Call for Proposals for Gunnar Camp Infrastructure Acquisition

Submit proposals to gunnarrecords@src.sk.ca by January 15, 2025.

Introduction

As part of the decommissioning process for the camp at the Gunnar Mine and Mill in Northern Saskatchewan, The Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) is selling the camp infrastructure and inviting interested parties to submit proposals. SRC strives to achieve an equitable and transparent approach to the distribution of this infrastructure. This is an opportunity for the communities to participate in the acquisition of the camp's infrastructure. This call for proposals outlines a system that prioritizes fairness, transparency and community benefit.

The infrastructure and equipment available and estimated cost are presented in a table at the end of this document. This table does not include miscellaneous items that will be available. Those will be listed later. Note that SRC will sell certain infrastructure as a unit (for example, Camp A as a unit of six trailers) and these are identified in the list. All infrastructure and equipment will be sold in as-is condition. The equipment that is not sold as part of this process and cannot otherwise be salvaged (for example, camp trailers) will be disposed of in the Gunnar non-hazardous landfill in the fall 2025.

Community Participation – Contents of Proposals

SRC's preferred option is to invite community members from the Athabasca Basin Region in Northern Saskatchewan to express interest in acquiring specific pieces of infrastructure. This approach will allow SRC to work with communities to assess their needs and plans for the infrastructure. This system will provide the opportunity for all interested parties to present their case in a clear, structured format.

As part of this call for proposals, community members, local businesses, and other interested parties are asked to submit a brief proposal that includes the following four key points:

1. Why They Want the Infrastructure

Each party must provide a short explanation as to why they are interested in acquiring a specific piece or pieces of infrastructure. This is important for understanding the community's needs and how the infrastructure can contribute to their growth and sustainability. The explanation should clearly outline the value or benefit that the infrastructure will bring to the community.

2. What Pieces of Infrastructure They Want

The submission should clearly list the specific items or sections of the camp's infrastructure they wish to acquire. This could range from buildings and utilities to equipment or other assets.

3. What They Plan to Do With It

Each community member or entity must explain their intended use for the infrastructure. This ensures that the assets are being utilized for productive purposes that align with community development goals, such as public services, business expansion, or other community-focused initiatives.

4. Planned Logistical/Support Systems for Implementation

To ensure successful implementation, the proposal should include a plan for how the infrastructure will be transported, maintained, and utilized. This could involve details such as transportation arrangements, staffing, financial resources, or partnerships that will support the efficient use of the acquired infrastructure. Note that an ice road to Gunnar will not be constructed during winter 2025 or in 2026. All equipment must therefore be removed from site in summer 2025. SRC intends to rely solely on barging to ship the camp infrastructure off site. Note that SRC will arrange barging out of Gunnar. The cost of barging is included in the cost estimate of the infrastructure, assuming barging to Stony Rapids – this cost may vary depending on barging distance and change in barging prices.

Submission of Proposals and Questions

Proposals must be submitted to gunnarrecords@src.sk.ca.

Questions can be addressed to gunnarrecords@src.sk.ca.

Selection Criteria

In order to ensure transparency and fairness, SRC will evaluate each proposal based on the following criteria:

- **Community Impact**: Proposals that demonstrate a clear and positive impact on the community will be given priority. This includes projects that will create jobs, provide services, or contribute to long-term sustainability.

- **Feasibility**: The logistical plan must be realistic and demonstrate that the party has the means to implement and sustain the project over time.
- **Alignment with Local Needs**: Infrastructure that is being requested for critical community needs, such as housing, education, or healthcare, will be prioritized over purely commercial ventures, though all submissions will be considered on their merits.

An evaluation and selection panel will be established and composed of SRC representatives and community representatives. SRC will strive to include representatives from each Athabasca Basin Region First Nations and communities as well as the Prince Albert Grand Council in the selection panel.

Transparency and Communication

SRC will ensure that the selection process is clear and open to all interested parties. To maintain accountability and transparency, SRC will publicly release the decisions once selections have been made and the reasons for selecting buyers will be communicated. This will include an explanation of why certain proposals were accepted and others were not, ensuring that every interested party has a clear understanding of the outcome. Individual proposals will not be shared with the public.

Additionally, all interested parties will have the opportunity to request feedback on their proposals, further ensuring that the process is open and constructive.

Timeline

The timeline presented below will be followed. The contractor currently at the site will be demobilizing in late summer/fall 2025. Therefore, all work at the site, including demobilization of the camp infrastructure, must be completed by then. It is important that the timeline is strictly adhered to as equipment necessary for decommissioning and preparing the camp infrastructure will only be present at the site until that time. Any equipment that is not sold will be disposed of in the Gunnar non-hazardous waste landfill in fall 2025 before the contractor's demobilization.

- Deadline for submission of proposals: January 15, 2025
- Evaluation of proposals and selection: January 15, 2025
- Negotiation and sales contracts issued: March 31, 2025
- Payment of infrastructure: No later than May 15, 2025

Conclusion

This call for proposals aims to create a fair, community-driven process for the decommissioning of the camp's infrastructure at Gunnar. By allowing public and private entities to provide proposals that explain their needs and plans, this ensures that the infrastructure is distributed equitably, with maximum benefit to the communities. A transparent and inclusive procurement process ensures accountability and fairness in decision-making. This approach will result in an equitable distribution of the camp’s resources.

Gunnar Camp Infrastructure Availability List - Sept 18, 2024

Item	Description	Buyer Responsibilities/Needs (not limited to this list)	Price (Barge Drop Off at Stony)	Estimated Timeline
A	Main camp consisting of 6 joined trailers (~50'x12') with sleeper rooms, kitchen, public bathroom, showers, laundry, dining room. Units are equipped with electric heat (both baseboard or furnace) and air conditioning.	-Transport trailers from barge drop off to final location -Level ground to place trailers (or levelled with cribbing) -Install trailer joining attachments (individual unit hallways) -Electrician to connect trailers to each other and to external power source. Have 480 volt transformer to 120/240 volt panel -Plumber to connect kitchen, bathrooms, water pump room to each other, external water source, and sewage disposal -Technician to connect AC units	$ 100,000.00	Possibility to be available late Fall 2025, if not, then June/July 2026
B	Main camp consisting of 6 joined trailers (~50'x12') with sleeper rooms, kitchen, public bathroom, showers, laundry, dining room Units are equipped with electric heat (both baseboard or furnace) and air conditioning.	-Transport trailers from barge drop off to final location -Level ground to place trailers (or levelled with cribbing) -Install trailer joining attachments (individual unit hallways) -Electrician to connect trailers to each other and to external power source. Have 480 volt transformer to 120/240 volt panel -Plumber to connect kitchen, bathrooms, water pump room to each other, external water source, and sewage disposal -Technician to connect AC units	$ 100,000.00	Available June/July 2025
G	Sleeper camp consisting of 4 joined trailers (~50'x12') with sleeper rooms, laundry and 4 individual bathroom with shower Units are equipped with electric heat (furnace and baseboard) and air conditioning.	-Transport trailers from barge drop off to final location -Level ground to place trailers (or levelled with cribbing) -Install interior walkway between trailers shipped with units -Install roof over walkway between trailers shipped with units -Electrician to connect trailers to each other and to external power source. Eletrical room has 120/240 volt panels. -Plumber to connect bathrooms and laundry to external water source and sewage disposal -Technician to connect AC units	$ 65,000.00	Available Fall 2025
J	Sleeper camp consisting of 4 joined trailers (~50'x12') with sleeper rooms, laundry and 4 individual bathroom with shower Units are equipped with electric heat (baseboard) and air conditioning.	-Transport trailers from barge drop off to final location -Level ground to place trailers (or levelled with cribbing) -Install interior walkway between trailers shipped with units -Install roof over walkway between trailers shipped with units -Electrician to connect trailers to each other and to external power source. Eletrical room has 120/240 volt panels. -Plumber to connect bathrooms and laundry to external water source and sewage disposal -Technician to connect AC units	$ 65,000.00	Available Fall 2025
1	Gym seacan (20') and gym equipment. Has electric heater and wall mount AC	-Transport seacan from barge drop off to final location -Level ground to place seacan (or levelled with cribbing) -Electrician to connect seacan to external power source	$ 5,000.00	Available Fall 2025
2	Recreation room trailer (~50'x12') with pool table, poker table, darts, couches, etc Unit has AC and electric furnace	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location -Level ground to place seacan (or levelled with cribbing) -Electrician to connect seacan to external power source	$ 15,000.00	Available Fall 2025
3	Office trailer (~50'x12') with 4 rooms (offices or sleepers) and a washroom (toilet, sink, shower)	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location -Level ground to place seacan (or levelled with cribbing) -Electrician to connect trailer to external power source -Plumber to connect bathrooms to external water source and sewage disposal -Technician to connect AC units	$ 15,000.00	Available Fall 2025
4	Misc storage seacans (20', 40')	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location	TBD	Available Fall 2025
5	60,000L double walled fuel tank	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location	TBD	Available Fall 2025
6	60,000L double walled fuel tank	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location	TBD	Available Fall 2025
7	60,000L double walled fuel tank	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location	TBD	Available Fall 2025
8	60,000L double walled fuel tank	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location	TBD	Available Fall 2025
9	60,000L double walled fuel tank	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location	TBD	Available Fall 2025
10	10,000L fuel tank	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location	TBD	Available Fall 2025
11	10,000L fuel tank	-Transport trailer from barge drop off to final location	TBD	Available Fall 2025
12	Gunnar Genset 1 - 350kW, 480V	-Transport generator from barge drop off to final location -May require transformer, depending on buyer's planned use -Electrician to connect generator to desired end point	TBD	Possibility to be available late Fall 2025, if not, then June/July 2026
13	Gunnar Genset 2 - 350kW, 480V	-Transport generator from barge drop off to final location -May require transformer, depending on buyer's planned use -Electrician to connect generator to desired end point	TBD	Possibility to be available late Fall 2025, if not, then June/July 2026