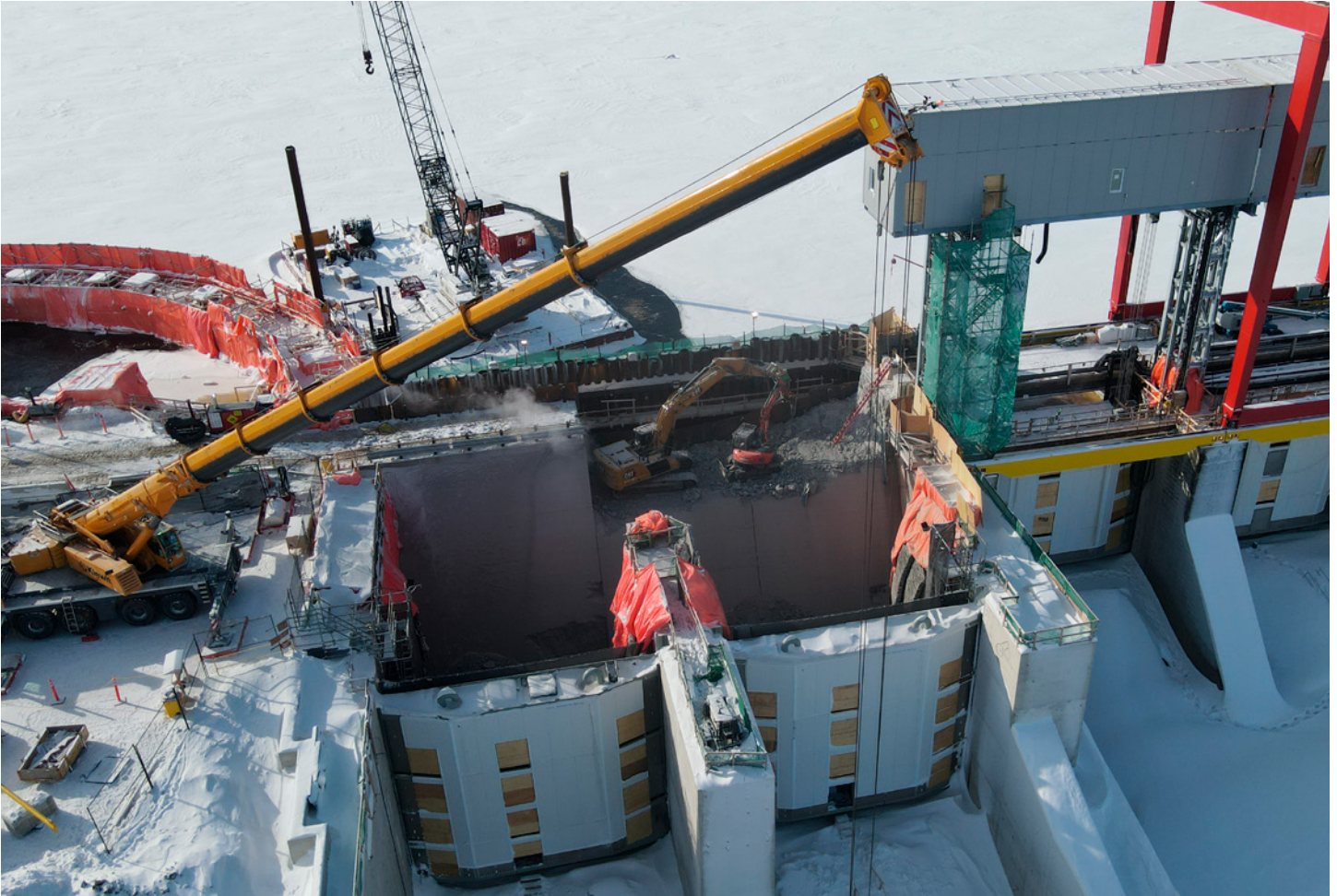


Neighbours

Little Long Dam
Safety Project



(Above) Gate 9 & 10 hoist houses installed and demolition of the east gravity wall.

Construction Progress



The Little Long Dam Safety (LLDS) project will be adding four new sluice gates to the Adam Creek sluiceway structure (two on each side) and replacing 10 existing sluiceways over the life of the project. The additional four sluice gates will increase discharge capacity in the event of large-scale flooding in the area. Since last summer, the LLDS project reached peak construction and has achieved over 55 percent completion.

On the new east bay area, the majority of concrete work has finished, while significant progress has been made on the new west bay area. In addition, five gate replacements are underway, with Gates 8, 9 and 10 scheduled to be put in-service in advance of spring freshet.

With the completion of the east cofferdam and the installation of the new gates in the east bay area (Gates 13 & 14), demolition of the east gravity wall was completed in Q1 2022. In the coming weeks ahead, the Adam Creek sluiceway structure will remain closed as the downstream temporary road is removed in advance of spring freshet. A permanent bridge for the new east side bays is scheduled to be installed during the fall of 2022.

Based on lessons learned during the spring thaw in 2021, Kiewit has been stockpiling material for seasonal road maintenance. This spring, drivers can expect less heavy construction equipment on the gravel road.

Women welders gain valuable experience on OPG's Little Long Dam Safety project



After graduating high school, Megan Parent thought her future would involve horses – mainly shoeing them as a farrier. Instead, she's pursuing a new passion as she lets the sparks fly and faces the heat every day as a welder.

Growing up, she watched her dad weld and was always curious about the skilled trades. A co-op term in Grade 12 at a machine shop helped get her started and she followed that up by enrolling in a new "Women in Welding" program.

The initiative was launched by Rosane Parent, a Project Management Officer at Maurice Welding in Kapuskasing, and Angèle Ratté, Employment Officer for the Métis Nation of Ontario in Timmins, with the aim to help primarily Indigenous women gain financial independence and a fresh start at a new career.

With the help of Collège Boréal and industry partners, the program has trained eight women so far, including Megan, who is proud to call herself a welder.

"Because of me taking on that program, I am now where I am today," said Megan, a Métis citizen who is certified under the Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB). "I love doing hard work and find it amazing that I can accomplish what I can. Welding is an art. Not anyone can do a nice-looking weld on old, dirty materials."

Recently, apprentices with the Women in Welding



(Above) Megan Parent gains valuable experience working in industrial construction and repair.

program got a chance to put their skills to the test on a real-world project through OPG's Little Long Dam Safety (LLDS) Project in northeast Ontario.

Three women welders successfully welded handrails and completed repairs on a storage container to be used for small-tool training by workers at the site.

To read the full story click [here](#).

