



Company History

It all started with a small-wheel backhoe back in 1971.

Claude Villeneuve established Villeneuve Construction by serving the needs of his immediate community of Hallébourg.

In 1976, the venture became incorporated and began operations as a construction business in Ontario. Five years later, Ghislain Lacroix partnered with Claude to become part owner and Vice President in the company, and three years later, operations were moved to Hearst, where the new headquarters were established to better serve the greater community.

After over a decade of gaining valuable experience as a residential and commercial construction company, Villeneuve Construction won its first municipal contract in Hearst, improving the sewage and water system.

With the business growing, the company decided to expand operations through the acquisition of Chega, a local concrete supplier and excavation contractor. This strategic decision paved the way to Villeneuve Construction's expansion to date.

Villeneuve Construction saw further expansion and diversification in the 1990s, with the acquisition of its first quarry and asphalt plant, and culminating in the building of a brand new state-of-the-art maintenance facility for the company's growing fleet of modern, efficient equipment and heavy machinery.

Between 2003 and 2005, a joint venture with Mammatawa in a logging operation helped the company build a valuable partnership with a first nation community.

One of Villeneuve Construction's most important acquisitions was completed in 2006, when it acquired the Longlac logging operation in Ontario. This stump-to-mill operation has allowed for the expansion of operations, allowing the firm to become more effective as a contractor to forestry clients.

Today, after the acquisition of a Cochrane, Ontario-based operation, Villeneuve Construction is now the largest construction company in northern Ontario, employing over 200 people during peak seasons, and working with municipal and provincial governments, private corporations, and First Nations communities, such as the CreeVill project with the Mooseecree First Nation.

The company also owns and operates over 150 aggregate resource sites, asphalt and concrete plants, and provides residential, commercial and heavy civil construction materials and services to communities across almost 1,000 kilometres along Ontario's northern highways.