



May 15, 2026

Michael Auge, Director, Strategic Infrastructure
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Re: Arctic Economic and Security Corridor (AESC)

Mr. Auge,

On behalf of West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. (WKR), I am writing to express our support for the **Arctic Infrastructure Fund** application for the **Arctic Economic and Security Corridor (AESC)** jointly led by the Tłıchǵ Government (TG), the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN), and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

The AESC represents a strategic investment in northern transportation infrastructure with clear dual-use value. The corridor would strengthen Canada's northern transportation and logistics capacity by improving the reliability and predictability of overland movement in a remote and environmentally challenging region. In the context of a changing Arctic, such infrastructure supports national defence, sovereignty, and sustained federal presence by enhancing mobility and logistical resilience.

Advancing the AESC in a timely manner is important to WKR's Grays Bay Road and Port Project. The AESC will connect to Grays Bay Road near the NWT/Nunavut border, creating the first all-season road connection between southern Canada and Arctic deepwater. The two projects will work together to support national critical minerals mining and processing networks and improved logistics in support of Arctic security and sovereignty.

WKR has been working closely with TG, YKDFN, and GNWT to coordinate the connection between the AESC and the Grays Bay project. We support this application and will continue to collaborate with the AESC proponents to advance both projects towards construction.

Sincerely,

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Brendan Bell (May 15, 2026 12:44:56 PDT)

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