



NND General Meeting

Dän Laachewdäw Kún

Answering Community Questions
May 3, 2026

"Was there a feasibility study done?"

Yes.

- Started in 2017 and completed November 2019
- Based on community engagement and the 2015 Vision Document
- Updated April 2023 to add a detailed building and site information



Community Question

"I haven't seen the feasibility study, where can I find it?"

All three documents have been posted on the NND website:
<https://www.nndfn.com/heritage/>

- *2015 Vision Document for a Nacho Nyak Dun Cultural Centre*
- *2019 Nacho Nyak Dun Cultural Centre Feasibility*
- *2023 Nacho Nyak Dun Cultural Centre Feasibility Update*

Want a printed copy? Ask us for a copy.



Community Question

"Why isn't the building in Mayo or by the highway? People asked for it to be by the road so we get tourists. "

- NND does not have settlement land along the highway
- Building in the Village of Mayo has flood risk
- In 2009, the General Assembly decided new NND development would be on C-6, that decision is still in place
- It needs to be near Government House so the two buildings can share staff and services



"Why haven't the Elders been included?"

- Elders have been involved since 2015, every engagement event has been open to all
- The project team has met specifically with Elders **four** times:
 - November 10, 2017
 - September 24, 2019
 - July 6, 2023
 - November 14, 2023
- Elders chose the building's name
- An Elder seat on the Advisory Committee is currently open (it was held by the late Florence Moses)



"Shouldn't we prioritize an Elders Centre? We need one first."

Both can happen, one doesn't stop the other.

- An Elders centre is one of the top five priorities in NND's 2015–2025 capital plan
- The next step is a feasibility study, and that's being scoped now within Community and Capital Planning



"Should we be focusing on wellness first?"

This building *is* for wellness. Culture is wellness. Culture is healing.

- It will hold space for people to come together, practice culture, and access wellness programming when getting out on the land isn't possible
- Designed with Community Wellness input for programming
- The main funding source for this building supports prevention, family preservation and healing (CHRT-41 Capital)



Community Question

"Why is there a large gathering space?"

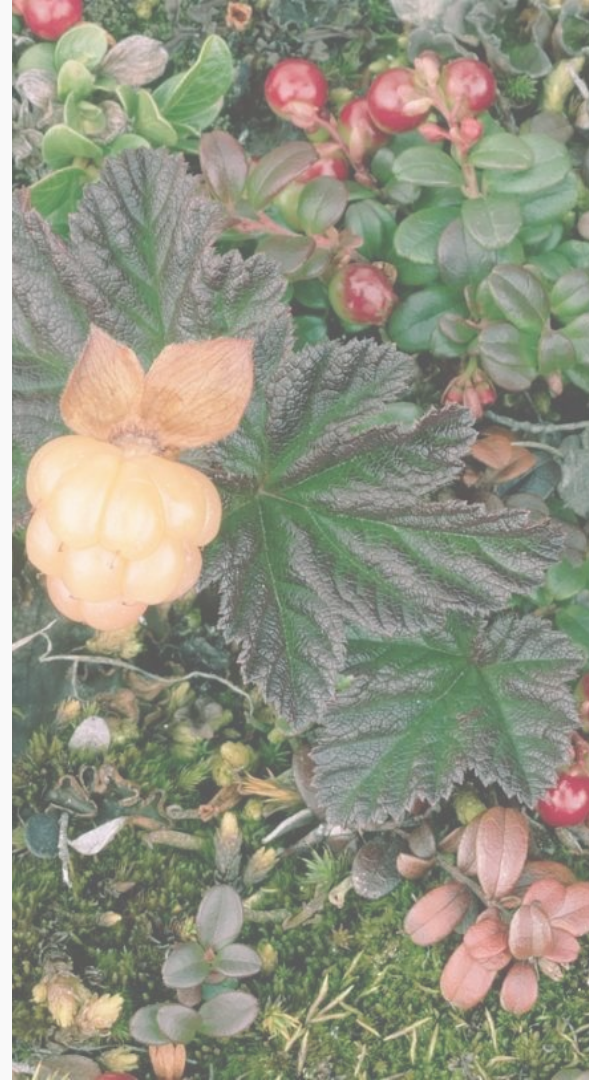
- The community said NND needed a big space - in 2019, 2023 and again in January 2024
- Right now there is no NND-owned space big enough for large events
- The Mayo hall costs money, has rules that don't always fit NND and is often booked
- The large gathering space will ensure NND is no longer planning around someone else's schedule and paying rental fees to someone else



Community Question

"Why was the building designed so big?"

- The size comes from what people asked for over 11 years and 32 engagement events
- We didn't get feedback that the design didn't match those needs
- It's designed to grow with NND, Government House is already out of room



Community Question

"Why are there offices in the building? They don't belong here."

- Office space is needed for the staff who will run programming in the building day to day
- Putting them here also frees up space at Government House, which is full



Community Question

"Is this going to be heritage's building?"

No, it belongs to all of NND

- It will hold heritage items and programming, but it isn't the Heritage department's building
- It will hold space for wellness, tourism, lands, language, heritage, and more
- A building manager will run it through FNNND
- NND decides how it's used and detailed planning will start once construction is confirmed



Community Question

"Why isn't there transparency around the budget?"

- Budget updates are shared at every General Meeting and at community engagement events. You can ask for it any time
- **Right now the project cost estimate is \$68,030,860**
- That number will keep shifting until funding is confirmed and we can move into construction. That's normal at this stage of a project

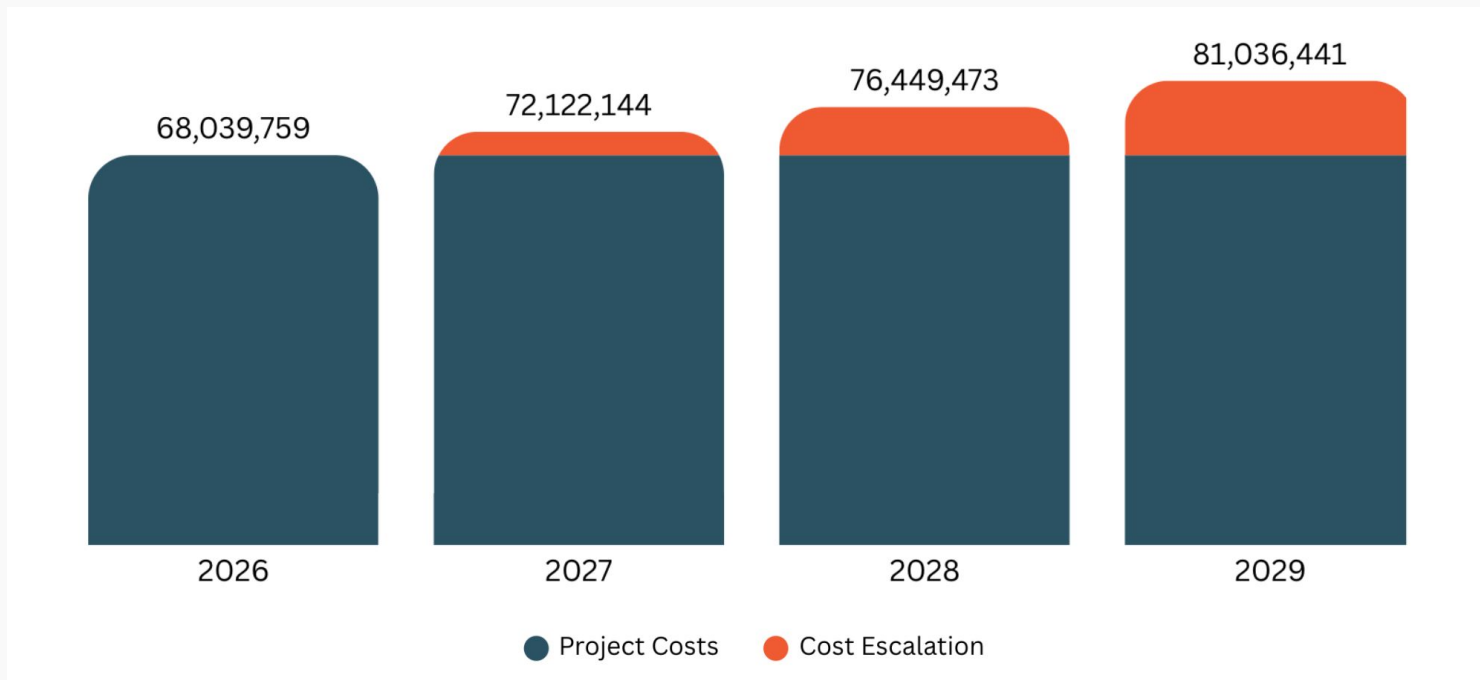


Funding Summary

TOTAL SPENT TO DATE:	\$2,172,215
FUNDING RECIEVED:	\$380,929
FUNDING ELIGIBLE & PENDING:	\$1,761,301
NND PAID:	<u>\$114,446</u>

Budget Update

Cost Escalation



Community Question

"Why does the price keep going up?"

Two big reasons.

- Adding the large gathering space made the building bigger
- Since COVID, building costs have gone up everywhere, not just here
 - Materials, labour, and shipping all cost more now

2023	2024	2025	2026
\$49 million	\$56 million	\$68 million	\$68.5 million



"How can we make sure future generations aren't paying for this?"

- The team is working to bring in as much outside funding as possible
- NND is in good financial shape, Government House was paid off 10 years early
- This building is an investment in NND's culture, children, and future
- This building will invest in citizens directly, through training, mentorship, and meaningful work during construction and after



Community Question

"I keep hearing that we haven't followed due process. Is that true?"

No. Every contract on this project has gone through a public or invited Request for Proposals process - anyone qualified could apply, and the best one was chosen.

- Architect: TAG, 6 applicants — 2022
- Construction Manager: Ketza, 5 applicants — 2025
- Commissioning Authority: DUNE, 2 applicants — 2026
- Regenerative's contract was sole sourced in 2016

Every contract was approved by council

NND's own financial rules were followed the whole way through



Community Question

"Doesn't the finance act say this should have been done at the GA and not a GM?"

- The Finance Act has been followed throughout this project, specifically sections 18, 19, and 26
- We haven't asked the Assembly for any money for construction
- A General Assembly vote is only needed for changes to the constitution or NND law - this is neither



"Why is this taking so long?"

- The Heritage Manager role was empty from 2017 to 2019
- COVID and community crisis from 2020 to 2022
- We are still operating in a state of emergency due to the toxic drug crisis, plus wildfire evacuations
- Federal funding takes as long as it takes, and we don't control that timeline

Through all of it, the project has kept moving forward.



"Who is working on this project? Who is the "we"?"

Community Advisory Committee

- Joella Hogan
- Bobbie-Lee Melancon
- Taiya Melancon
- Esther Winter
- Asia Winter-Sinnott
- Eileen Peter
- Teresa Samson
- Melody Hutton

Former members:

- Franklin Patterson (resigned)
- the late Florence Moses (Elder Rep)

Open Seats: Youth Rep and Elder Rep

Internal Working Group

- McGarry Selbee (Executive Director)
- Teresa Samson (Heritage Department)
- Dan Pictin (Capital Director)
- Shafeeq Codabux (Finance Director)

Technical Advisors

NND technical advisors:

- Martin Slama
- James Buyck
- Franklin Patterson

Others Advisors: FNNND Staff, Shane Wolffe, Ava Cairns-Locke, Sandy Washburn (Yukon U), Troy Anderson (Carlton U), Canadian Museum of History (Nadja Roby, Jessica Lafrane-Hwang, Patric Remillard), David Slimmon (Ingenium)

MUSSI CHO TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED SHAPE THIS PROJECT

Over 11 years, many NND citizens shared their voice on this project. We know there are more we may not have recorded – mussi cho to you as well!



Adrienne Hill. Alla Blysak. Alyssa Blanchard. Amanda Taylor. Asia Winter-Sinnott, Barb Buyck. Betty Lucas. Beverly Genier. Bobbie-Lee Melancon. Brandi Mcginty. Brenda Jackson. Buffy Genier. Carmen Melancon. Carolene Lucas. Cathy Samson. Chayce McLaren. Clifford Genier. Cole Patterson. Dan Profeit. Dawna Hope. Deanna Profeit. Debbie Buyck. Deborah Moses. Denise Simmons. Diane Olsen. Don Germaine. Donna Hogan. Dorothy Charette. Edward Brown. Effie Moses. Eileen Peter. Eliza Moses. Elizabeth Macdonald. Eugene Alfred. Evelyn Profeit-Therault. Florence Moses. Florence Pilon. Franklin Patterson. Franklin Patterson Sr. Fred Algar. Gavin Winter-Sinnot. Geri-Lee Buyck. Glenella Hill. Grant Ewing. Hazel Johnny. Heather Sagger. Helaina Moses. Hilda Germaine. Ira Germaine. Irene Hozack. Irene Johnny. Jaret Van Bibber. Jayquinn Mcginty Hager. Jeremy Germaine. Jimmy Johnny. Joanne Buyck. Joanne Gatey. Joella Hogan. Jordan Patterson. Josh Austin. Karen Nicloux, Kent Sinnot. Kody Germaine. Krista Patterson. Landon Ewing. Larysa Galipeau. Lexi Germaine Moses. Lianne Rear. Lindsay Rear. Lisa Rear. Liz Buyck. Margaret Ball. Marie Hummel. Melody Hutton. Michelle Buyck. Mikolay Peter. Millie Olsen. Nancy Hager. Nancy Hummel. Nicole Blanchard. Nicole Hutton. Paul Peter-Profeit, Preston Profeit-Peter, Remi Peter-Profeit. Roberta Hager. Robyn Gillespie. Ronalda Moses. Ronald Peter. Rose Lemieux. Roy Buyck. Ryder Profeit-Peter. Rylee Genier. Shane Hummel. Sharon Peter. Sheila Hager. Shereen Hill. Sophie Lucas. Steve Buyck. Stewart Moses. Susan Johnny, Susan Morberg-Franoeur. Susie Hager. Taiya Melancon. Taylor Ewing. Teresa Samson. Teri Buyck. Terra Blanchard. Tyrell Genier. Velma Olsen. Walter Peter.