



## About Whati

The community of Whati is one of the four Tlicho communities that have recently formed their own government. The community of 500 people is located on the shore of Lac LaMartre, 165 km northwest of Yellowknife.

Whati is well known for its high quality dried fish and caribou, traditional hand games and drum dances.



*The new  
Tlicho flag*



*The Whati  
energy planning  
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**Whati  
Community  
Energy Plan  
and the  
Nailli Project**

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in New Ways  
to make Wise Choices  
for the future.*



## The Nailli Project

*“Nailli” is the Tlicho word for waterfall.*

The Whati Community Energy Plan showed the people of Whati that they should look into a “run-of-river” hydro-electric plant on the La Martre River. “Run-of-river” means that the plant can produce electricity without flooding any land.

Since then, the community has done more technical studies, are completing a business plan and are planning to begin construction in 2007.

When completed, the Nailli project will allow the community to use the diesel generator in the community much less. It will even provide heating for some buildings.

The Nailli project has the potential to reduce Whati’s annual greenhouse gas emissions by more than 2500 tonnes. It will also increase the community’s self sufficiency by reducing the need to bring in costly fuel from far away.

# The Whati Community Energy Plan

People in Whati partnered with Ecology North to learn about better ways to make and use energy in their community. An Elders’ advisory committee, a youth action group, the Council and other community people worked together with technical experts.

First they looked at how people use energy and where they get energy, for example from the diesel generator. Then they looked at different ways they could make and use energy in their community.

The federal and territorial governments funded the project so people could get paid for their work. Ecology North, the Arctic Energy Alliance and the Pembina Institute and others did workshops so community people could learn more about energy use.

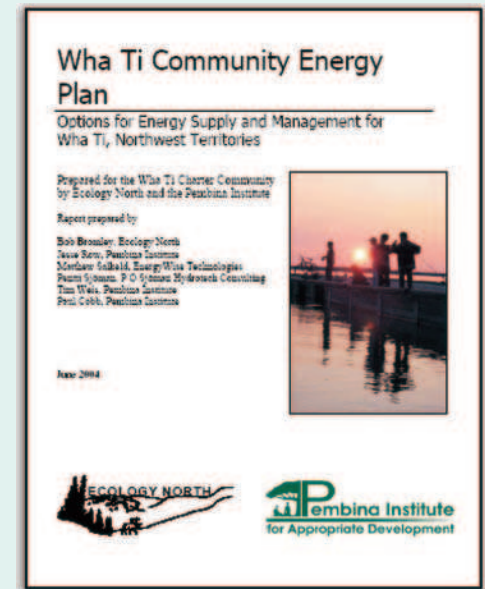
**Whati completed their Community Energy Plan in 2004.**

Here are some things they plan to do:

- Build a small, run-of-river hydro plant to make electricity instead of the diesel generator
- Replace old lights and appliances with better new ones
- Use solar energy to heat water
- Better insulate houses and other buildings

Now people in Whati and their partners are working hard to put the plan into action. Over time they will review and build on their plan to make things even better.

Working together on a Community Energy Plan has brought Whati and all northern communities great benefits. The air and land will be cleaner, with less noise and fuel spill pollution. People will spend less money on energy and new jobs will be created. The people of Whati and Ecology North have been recognized around the world for their work.



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