



# SPECIAL EDITION

## IN YOUR OWN WORDS

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### Larger than Life Friends

#### A Firsthand Account from Jacob Heigers

"I get by with a little help from my friends" played in my mind during a recent visit to one of Cormode's new jobsites. Located on the Yukon-Alaska border, the site is about 120km northwest of Dawson City. At an elevation and latitude of 64 degrees North there are no longer any trees to be seen; just tundra and endless rolling mountains. Bob Dayne, Site Manager, has taken on this challenge to work in Canada's great north.

#### Journey to the North

Our project is to upgrade the existing fuel facility servicing the border post. The job itself is not complex but the logistics are a different story altogether. Every bit of material must be ferried across the Yukon River and then trucked on the Top of the World Highway. Around the third week in September the river starts to freeze and access is cut off. This means Mother Nature will determine the project completion date - no pressure Bob! The journey of the crew was equally epic as it took nearly 4 days to arrive in the nearest town from their homes in the Lower Mainland of BC.

#### Greater than the Sum of Our Parts

In a situation such as this we simply do not have all the in-house resources or capabilities to manage all aspects successfully. This is where the friends of Cormode step in to help. Sublime Petroleum, on short notice, sent a pipe fitter to go help Bob set up the temporary fuel supply. Gino & Darcy at Keller Equipment expedited our critical long-lead items and shipped it to the Yukon. Gary & Sylvie of Gammie Trucking helped our crew with machines, materials and much advice. Wally Parke, another of Cormode's excellent Site Managers, gave up his truck so it could be transferred to Bob for the long drive north where a reliable vehicle is a critical. The Yukon Workmen's Compensation Board set us up on their registry on short notice. Many others too numerous to mention contributed as well.

Without the help of these vendors, sub trades and regulatory bodies in the faraway places Cormode works, our hands would be tied. We extend a Big Cormode thank you to all of them - not only for this particular job, but also for the many, many others in the past.

*"Larger than Life Friends" was shared by Jacob Heigers, Operations Manager of Okanagan Operations.*



**BOB DAYNE**  
TYPICAL SUMMER SCENERY  
A VIEW OF DAWSON CITY



#### A Hand Up:

"None of us has gotten where we are solely by pulling ourselves up from our own bootstraps. We got here because somebody bent down and helped us."

*Thurgood Marshall*