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Dakwakada Capital Investments LP (DCI) is a First Nations-owned private equity firm based in Whitehorse, Yukon. Established in 1999 as the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Trust, DCI was rebranded in 2003 to focus on private equity investments aimed at generating long-term financial returns for the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN)

Investment Focus

DCI's portfolio spans several sectors, including:

- **Construction & Manufacturing:** Investments include Castle Rock Enterprises, a leading civil construction firm in Yukon; Mac Plastics & Skylights, a manufacturer of custom plastic and glass products; and Northerm Windows and Doors, which produces energy-efficient building products tailored for northern climates
- **Commercial Real Estate:** DCI holds significant property assets in Whitehorse and beyond, including locations on Black Street, Jarvis Street, and the Yukon Inn.
- **Investment Funds:** As the largest shareholder in the Yukon First Nation Investment Corporation, DCI is invested in the Panache Ventures Investment Fund, which focuses on early-stage Canadian startups in fintech, AI, digital health, and blockchain

Mission & Values

DCI's mission is to generate wealth, opportunities, and capacity for CAFN citizens. Its core values emphasize respect, cultural sensitivity, prosperity, and strong relationships with stakeholders



Conrad Browne,
CEO, DCI





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The Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Development Corporation (NNDDC) is the economic development arm of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (FN-NND), based in Mayo, Yukon. Established in 1996 under the Yukon Business Corporations Act, NNDDC's mandate is to create economic and employment opportunities for FN-NND citizens by investing in and managing businesses, particularly within their traditional territory.

Mission and Values

NNDDC's mission is to generate new wealth for its shareholder—the FN-NND—by capitalizing on business opportunities through partnerships, acquisitions, and investments, both within and outside their traditional territory. The corporation emphasizes accountability, community well-being, environmental stewardship, and cultural respect in its operations.

Business Ventures

NNDDC operates a diverse portfolio of businesses and investments:

- Mayo Foods: A grocery store in Mayo aimed at reducing food costs and providing local employment.
- Mayo Bigway Store: Recently renovated and managed by a professional food services company.
- Riverside Café: A restaurant in Whitehorse, formerly leased to Tony's Pizza and now operating as Riverside Café.
- Fire Suppression Crew: A long-standing contract with the Yukon Government for fire suppression services in Mayo.
- Investments: Shares in Black Street Investments and RAB – Northern Windows, providing reasonable returns.
- Joint Ventures: Partnerships with companies like Alexco, Victoria Gold, ATAC Resources, and EBA Tetra-Tech for environmental and engineering projects.



Jani Djokic, CEO,
NNDDC





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Kluane Dana Shāw Development Corporation (KDSDC) is the economic development arm of the Kluane First Nation, located in Burwash Landing, Yukon. The Corporative strategy was complete in November 2017 and updated in September 2019. This KDSC Corporate Strategy 2019-2021: Generational Wealth and Shared Prosperity is focused on ensuring the organization remains positioned for long-term growth and scale.

The strategic goals are focused on five key areas:

- A. Investment – Maximize profitability and capital growth through value aligned investments and partnerships.
- B. Governance – Improve governance and decision-making processes that strengthen corporate accountability and transparency.
- C. Operations – Proactively manage the development of investment and partnership opportunities with due diligence and care.
- D. Capacity – Strengthen organizational capacity to correspond with business development and technical requirements.
- E. Communication – Improve marketing and communications to key stakeholders, and share and celebrate our success stories.

A recent corporate strategy update maintains KDSC's vision and mission statements, guiding principles, but does modify some of the priorities and objectives in order to achieve the above goals. The continued strong foundation of KCDC will allow for ongoing long-term wealth creation in a responsible and sustainable manner. The Board of Directors and staff remain committed to implement this strategy in a manner that builds on the strengths of our people and Nation, and honours our culture and core values.



Stephen Mooney,
President, KDSLP





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Welcome to Chu Níkwän LP (CNLP), where we are dedicated to advancing the equity and resources of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN) for the collective prosperity of all our members. Our mission is to strategically invest in opportunities that will generate wealth for the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, ensuring sustainable growth and long-term benefits.

At CNLP, we prioritize the following principles:

1. **Strategic Portfolio Development:** We focus on building a diverse portfolio of businesses and investments that not only yield financial returns but also contribute to the socio-economic development of our community. By carefully selecting strategic opportunities, we aim to create sustainable wealth that can be shared among our shareholders.
2. **Informed Decision-Making:** Our decisions are grounded in sound financial analysis and judgment, coupled with a deep understanding of our shareholders' values and aspirations. We believe in transparency and accountability, ensuring that every investment aligns with the best interests of our community.
3. **Conservation and Growth of Capital:** We are committed to preserving and enhancing our capital and cash flow to support the long-term prosperity of our shareholders. Through prudent financial management and strategic planning, we strive to maximize returns while mitigating risks.

By adhering to these principles, we aim to foster economic empowerment and self-determination within the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. Together, we can build a prosperous future for generations to come. Join us in shaping a brighter tomorrow for our community.



Rick O'Brien,
CEO, CNLP





Da Daghay
Development
Corporation

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Da Daghay Development Corporation (DDDC) was officially incorporated in 1989 and serves as the economic arm and for-profit entity of its sole shareholder, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council First Nation (TKC). The existence of First Nations development corporations, including DDDC, is based on the legal necessity of for-profit-driven business ventures operating at arms length from their self-governing First Nations.

In 2012, the corporation commenced to restructure its approach to economic driven business and best practices. A new board of directors was elected, a new CEO (Ben Asquith) was hired, and the journey of re-fostering trust and integrity between the First Nations and its economic development corporation continued with a refreshed approach.

Understanding that involvement from the citizens and regularly meeting with its shareholder and Chief and Council is necessary to establish trust and to operate effectively, DDDC continues to put the needs of the citizens and the nation at the top of its priority list.

Da Daghay has a portfolio of over 80,000 square feet of commercial and residential properties throughout the City. It also leases and develops land in partnership with its Shareholder (TKC) and various other strategic stakeholders. Other business activities include overseeing operating companies and negotiating future potential opportunities.



Ben Asquith,
CEO, DDDC





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Selkirk Development Corporation (SDC) is the economic development arm of the Selkirk First Nation (SFN), based in Pelly Crossing, Yukon. Established following the SFN's Self-Government and Final Agreements in 1997, SDC aims to foster economic self-sufficiency through strategic business ventures that align with the First Nation's values and maximize opportunities within its traditional territory and beyond. selkirkdevcorp.ca

Key Operations and Assets

SDC manages a diverse portfolio of businesses and real estate holdings throughout the Yukon. Its operations include:

- Real Estate: Development and management of properties across the region.
- Business Partnerships: Collaborations with various enterprises to enhance economic opportunities.
- Minto RV Park & Campground: A recreational facility catering to tourists and locals.
- Selkirk Centre: A gas station and grocery store in Pelly Crossing, serving as a vital community hub. [Mapping The Way](#).
- Minto Mine: In 2025, SFN, through SDC, acquired the Minto copper-gold mine, becoming its largest shareholder. The mine is now operated under the new entity, Selkirk Copper Mines Inc., with SFN holding a majority stake and two board seats. [APTN News](#)
- Fire Company: A local fire protection service ensuring community safety.



Alex Doepel,
CEO, SDC





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Dena Nezziddi Development Corporation (DNDC) is the economic development arm of the Ross River Dena Council, focused on creating sustainable business opportunities that benefit the community and its members. The corporation oversees investments and ventures across diverse sectors, including real estate, resource development, and commercial enterprises, ensuring alignment with the Council's long-term economic and cultural goals. DNDC emphasizes responsible stewardship, community engagement, and partnerships that support local employment, capacity building, and economic self-sufficiency for the Ross River Dena community.



Stanley Noel,
CEO, DNDC





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First Kaska is the economic development corporation of the Liard First Nation. Located in Watson Lake, Yukon, First Kaska provides a range of construction, transportation and energy services to the public and private sector. Its mandate is to stimulate and sustain the local economy, provide jobs and training to Liard First Nations members, and encourage local investment in Watson Lake. First Kaska currently operates seven divisions. Its recent purchase of the assets of Heartland Timber Homes has opened up a new line of business under the Construction portfolio. In 2022, First Kaska will construct 15 timber homes for Liard First Nation. In 2023, it will be ready to build and deliver timber homes to new First Nations customers across Canada.



Jasper Lamouelle,
CEO, FKGPLP





CARCROSS TAGISH
MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

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The Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation (CTMC) is the economic development arm of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN) in Yukon, Canada. Established to foster sustainable economic growth and community well-being, CTMC operates under the governance of the C/TFN and collaborates with various partners to create opportunities for its citizens.

Key Initiatives and Projects

- Carcross Commons: A central retail village featuring shops, restaurants, and cultural spaces, the Commons serves as both a tourist attraction and a community gathering place. It showcases Indigenous art and culture, including performances by the Dakhká Khwáan Inland Tlingit dance group. [Mapping The Way](#)
- Tiny Homes Project: This initiative provides employment and skills training for C/TFN citizens, focusing on sustainable housing solutions. Participants gain hands-on experience in construction and carpentry, contributing to community development. [Mapping The Way](#)
- Learning Centre (Haa Shagóon Hídi): Opened in 2017, the Learning Centre offers educational programs and workshops that blend traditional Indigenous knowledge with modern skills, fostering cultural preservation and community empowerment. [Mapping The Way](#)
- Bennett Beach Resort Proposal: CTMC has explored the development of a multi-use, four-season resort at Bennett Beach, aiming to enhance tourism and provide recreational opportunities while respecting the area's cultural significance.



Taylor Love, CEO,
CTMC





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The Carmacks Development Corporation (CDC) proudly serves as the business arm of the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation (LSCFN), driving economic development and community prosperity across the Nation's traditional territory. With more than 35 years of experience, CDC has established itself as a trusted and experienced leader in property management, business development, and strategic investments. Its diverse portfolio includes residential rental units in Carmacks, as well as commercial and industrial properties and real estate holdings in both Carmacks and Whitehorse, Yukon. This breadth of activity reflects CDC's commitment to building a sustainable and diversified local economy that benefits current and future generations of LSCFN citizens.

Central to CDC's mission is community empowerment. The corporation actively supports citizen-owned businesses, fosters entrepreneurship, and develops partnerships that create meaningful employment and business opportunities. By investing in people, businesses, and infrastructure, CDC plays a key role in strengthening the economic foundations of the community while ensuring that growth aligns with cultural values and environmental stewardship. Over the years, CDC has developed strong relationships with commercial, industrial, and residential partners, enabling it to deliver high-quality services and contribute significantly to regional economic vitality.

Looking to the future, CDC remains focused on strategic growth and innovation. It continues to seek new opportunities to expand its investments in real estate, commercial ventures, and community-focused projects. With a clear vision for sustainable development and long-term prosperity, CDC is committed to driving economic growth that supports the social, cultural, and environmental well-being of the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation. Through collaboration, innovation, and community leadership, CDC is building a strong legacy of economic self-reliance and shared success.



Ron Gartshore,
CEO, CDC





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Founded in 1984, the Chief Isaac Group of Companies serves as the for-profit business arm of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation in Dawson City, Yukon. Named after Chief Isaac, a historic leader of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in during the Klondike Gold Rush, the group is fully owned by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Trust, which manages business assets on behalf of citizens. Its mission is to create sustainable wealth and long-term economic opportunities for the First Nation while operating with integrity, accountability, and respect for cultural traditions.

CIGC operates a diverse portfolio of companies spanning multiple sectors. Core operations include property management, security, custodial services, petroleum distribution, mechanical and heavy equipment services, construction, camp services, and wholesale supply. Key subsidiaries and partners include:

- Chief Isaac Inc. – central corporate entity managing multiple business lines
- Chief Isaac Mechanical / Tr'ondëk Heavy Equipment Ltd. – automotive and heavy equipment repair, maintenance, and tire services
- Mackenzie Petroleum – fuel supply, retail and bulk fuels, propane, lubricants
- CIW Construction Limited Partnership – general contracting and construction services
- Joint ventures such as Klondike Wholesale for grocery distribution and supply

The group actively invests in local capacity and job creation, including facility expansions supported by federal programs such as CanNor, which has funded upgrades for mechanical and repair operations. CIGC's operations not only generate financial returns but also prioritize employment for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens, training opportunities, environmental stewardship, and community development.

Through its diverse investments and strategic partnerships, the Chief Isaac Group of Companies has become a pillar of economic development in Dawson City and the surrounding Yukon region, exemplifying how First Nations business enterprises can blend cultural values with modern commercial success.



Joe Fraser, CEO,
CIGC





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The White River First Nation (WRFN) holds a 99.9% interest in Copper Niisüü Limited Partnership (CNLP), with the White River Development Corporation (WRDC) holding the remaining 0.1%. CNLP was established in 2017 to pursue joint venture partnerships aligned with WRDC's strategic goals. Starting with a \$100,000 capital reserve, CNLP has leveraged its resources to secure over \$2 million in committed project funding.

White River First Nation Overview

WRFN's Traditional Territory is located in western Yukon Territory, Canada, with leadership and administration offices in Beaver Creek, the most westerly community in Canada. WRFN members speak the Athabaskan languages of Upper Tanana and Northern Tutchone, two groups historically connected through traditional marriages. In the early 1950s, the Canadian Government merged these groups into a single White River Indian Band for administrative purposes.

In 1961, the White River Indian Band was amalgamated with the Southern Tutchone in Burwash Landing to form the Kluane Band (later the Kluane Tribal Brotherhood and Kluane Tribal Council). In 1990, the Kluane Tribal Council split into the Kluane First Nation, based in Burwash, and the White River First Nation, based in Beaver Creek. WRFN participated in land claims negotiations and reached a memorandum of understanding on most issues, but a final agreement was never ratified by WRFN citizens. When the federal government's mandate for Yukon land claims expired on March 31, 2005, discussions shifted to advancing WRFN interests under the Indian Act rather than concluding land claim or self-government agreements.



Logan Freese, CEO,
CNLP





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Deisleen Development Corporation is the economic development arm of the Teslin Tlingit Council, dedicated to fostering sustainable social, cultural, and economic growth in Teslin, Yukon. DDC identifies business opportunities, manages community development projects, and creates employment for local residents.

Key Projects:

- Nisutlin Bay Bridge Replacement: Contributing environmental monitoring support for one of Yukon's largest infrastructure projects.
- Community Infrastructure: Developing the Teslin Community Market and the TTC Community Services Building, and restoring local kiosks and boardwalks to enhance community spaces.
- Wildfire Management: Through its subsidiary Lightning Fire Management, DDC provides initial attack firefighting crews and implements FireSmart programs.
- Business Development: Offers training, advisory services, and entrepreneurship support to strengthen local businesses and capacity.



James Pugsley,
CEO, DDC





GWITCHIN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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Vuntut Gwitchin Development Corporation (VGDC) is the economic development arm of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN), based in Old Crow, Yukon. Its mission is to promote sustainable economic growth, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship within the community.

Key Areas of Focus

- **Energy Initiatives:** VGDC has been instrumental in advancing renewable energy projects, notably the Old Crow Solar Project. This initiative aims to reduce the community's reliance on diesel fuel by harnessing solar power, aligning with VGFN's long-term goal of energy sovereignty.
- **Housing and Infrastructure:** In collaboration with the Government of Yukon, VGDC has facilitated the construction of a new 10-plex in Old Crow. This development addresses housing shortages and supports the retention of essential service staff. The project is part of a broader plan that includes a new health and wellness center, enhancing community infrastructure.
- **Business Ventures:** VGDC holds a 49% stake in Air North, Yukon's Airline, ensuring reliable air service to Old Crow and other northern communities. Additionally, VGDC co-founded Chieftain Energy Limited Partnership with Kluane First Nation, focusing on maintaining a local supply chain for fuel and energy needs across Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Northern British Columbia.

Sharon Miller,
Acting CEO, VGLP



**Vuntut Gwitchin
First Nation**