

# New Waycobah school still on schedule

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WAYCOBAH- A new school for a local First Nations community is progressing as scheduled and is expected to be ready for the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

After a recent visit to the site, deputy project manager for the MacDonnell Group of Halifax, Norman Nahas, said that with the exception of a final coat of exterior paint to be added when weather permits, the exterior is complete.

He said progress on the interior is moving along as well and will have modern features.

"This building is using tilt-up concrete panels which are poured on site and tilted up. It's a nice technology that's not all that common," he said adding that other than some buildings in Halifax, he can think of few local examples of the use of the modern technology.

In addition, Nahas said the school will be a unique setting for the students and staff when classes commence.

"The building has nice architectural features. There's actually a distinction internally all the way from the primary to the Grade 12 classes and the colours mature as you go throughout the school and there's lots of open space. The gymnasium is beautiful and the cafeteria is waiting to be opened."

Nahas said he is confident the community he was pleased to work with will be happy with the final result and that the school will be a landmark that residents and students will be proud of for generations.

The Primary to Grade 12 school being built in Waycobah was first announced in April of 2005. At the time, the federal government committed \$7.5 million to Mi'kmaw Kina'matenewey (MK), the Mi'kmaq run organization that maintains jurisdiction over all education for 10 member Mi'kmaq communities in the province.





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**The new \$7.5 million school in Waycoabh is now on schedule and almost complete after the new facility was first announced in April, 2005.**