

New Gallery building taking shape



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The new home for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) in Yellowknife is beginning to take shape.

Construction of the Gallery Project is being led by Yellowknife-based general contractor Clark Builders, which have more than 37 years of experience doing construction in northern Canada.

Once completed, the five-storey office building on the corner of 52 Street and 50 Avenue will house roughly 300 government workers with INAC who are currently spread throughout Yellowknife.

"The building is on schedule to open in March of 2012," said Allan Shortt, superintendent for Clark Builders.

The approximately \$20-million construction project is the first in Yellowknife for Dundee Real Estate Investment Trust, a Toronto-based company that purchased the Bellanca Building, the Scotia Centre, the Northwest Tower and the Precambrian Building.



Sparks fly as Foothills Acoustics' Jeff Fichtner trims a steel stud for installation.



Gordon Snow with Unico Roofing Contractors guides a roll of vapour barrier to the roof of the Gallery Project construction site.



High above the streets of Yellowknife, Dave Huff, a glazier with All-West Glass, prepares window frames to receive windows.



Bending metal is easy for Travis Mercredi MacDonald, an electrician with Ryfan Electric, as he prepares electrical conduit for installation.



John Chaykowski with Unico Roofing Contractors applies insulation around the windows of the new government building on the old Gallery pub site.



Tyler Comeau, a roofer with Unico Roofing Contractors, applies a vapour barrier on the roof of the Gallery Project site at 50 Avenue and 52 Street in downtown Yellowknife.



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