

Rankin Inlet jail to be finished this October

Inmates, staff to move in early next year

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The still-under-construction Rankin Inlet Correctional Centre is scheduled for completion this October.

The new facility, capable of housing 60 inmates, was first announced by the territorial government in 2006.

That decision came several years after a 1999 report penned by then-Justice minister Jack Anawak found that Baffin Correctional Centre in Iqaluit was badly overcrowded.

Now it's hoped staff and inmates will move into the Rankin Inlet jail in the first quarter of 2012, said J.P. Dero, director of communications for the GN's Department of Justice.

"It will aid in some part in relieving the overcrowding of the Baffin Correctional Centre, as well as allow for the repatriation of other Nunavut inmates from NWT and Ontario," said Dero.

"(It's) currently 70 per cent complete."

While the total project cost is \$40 million, actual construction of the 32,000-square-foot building is pegged at \$27.4 million – 69 per cent the total.

As of March 22, nearly the entire construction budget was spent – \$26.5 million.

NDL Construction, based in Winnipeg, was chosen by the Government of Nunavut as the major contractor, but that doesn't mean the project has passed by Nunavut-based businesses and tradespeople.

"Of the total \$27.4 million to be expended on construc-



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Construction of the Rankin Inlet Correctional Facility, sketched here, brought \$16 million in direct economic benefits to Nunavut-based companies as of March. The building is scheduled for completion this October.

tion, it is anticipated that in excess of \$16 million will go to Nunavut-based companies and Nunavut labour," said Dero.

A total of 108 people have worked on the project thus

far, with the number of people on site at any one given time averaging 65.

"Of the 108 people having worked on the project to date, 58 of them were from Nunavut," said Dero.

That amounts to 54 per cent of the site's workers.

"The building has been closed in to allow work to proceed over the winter months and is currently 70 per cent complete," Dero told *News/*

North in late March.

"Mechanical and electrical rough-in work is being completed throughout the building, installation of drywall has started. Exterior cladding work will resume in April."

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Energy-efficient components of the Rankin Inlet Correctional Facility

- Low flow plumbing fixtures to reduce water usage
- High efficiency boilers and heating system
- Variable speed fans and a variable air volume system to minimize energy consumption
- A digital control system to optimize mechanical equipment energy consumption and performance

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