

# FORGING NEW PATHS



# ALFRED DAWATSARE

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



“My goals with this company are always related to moving English River toward self-sufficiency. To do that, you need to make money. As a result of economic development, we have been able to truly invest in our community. I see so much potential for English River and Des Nedhe – we’re on the edge of even bigger things than we’ve already achieved.”

Over the last two decades, Alfred Dawatsare has seen immense and positive change for his community of English River First Nation (ERFN). He has played a big role in its transformation, with 20 years experience on ERFN council, including two terms as Chief.

Dawatsare’s first responsibility on council was the economic development portfolio. Under his leadership, Des Nedhe Development was formed in 1991. Armed with minimal resources and capital at the onset, Des Nedhe has grown into a large and successful company. With an increasingly diversified portfolio of businesses in construction, property development, retail and more, Des Nedhe continues to thrive under Dawatsare’s steady leadership.

In May 2013, Alfred Dawatsare was named CEO of Des Nedhe Development LP.

# GARY MERASTY

## PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



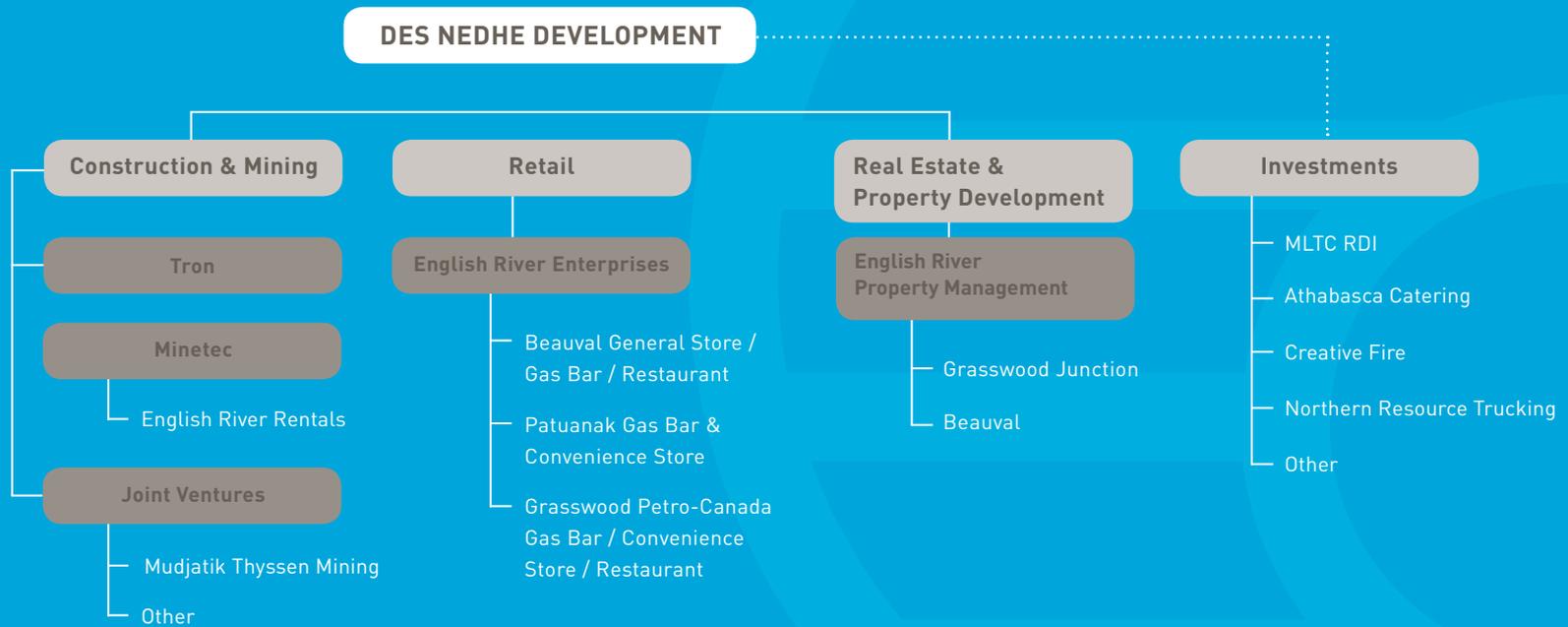
“I’m focused on developing long-term and sustainable value for members of English River First Nation and our partners. Des Nedhe’s current portfolio is strong and has amazing potential for growth and further diversification. There are opportunities to expand on existing partnerships as well as to develop new ones, all over the province, across industry. It’s an exciting time.”

Gary Merasty was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Des Nedhe Development LP in May of 2013 after serving as Cameco Vice President, Corporate Responsibility and Communications. He brings extensive experience in economic development to Des Nedhe.

Merasty was Saskatchewan’s first Status First Nations person elected to Parliament and also served two terms as Grand Chief of Prince Albert Grand Council. He has distinguished himself with a range of accomplishments in education, business, infrastructure and northern development.

Merasty holds Masters and Bachelors Degrees in Education from the University of Saskatchewan and is listed among its Top 100 Alumni of Influence. In 2005, he was awarded an Honorary Diploma for Entrepreneurship and Business from the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST).

Driven by the entrepreneurial spirit of English River First Nation, Des Nedhe Development builds sustainable companies that serve the people of English River and all of our community and industry partners.





Des Nedhe Development LP was established by English River First Nation in 1991 to create sustainable employment and business opportunities for English River members.

Since its inception, Des Nedhe Development has invested in established companies that are leaders in Saskatchewan's mining and construction industry and expanded its portfolio into the areas of retail and real estate development and management.

## VALUES

- Keepers of the land
- Independent and entrepreneurial
- Industrious and resourceful
- Hospitable and co-operative
- Healthy business, healthy community, healthy people



Tron has been a significant player in Saskatchewan's mining industry for over 25 years and is well equipped to deliver a full array of infrastructure and construction services and engineering services including estimation, design, and more. The company was acquired by Des Nedhe Development in 1997.

Tron's management team is highly skilled and experienced, and deeply committed to investing in Aboriginal training and development. This combination ensures that Tron is well positioned to offer top quality services to new mining and construction developments, First Nation communities and government projects across the province.

## **TRON INFRASTRUCTURE & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

- Civil
- Infrastructure
- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Services



# **MINETEC**

FULL SERVICE MINE SUPPLY

Minetec (est. 2002) is a full-service mine supply company dedicated to serving mining operations across Saskatchewan. Acquired by English River First Nation through Des Nedhe Development in 2009, Minetec continues to adapt to the challenges of the industry, modifying and increasing its product line and inventory in order to meet the changing needs of companies serving the mining sector.

Minetec is known for its large inventory, experienced and knowledgeable staff, and quality delivery.

## **MINETEC PRODUCTS & SERVICES**

- Drill bits & steel
- Parts
- Pumps
- Ground support
- Rebuilds



English River Enterprises (ERE) is comprised of three full-service gas stations and convenience stores located in Saskatoon (Grasswood), Beauval and Patuanak.

The Beauval Forks location is an important gathering place and service provider for English River First Nation, the first in the region to provide a restaurant, bakery, butcher and full grocery selection at reasonable prices. Prior to its construction, the nearest location with this range of services was Meadow Lake, nearly two hours from Beauval and three and a half hours from Patuanak.

- Accessibility
- Quality service
- Rich inventory



## English River PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

English River Property Management has become a substantial player in the office, industrial and retail property market with land in Saskatoon at Grasswood and in northern Saskatchewan at the Beauval Forks.

### **Grasswood Saskatoon**

This 135-acre property is located 3 kilometres south of Saskatoon, on the northwest corner of Highway 11 and Grasswood Road. The majority of the developed property is focused on office and retail space with plans for expansion into the hospitality and industrial sectors.

- Great location
- Opportunity
- Partnership



## ENGLISH RIVER FIRST NATION

English River First Nation (ERFN) is located about 500 km north of Saskatoon in Treaty 10, with a main settlement at Patuanak, alongside the Churchill River. This multilingual community is 1,400 members strong. The “people of the river” are known for their bold and collaborative spirit and trusting and humble nature. They are dedicated to stewardship of the land and the education of future generations.

An industrious and entrepreneurial group, ERFN has led the way in efficient economic relationship building through its support and advancement of community development partnerships. These relationships have been instrumental in advancing community support and understanding across the north.



ERFN is one of nine shareholders in MLTC RDI, the economic development corporation of the Meadow Lake Tribal Council and one of Saskatchewan’s largest private equity investment managers.

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