radar site. Now it needs to be transported to the landlocked FOX-3 site.

Once the mobilization is complete, contractors will begin cleaning the frozen Macbeth River. The debris in the river includes dump trucks and bulldozers that were lost through the ice during DEW Line construction in the 1950s.

Adding to this flurry of activity, the DLCU Contract Management Services is expanding to handle the seven construction sites that will be active over the next two years and the DLCU Project Management Office (PMO) is experiencing important staffing changes. Scott Munn, Program Support Team Leader, will be taking on new responsibilities within DCC. The DLCU PMO also recently welcomed a new DND Assistant Project Manager, Tauhid-Brian Thomas.

## ONGOING LANDFILL MONITORING PROGRAM

In 2007, the DLCU PMO reached an important milestone when it completed the first phase of its Landfill Monitoring Program at six former DEW Line sites in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

Remediation work at these sites was completed in fall 2002 and

involved updating existing landfills and building new ones. In accordance with an agreement with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC), DND will monitor the stability of the landfills for 25 years after remediation work is complete.

The landfill monitoring is being carried out in three phases, with phase 1 work taking place from

year 1 to year 5 and phase 2 work from year 6 to year 25. Phase 3 will be carried out in accordance with future negotiations between DND and IRC.

The PMO completed a total of 58 landfill-monitoring events between 1999 and 2008, and nine more are scheduled for 2009. The landfills are stable and are meeting expectations.

# Profile: Ottawa Site Office



Ottawa Site Office employees are working to increase the energy efficiency of military housing units in the National Capital Region. This includes removing hazardous materials such as asbestos

and lead paint; installing Energy Star rated Windows and high performance heating and ventilation units; and reinsulating housing units to achieve an energy efficiency rating of 70 or more.

The Ottawa Site Office consists of a small team of eight with a big philosophy that serves to support numerous clients across the National Capital Region. “Teamwork,” says Tommy Yeung, Manager, Site Operations, is the driving force behind the efficiency of his group, which includes experts in areas such as civil engineering; heating ventilation and air conditioning; plumbing; instrumentation and environmental.

The only one of its kind, the Ottawa Site Office is not attached to any Canadian Forces Base. Instead, it works closely with DND HQ clients.

Its proximity to DCC Head Office, and the fact that it reports to the National Operations Group, allow the Ottawa Site Office to provide support along various avenues and give it the opportunity to work with other branches of DND.

Ottawa wasn’t always a solitary site, however. Before 1995, the original Ottawa Site Office reported to regional office in Kingston, Ontario. That Ottawa office closed down in 1995, due to the closure of CFB Uplands. The current Ottawa Site Office

was resurrected in 1998, and has been reporting to NOG ever since.

Some current Ottawa Site projects include renovations as well as electrical and mechanical system upgrades on training facility projects, as well as renovation and maintenance on housing projects.

Because of its location and its primary client groups, the Ottawa Site Office faces some unique and interesting challenges. Fortunately, the joint efforts and collaborative mentality of the Ottawa Site team members allow them to execute sizeable projects efficiently.

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