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Tŝilhqot'in Joint Partnership Aids in Flood Repairs

Williams Lake, B.C.: Two flood resistant bridges have been built through a joint partnership between Formula Contractors and Dandzen Development LP named Tŝilhqot'in Eten & Nadiltil (TEN). The TEN company was formed in 2017 between Formula Contractors and Dandzen Development LP which is the economic development branch for the Tŝilhqot'in National Government.

Both structures were design-build projects, constructed to withstand the increased flooding we have seen in the region. The TEN and Formula teams are proud we have been able to help keep our communities connected and look forward to building for the future under this partnership.

Under the direction of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, TEN was contracted to construct the Cave Road and Knife Creek Road bridges to replace culverts which were washed out due to a high-water event in 2020. Both single lane, clear span bridges were completed within 3 months. Crews overcame numerous challenges on these projects due to other provincial flood relief in 2021.

Quotes:

Nits'il?in (Chief) Joe Alphonse, O.B.C, Tribal Chair, Tŝilhqot'in National Government

"This is an opportunity to work together with local government to find a solution to problems that we have and will have into the future. Fires and flooding is a big part of the modern narrative now. We have to adjust and we are honoured to work with MOTI and TEN to find solutions."

Paul Tiefensee, Principal at Tŝilhqot'in Eten & Nadiltil

"The Tsilhqot'in are committed to ensuring these lifelines, others refer to as infrastructure, are preserved, functioning, and continually improved for the safety of all. The most recent MoTI Knife and Cave design and build projects that TEN completed are evidence that not only do the Tŝilhqot'in have resources to complete these scopes, but they are also competitive having won these projects in the public forum as a lump sum BC Bid tender."

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