

# NCC set to complete two major projects in Iqaluit

## St. Jude's Cathedral, CanNor headquarters enter final stages of construction

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NCC Development Ltd. is on track to complete two major projects that are changing Iqaluit's skyline.

After Iqaluit's St. Jude's Anglican Cathedral, a place central to the lives of thousands throughout Nunavut, was destroyed by arson in 2005 it was clear that worshippers needed a new place of peace and comfort.

Reconstruction of the cathedral began in the summer of 2010, following years of fundraising and a false start when the original construction company for the project went bankrupt. Total costs for the project, designed by FSC Architects, are estimated at roughly \$6.5 million.

The new church will be more functional than the original, and will include space for workshops and meetings, men and women's bathrooms, a vestry on the second floor that will also act as a sacristy and a Sunday school room and an arched narthex that will act as a waiting, nursing, meeting and overflow worship area.

The first phase of reconstruction – building the outside structure – was completed in 2010 and work is now well underway to complete the second phase of the project, the building's interior, in time for Christmas 2011.

"We want to try and have it open for this Christmas so that people have a place to worship," said Greg Cayen, president of NCC Development.

He said one of their goals is to ensure at least 50 per cent of people working on the project are hired locally.

"It's important to us to make sure that as many people as possible who are working on the project are from the North," said Cayen.

While the goal is having mostly Northern workers on the project, one important element, construction of the cathedral's iconic dome, was contracted to an Ontario-based company called Triodetic.

"The challenge was to find a company that has experience in this and could build a structure that would last 50 years or more," said Cayen. "We discussed it with the diocese and went through a rigorous process of finding a contractor for the dome, including going south to see other projects they have worked on."

Triodetic is a Canadian company with 40 years of experience in creating domes, free-form structures and space frames.

The new dome is 30 metres in diameter and stands nearly 25 metres from the ground to the tip of the cross.

For the second phase of the project, which includes interior work such as installing electrical systems, security systems and drywall, Cayen said he expects 60 per cent or more of the work to be done

by Northern workers.

"More Northerners have the skills to do this sort of work than on something like the dome, so we expect to have a more Northerners involved in the second phase," said Cayen.

The second phase will also include installing the steeple and skylights at the top of the dome. They are scheduled to arrive in Iqaluit on the first sealift ship of the 2011

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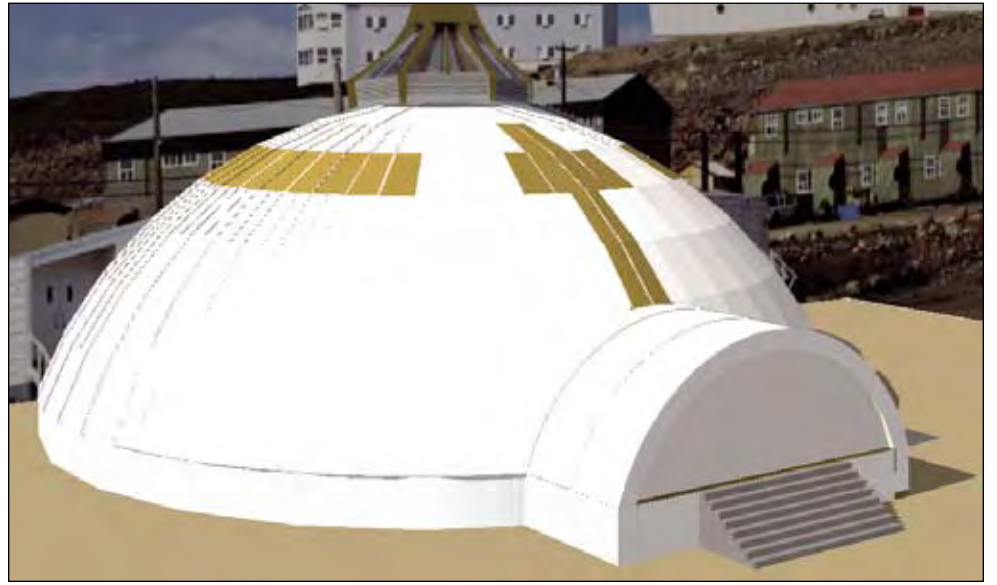


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NCC Development is currently building a new St. Jude's Anglican Cathedral in Iqaluit after the original was destroyed by a fire in 2005.

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