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Connectivity Study for Taku River Tlingit First Nation

(TRTFN) in Northern BC

Digital Engine Technology Corp. and PlanetWorks Consulting Corp. engaged to conduct Broadband and Cellular Connectivity Study for Taku River Tlingit First Nation.

Whitehorse: Aug 8, 2022 - Digital Engine Technology Corp. (DET) and PlanetWorks Consulting Corp. (PW) are pleased to announce that they have been awarded a design and engineering contract by Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) in Northern British Columbia (BC). The study will examine how to support expanded broadband internet services and new cellular connectivity for Atlin, BC and the Yukon #7 highway corridor to Atlin from the Alaska Highway.

This study will examine the best way to bring this connectivity to both the transportation corridor and to the community.

DET is a majority-owned and controlled female led Indigenous IT company based in Whitehorse Yukon. It is owned and operated by TRTFN Member resident Cherish Clarke and her team. Based in North Vancouver, PW is led by Susanna Reardon and has engaged in 500+ projects in over 50 countries. Collectively and for the purposes of this project these two companies are known as DEP (Digital Engine/PlanetWorks).

Charles Pugh, CAO at TRTFN says: "We live in a technological age and a time where our connection to the world is vital for the health and safety of our community. Access to Telecommunication and Broadband first and foremost increases the safety of our community. It also allows for people to remain engaged within the community and elsewhere. It will help with the ability to remain connected with the economy around the world and with distance educational pursuits. Connectivity is at a place where it is being considered a human right by many. Our connection to the world is of paramount importance to help us stay engaged as we work, play and live. This study is long overdue, and we are grateful for the opportunity to bring Atlin one step closer to connectivity."

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