

Circular City

Redefining logistics and sustainment for temporary camp utilities through circularity

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What if:

you could recycle ≈ 90% of your greywater

and,

reduce your solid waste ≈ 10x?

How valuable is that capability?

What else is important to consider?

How would you do it?

Company Background



Come speak with us after

Our management team has proven our ability to advance the state-of-the-art. We look forward to discussing how we can collaborate with you.







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Expertise in integrated camp utility systems

Foundation

Launched in 2014, we are a deep tech applied research company focused on developing sustainable technologies to combat water scarcity.

Leaders in the Circular Economy

We led the Circular City consortium to win the Department of National Defence's Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) **Pop up city Contest** in November 2023 by developing integrated utility solutions to reduce logistics for future Canadian Armed Forces' relocatable temporary camps (RTCs).

Pioneering

practical

solutions to sustainability through circularity.

within the laws of physics and economically viable

Pop up city Contest Objective:

Reduce fuel, water and waste logistics by 33% for 150 people deployed anywhere in the world without changing behaviour.

Since Pop up city...

we've been busy scouting the globe to understand your challenges and find the best solutions with you.





Framing the Problem

No single technology can achieve the required reduction targets for future camps (e.g. Camp Sustain).

No entity has commercialized all of the required technologies to TRL 9, yet.

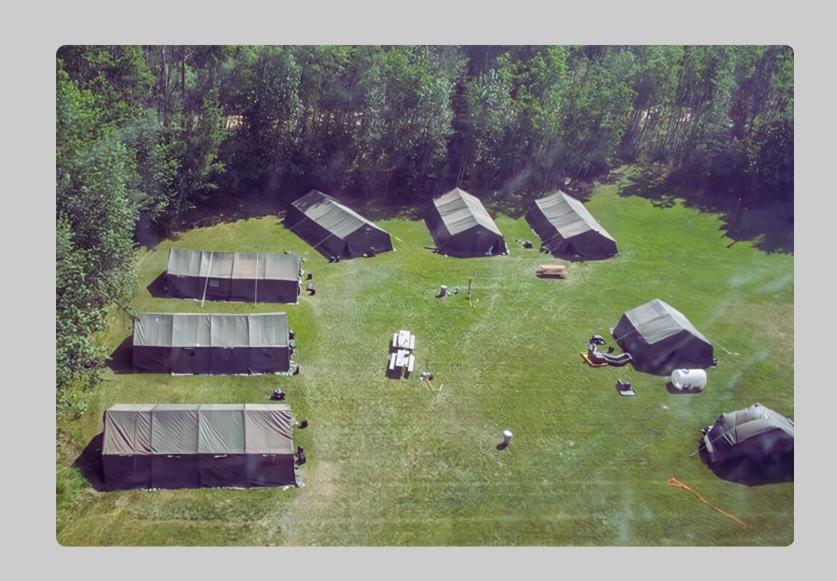
Camp Sustain is to support up to 4800 pax, scalable in 250 personnel increments.

25 to 50% of fossil fuel

50 to 75% of water demand

50 to 75% of solid waste

50 to 75% of wastewater





High-Level Mandatory Requirements

Reliable

Efficiency

Flexibility

or Modularity &
Scalability

Robustness

Infrastructure

Sustainability

or Maintainability

or Interchangability

Interoperability

Transport

Personnel Health & Protection

Other Challenges

Capability Gap — Others currently limited to 70 to 80% recovery.

Regulatory Gap — Direct potable reuse (DPR) regulatory frameworks.

Operational Gap — Seamlessness required. Training/knowledge of new systems is missing.

Perception Gap — The focus is and should be on operations, not running a base. Bottled-water overused.

Contested Logistics — Supply chains will be severely disrupted. "Attritable" equipment may be desired.

Possibly AI/ML tools such as local LLM+RAG+Agents and/or AR tools can help

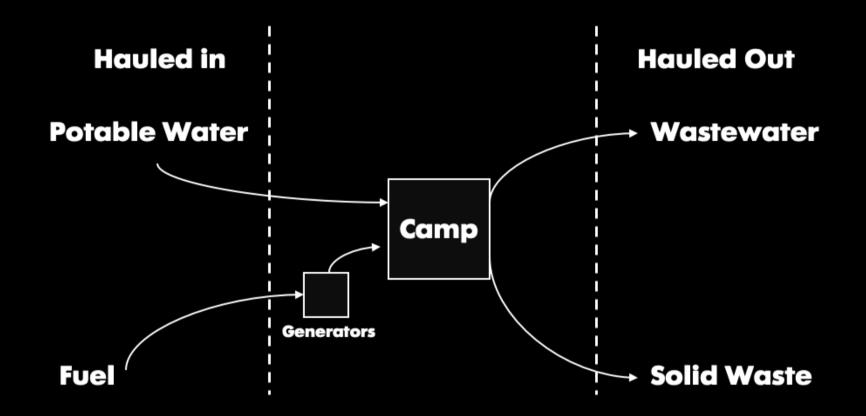
How do we address this then?

Amateurs talk strategy,
Professionals talk logistics.

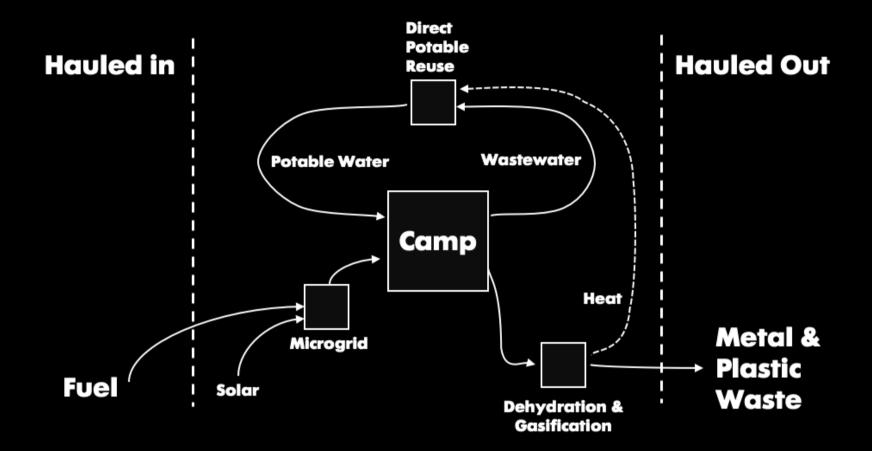
- General Omar Bradley



Current CONOPS versus Circular City



Current RTC



Circular City

Production at the Point of Need with Direct Potable Reuse (DPR), Microgrid Power Generation, Waste-to-Energy Processes and Thermal Integration



Value Created

by Producing at the Point of Need



KPls: wastewater recovery ratio and energy usage

Systems must be combined holistically so that the big picture makes sense and it's worth it to do.

Operate Anywhere with a Lower Environmental Footprint

Address water scarcity & minimize effects on Host Nation water supply

Lower Logistics & Costs; Improve Sustainment & Lethality

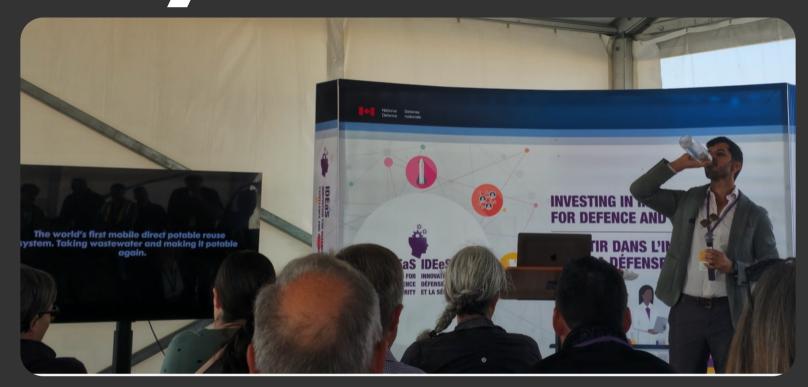
≈ ≥ \$2 million/year savings per 1000 pax base*

Save Lives by Eliminating Unnecessary Resupply

In peacetime operations, reducing unnecessary resupply also cuts carbon emissions.



Key Results



These are some key results achieved during testing at CFB Suffield in August 2023.

25 kW

Average Power Required (Max 43.34 kW) for 150 pax camp utilties

Wastewater

The world's first mobile DPR system recycled greywater and combined greywater/blackwater into purified potable water meeting Health Canada Guidelines.

Water

State-of-the-art batch reverse osmosis subsystem achieved up to 90 to 95% recovery ratios in a direct potable reuse application.

Energy

A reliable off-grid power solution using solar, batteries, and generators with advanced climate control for challenging environments.

Solid Waste

Carbon neutral hot water supply achieved by integrating solid waste and water systems, eliminating fuel use; Up to tenfold reduction in solid waste.



Design for Austere Environments Think space mission design: energy integration and optimization are crucial. Consumables also need to be minimized. Valorize Waste thru Circularity Circularity rethinks waste as value: e.g. pyrolysis or gasification of solid waste, or wastewater reuse. Heat integration can improve Arctic operations. **Optimize Recovery** & Efficiency of Reuse Water and wastewater treatment will always be net energy consumers. Recovery ratios must be high (≥ 90%) in the most efficient way possible

Key Learnings and Design Basis

The Circular City project used a circular design philosophy and a bottom-up, first-principles approach.

(Loosely Coupled) Integrated **Modularity &** Redundancy

Different applications will benefit from modularity. Redundancy ensures fault tolerance. Loose coupling minimizes dependencies.

Simplify & Optimize

subsystem at the expense of others

or systems that shouldn't exist.

Avoid over-optimizing one

See also: Elon's Algorithm

Integrated modularity enables a comprehensive solution when combined together while still working as independent systems.

Flexiblility & **Autonomy in Human-Machine** Interfacing

Camps must be quickly mobilized and demobilized anywhere worldwide, requiring layout flexibility, easy setup, teardown, operation and maintenance. Simple autonomy that enables soldiers to focus on the mission, not operating the equipment.

Why not ?

Atmospheric Water Generators/Extractors

Bottled water

Dry/vacuum toilets

Integrated reuse directly at showers, laundry, etc...



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Let's create the sustainable future together.

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