



## BUILDING THE FUTURE: Steel Structure Progress

The piling for the healthcare campus is complete and steel erection for the hospital is well underway.

Piling creates a stable foundation for the structure, while steel erection forms the building's skeleton—both critical steps that ensure strength, safety and durability of the building.

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## New year, new look, same connection!

Welcome to Pomerleau's refreshed WAHA Redevelopment Project newsletter: designed to be more vibrant, easier to read, and focused on what matters most. Enjoy the new look and feel as we continue sharing stories each month that connect us.

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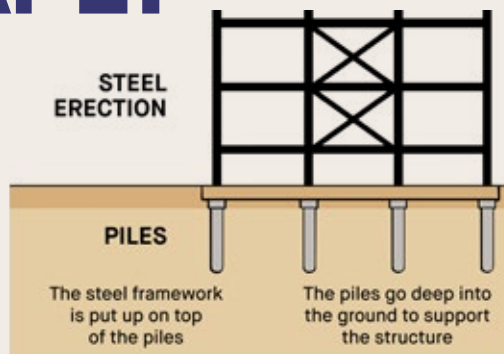
## CONNECT WITH US!

For questions about the Project and for business opportunities and community involvement

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# TAKING SHAPE!

Piling provides a strong foundation for steel structures by transferring heavy loads to stable soil layers deep underground.



Watch for the February newsletter for upcoming tender opportunities.

## HOSPITAL



At the hospital, steel for the main structure has advanced. The team is also protecting the work from frost with insulated tarps.



## MILESTONE MOMENT

Medical practitioners were invited to step into full-scale sample rooms of the new hospital, testing how they will move, collaborate and care for patients. Their insights and recommendations will continue to shape the hospital's design.





# Get To Know Our Community Engagement Team

The team  
from left to right:

**Katrina Rickard**,  
Project Administrative  
Assistant,  
**Renee Sauer**,  
Community Engagement  
Lead,  
and **Sarah Agius**,  
Project Co-ordinator.



Pomerleau's Community Engagement team is dedicated to working alongside community members throughout the WAHA Redevelopment Project. The team's role is to listen, share information, and create opportunities for you to participate so that the Redevelopment reflects the priorities of everyone.

They connect with the community through meetings, information sessions, and one-on-one conversations, and make sure that your questions are answered and your ideas are heard. The team doesn't speak for the community—their job is to make sure every point of view helps shape the development of the hospital campus.

Beyond sharing updates, Renee and her team can also introduce residents to employment opportunities created by the Redevelopment and help local businesses learn how to participate in contract work and service partnerships.

Career fairs and school visits are a highlight as the team enjoys helping students and young people discover career opportunities in the skilled trades—skills that will not only contribute to building the hospital but maintaining it for decades to come.

The team looks forward to reaching out to children in elementary schools to share what working in construction can look like.

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**For me, the WAHA Project is about more than ‘engagement.’ It’s about leaving something that lasts.**

I’ve learned that stories are how we pass things on—they connect Elders and youth, carry the culture, and remind us of who we are. When we help young people learn through story, we’re giving them a way to honour the past and shape what comes next. That’s how communities stay strong: the voices we lift up today grow the leaders of tomorrow.”

→ Renee

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**Each coastal community welcomes us warmly, sharing traditions that honour the land and inspire future generations to protect it.**

→ Sarah

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**As a proud MCFN member with a skilled trades background,** I am honoured to work together as we create a healthcare facility that will serve our people for generations. Come meet with us to learn more about skilled trades and opportunities. I am happy to share information about my journey.”

→ Gitchi-Meegwetch, Katrina

**If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, the Community Engagement Team wants to hear from you!**

Please contact Renee Sauer  
[waha.information@pomerleau.ca](mailto:waha.information@pomerleau.ca)



# Weenusk visit in November



Our team had a wonderful visit to Weenusk FN, meeting with students and community members to chat about pathways to apprenticeships and upcoming roles on the Project. We shared in a community dinner of caribou stew and experienced the first snowfall of the season.

## CAREER FAIRS: Coming to your community

Meet with us to learn more about the skilled trades supporting the Project and career paths in construction.

FEBRUARY 19 – 22	→ Raymond Butterfly Memorial Cup
FEBRUARY 23 – 26	→ James Bay Career Fair

## Connecting Communities with Careers

A big thank you to Attawapiskat FN and Kashechewan FN, and to the educational teams at Kattawapiskat Elementary, Vezina SS, and Francine J. Wesley SS for hosting us!

Together with Queen’s-Weeneebayko Health Education Program or QWHEP, Northern College, and Carpenter’s Union Local 1669, we spoke with students and community members about union membership, employment, and apprenticeship opportunities on the Project.



**Moosonee Christmas Parade**  
We were delighted to participate in the festivities of Moosonee’s annual Christmas parade on December 14th.



**P** On behalf of Pomerleau and all of our trade partners, we wish you a safe, happy, and healthy New Year!

Thank you to the project team for reaching the steel erection milestone before winter. Watch for our February Newsletter. We look forward to resuming construction in the spring.



# WAHA Redevelopment Project at a Glance



## Project Overview

Based in northern Ontario, the WAHA Redevelopment Project is a transformative initiative to strengthen healthcare services for communities along Ontario's James Bay and Hudson Bay coasts.

## The project includes :

**New Acute Care Hospital in Moosonee,** along with an Elder Care Lodge, visitor hostel, and staff accommodations

**New Ambulatory Care Centre** in Moose Factory

Once complete, these modern facilities will support WAHA in delivering exceptional, culturally-appropriate healthcare to patients and clients.

## Key Features

State-of-the-art hospital and care facilities

Spaces that respect and reflect Cree culture and traditions

Improved access to acute, ambulatory, and elder care services

Modern infrastructure to support advanced medical technology and staff housing

## Project Timeline

Groundbreaking **JANUARY 2023**

Steel Structure Underway **2025-2026**

Target Completion **2030**



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