



# PUBLIC UPDATE

## TOWN OF INUVIK – CHIEF JIM KOE PARK PROJECTS & UPGRADES

JULY 22, 2020

### BACKGROUND

The redevelopment of Chief Jim Koe Park has been a priority of the Town of Inuvik for some time, however more definitive development plans became a reality over the last few years and the Town of Inuvik began a series of public consultations regarding new possible designs and concepts in 2016/2017. Please visit the Town of Inuvik website <https://tinyurl.com/TOIChiefJimKoePark> for a complete timeline and photos.

Prior to this in 2011/2012, when the new East Three School was being built the Town of Inuvik transferred land to the GNWT in exchange for the re-construction of new ball and soccer fields to replace the ones that were lost. This particular element of the project has taken some time to finalize, however the GNWT has now indicated their intention to move forward with the construction of the recreational fields in 2020.

In the meantime, the Town of Inuvik understands the importance and significance of the revitalization and redevelopment of Chief Jim Koe Park (adjacent to the intended field sites). While several draft concepts have been reviewed in both 2017 and 2018, budgetary and funding restraints did not allow the project to move forward at that time.

### VISITOR CENTRE / TOURISM OFFICE / ARCTIC MARKET BUILDING

In 2019 the Town of Inuvik was awarded federal funding dollars from CanNor to complement the Municipal Capital Budget funds <https://www.inuvik.ca/en/town-hall/resources/Finance/2019-Final-Operating--Capital-Budget.pdf> to begin work on the design and construction of a permanent building(s) that was to house both a Town of Inuvik Visitor Centre (office/retail/visitor information/meeting space/arts & crafts display) as well as a permanent Arctic Market structure. These two buildings, now being combined into one cohesive facility are significant infrastructure components that will further support the Strategic Priorities of the Town of Inuvik which include economic development, tourism, and support for small business opportunities. Town Council also approved spending towards the redevelopment of Chief Jim Koe Park in their 2020/2021 Capital Projects Budget.

A Call for Tenders was issued for the construction of this building on July 22, 2020 with a closing date of August 7, 2020. <https://www.inuvik.ca/en/doing-business/Bids-and-Tenders.asp>

### SPECIAL EVENTS PAVILLION

In 2020, the Town of Inuvik was once again awarded federal funding dollars, this time from Canadian Heritage to support the construction and renovation of a Special Events Pavillion which is to include a new trailer stage, platform stage, accessible bleachers, and a venue membrane tent covering. Although some remain in final design and fabrication, all components have been purchased. The Town of Inuvik has since removed the old wooden stage and has begun site preparation for the installation of the new elements. This work is scheduled to be completed by the Fall of 2020.

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On Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> a project update will be presented at the Committee of the Whole, Inuvik Town Council Meeting. At this time, we will present visual renderings of the Park and new facilities.