

As Election Nears, Leaders Support Grays Bay Road and Port within the Arctic Security Corridor

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As the Canadian federal election nears, leaders continue to express their support for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project (“Grays Bay” or the “Project”), within the Arctic Security Corridor.



Time to Build

- Prime Minister Mark Carney, [speaking March 20 in Edmonton](#), said that the First Ministers Meeting on March 21 will be about “building energy corridors and trade corridors, including potentially from here through to Nunavut, so we have additional deep-water ports and opportunities there.”
- Prime Minister Carney further remarked that “What’s required [to access new European customers for critical minerals] is to build out trade corridors and infrastructure ... to go North, to go to new deep-water ports, Churchill as an example, Grays [Bay] in Nunavut as another.”



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- Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre, [speaking March 19 in Sudbury](#), promised that “a Conservative government will support mines, pipelines, mills, LNG plants, more ports and better export opportunities to diversify our economies.”
- Mr. Poilievre, using the example of the Ring of Fire, outlined a plan for his government to accelerate permitting timelines, provide tax revenue direct to indigenous groups, and commit federal funding to road infrastructure to access critical minerals projects. He further noted that “because NATO has identified critical minerals as necessary for our common security, we can count some of the expenditure on the roads towards our NATO 2% target for defence.”



- NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, [speaking March 16 in Iqaluit](#), said that spending money on major infrastructure projects is key. “When we talk about investing in Arctic defence, that means investing in Arctic communities,” Singh said. Two of the projects he named were the Grays Bay Road and Port and the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link.
- The [NDP Defence and Arctic Sovereignty Plan](#) says that “We will also work with Indigenous communities and the territorial government to establish more deep-water ports, including in Qikiqtarjuaq and Grays Bay. These ports will foster economic growth in the region and enhance Canada’s capacity to conduct search and rescue and naval patrols in the Arctic.”



- On the occasion of Prime Minister Carney’s [first official domestic trip on March 18](#), Nunavut Premier P.J. Akeegok welcomed “investments in nation-building initiatives in the Arctic that address Canada’s sovereignty and security needs while unlocking our economic potential. Projects such as the Arctic Security Corridor, the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link and the Qikiqtarjuaq Port.”



- [Speaking from Yellowknife on March 18, NWT Premier R.J. Simpson welcomed PM Carney’s first visit to the North](#), remarking that “Advancing the Slave Geological Province Corridor—linking to the Arctic Security Corridor (Grays Bay Road and Port project)—presents a strategic opportunity to integrate the Arctic into the North American road network, strengthen supply chains, and expand access to global markets in partnership with Indigenous governments in the NWT.”

About West Kitikmeot Resources

West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. (“WKR” or the “Company”), is the Inuit-owned and led developer of the Grays Bay Road and Port Project (“Grays Bay” or the “Project”), within the Arctic Security Corridor.

About the Arctic Security Corridor

The Arctic Security Corridor is Nation-building infrastructure, comprised of an all-season road extending from Alberta, through Yellowknife and the NWT’s Slave Geological Province, to Grays Bay on the Arctic Ocean. The Port of Grays Bay sits halfway between the ports of Nome, Alaska and Nuuk, Greenland on the Northwest Passage.

About the Grays Bay Road and Port Project

Situated at the northern terminus of the Arctic Security Corridor, the Grays Bay Road and Port Project is comprised of a new port on the Arctic Ocean, and a 230 km road connection to the NWT’s winter road network. This strategic infrastructure will strengthen Arctic sovereignty, strengthen national supply chains, and unlock access to vast untapped mineral resources.

Arctic Security Corridor Map

