



Chief Sidney Peters, Glooscap First Nation, centre is flanked by colleagues who have formed the Canadian Indigenous Consortium, who have partnered to sign a Letter of Intent (LOI) with ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS), establishing a Pan-Canadian framework for Indigenous participation in support of TEAM 212CD and the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project (CPSP). The signing took place in Kiel at the largest shipyard in Germany, where delegation members toured facilities constructing one of the most advanced conventional submarine platforms in the world. Pictured following the MOU signing are: Rick Gerbrecht – President & CEO TKMS Canada; Katie McGowan – CEO Songhees Development Corporation; Chief Peters; Grant Oliver – Vice President, Operations – DNG Defence (English River Dene Nation) and Thomas Keupp – Chief Sales Officer – TKMS. (Contributed)

Glooscap First Nation Seeks Work on Submarines

By Maurice Rees

Glooscap First Nation has teamed up with Songhees Nation and English River First Nation to sign a Letter of Intent (LOI) with ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS), establishing a Pan-Canadian framework for Indigenous participation in support of TEAM 212CD and the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project (CPSP). The LOI outlines the basis for collaboration should TKMS be selected by the Government of Canada.

The investment arms of the Indigenous partners bring together Nation-owned enterprises from across Canada, aligning regional capabilities with the national scale and strategic significance of the CPSP.

Glooscap First Nation is a Mi'kmaq First Nation community located in Kings County and Hants County, in Nova Scotia. Also known as Kluskap, the reserve was created in 1907 as Horton Indian Reserve No. 35 and is situated approximately 6.4 kilometres (4.0 mi)

from the town of Hantsport. The reserve encompasses 202 hectares (500 acres) of primarily forested land.

Songhees Nation Victoria, BC - The Songhees or Songish, also known as the Lekwungen or Lekungen, are an indigenous North American Coast Salish people who reside on southeastern Vancouver Island, British Columbia in the Greater Victoria area. Located adjacent to the Township of Esquimalt and the Town of View Royal. The community is comprised of five main families and several smaller families. Administration and Governance is under the authority of an elected Chief and Council.

The **English River Dene Nation** is a Dene First Nation band government in Patuanak, Saskatchewan. The reserve is in the northern section of the province. Its territories are in the boreal forest of the Canadian Shield. This First Nation is a member of the Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC).

The collaboration is intended to strengthen industrial, economic and workforce participation connected to Canada's future submarine capability, while creating direct economic opportunities for Glooscap First Nation's portfolio companies over the life of the project, including potential work in construction, security and industrial services. Participation at this scale could represent millions of dollars in contracts for Nation-owned businesses.

While the federal Request for Proposal requires a minimum five per cent Indigenous procurement target, the partnership has a shared ambition to meaningfully exceed this participation target over the life of the project, reflecting a commitment to long-term Indigenous economic growth within a program estimated at approximately \$100 billion.

"This agreement demonstrates that First Nations are ready to lead on one of the largest industrial projects in

Canadian history," said Chief Sidney Peters of Glooscap First Nation. "We are not focused on meeting minimum requirements. We are building a long-term industrial partnership that delivers real investment returns on projects of national scale and strategic importance."

The agreement provides TKMS with a defined industrial framework to meet and exceed Canada's Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Business and Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) obligations. Under the ITB policy, investments with qualified Indigenous enterprises generate high-value credits within the federal procurement system.

The signing took place in Kiel at the largest shipyard in Germany, where delegation members toured facilities constructing one of the most advanced conventional submarine platforms in the world. A key objective of the partnership is the transfer of shipbuilding and sustainment expertise to Canadian facilities to ensure domestic industrial capacity for the long-term support of the fleet.

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Stewart Excavation Awarded \$247,000 Tender

Stewart Excavation has been awarded a tender for \$247,000.20 for the construction of 482m of new asphalt trail, and 300m of new crusher dust trail, located at the Fundy Discovery Site in Lower Truro. The tender was awarded at Colchester Council's meeting on February 26.

These multiuse trails are part of a successful application to the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The Program finances 73.3% of the total project cost with the remaining 26.7% funded by the Municipality.

This project was previously tendered in August 2025, how-

ever Council opted not to award the work at that time as the lowest compliant bidder exceeded the \$600,000 budget. A total of eighteen (18) prospective bidders requested the tender documents and six (6) bids were received by the closing date of February 3, 2026 at 3PM.

The bid results, excl HST, in ascending order are listed below: Stewart Excavation \$247,000.20; Gloade Construction & Excavation \$448,797.96; Blaine F MacLane Excavation \$585,357.20; Ian Sinclair Contracting Services \$625,923.00; Dexter Construction \$630,000.00 and S.W. Weeks Construction

\$836,975.00

In addition to the tender value, other project costs will include staff time & expenses (\$35,000), materials testing (\$10,000), rebated tax (\$11,015.03), and contingency/miscellaneous (\$21,984.77). Total anticipated project commitment is \$325,000, which is within the approved budget of \$600,000.

The work will begin in May with a projected completion date of July 31, 2026.

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