

Fall 2018

Neighbour news

Operation update – restart underway

Imperial is planning to restart production at the Norman Wells operation following the return to service of the Enbridge pipeline, which transports oil produced at the site to market. It is expected that the field will restart in October.

Enbridge replaced a section of the pipeline that runs under the Mackenzie River near Fort Simpson as a precaution. Construction was completed in August, with testing and final start-up work completed through September.

"The Norman Wells operation is restarting after a nearly two-year shutdown," said Kevin Gant, operations superintendent. "During this time, we worked to maintain the safety and integrity of these facilities. I am very proud of the dedication and hard work by our employees and contractors to achieve this goal."

A community celebration is being planned after the restart to mark this milestone.

Over 100 employees and contractors are working at the facility, a return to normal levels for day-to-day operations. Imperial has hired three Northern Development Program trainees from the Sahtu to support the operation.

"We appreciate the support of the local community and Sahtu groups during this extended shutdown," said Gant. "During this time, Imperial has maintained community investment and scholarship programs and the return to regular operations will increase local economic benefits, including suppliers and service industries."

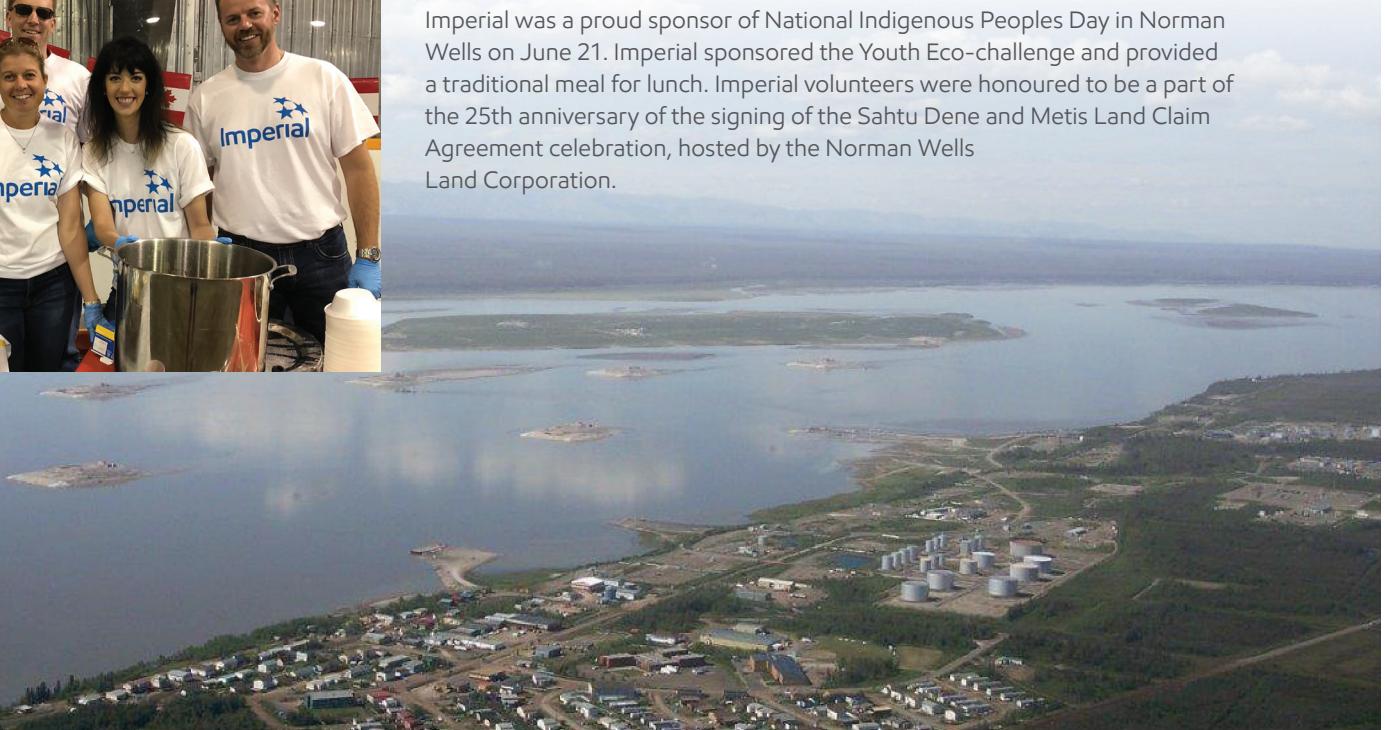


Wade Charney and Brad Menacho, Northern Development Program trainees from the Sahtu, are supporting the Norman Wells operation.



National Indigenous Peoples Day

Imperial was a proud sponsor of National Indigenous Peoples Day in Norman Wells on June 21. Imperial sponsored the Youth Eco-challenge and provided a traditional meal for lunch. Imperial volunteers were honoured to be a part of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Land Claim Agreement celebration, hosted by the Norman Wells Land Corporation.



Investing in our community: Sahtu search and rescue

Imperial provided the Sahtu Search and Rescue Society with \$50,000 under the Partnering today, for tomorrow grant in 2018. The society has had volunteer training sessions and was able to purchase specialized equipment to support and expand emergency response services in the Sahtu region this year.

This funding also helped support the youth safety education program, held in June in partnership with the local fire department, RCMP and Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Norman Wells students learned about safety in a number of areas, including fire prevention, road and boat safety as well as wilderness, including how to use a compass.

Jaime Kearsey, president of the Sahtu Search and Rescue Society, said the society is extremely grateful for Imperial's funding, which will help keep this essential service operational for the Sahtu region.

"The new equipment and training received this year means our volunteers are in a much better position to be able to respond to emergency situations in the region," she says.

Imperial's Norman Wells Partnering today, for tomorrow program seeks to identify opportunities to partner with Sahtu community organizations and initiatives on projects that will provide long-term benefits for Sahtu communities.



Norman Wells students received new life jackets, compasses and safety whistles from the Sahtu Search and Rescue Society.



Community meetings

In July, Imperial met with local residents in several Sahtu communities as part of ongoing consultation for the Norman Wells operation, including eventual reclamation plans for the site. Open houses were held in Tulita, Fort Good Hope and Norman Wells where local community members reviewed the plan and Imperial representatives listened to their feedback.

2017 investments in the community

In addition to the \$50,000 to the Sahtu Search and Rescue Society, Imperial provided \$75,000 in support of scholarships and local program support including:

- Scholarships - Nine Sahtu beneficiaries received scholarships through Imperial's Sahtu Indigenous Scholarship Program. Imperial also provided funding to the Norman Wells Land Corporation towards its Cecile Tourangeau Scholarship Fund.
- Norman Wells – Community Library Literacy camp and National Addiction Awareness Week.
- Tulita – Sister Celeste Preschool program and the community library computer literacy program.
- Deline – Elder and Youth on the Land program and the Ehtseo Ayha School youth basketball team.
- Colville Lake – Traditional Drumming program and annual Traditional Spring Carnival.
- Fort Good Hope – Health Awareness program and Spa and Vision nights.

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