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Building dreams in Section 5 with Nadleh-Macro

Coastal GasLink’s extraordinary legacy is lived out every day by the tremendous efforts of the men and women working along the 670 km right of way.

A large part of this legacy is ensuring that we are providing rich opportunities for skills training and development for local and Indigenous people.

In March 2022, **Macro Pipelines and Nadleh Whut’en’s** economic development corporation partnered to construct Section 5, near Fraser Lake. As part of a commitment to provide jobs and skills training for local Indigenous people, a unique team was assembled, to ensure that people of all experience levels could expand their knowledge on Coastal GasLink.

Taking on any challenge that comes their way, this team undertakes a multitude of construction tasks, such as scaffolding, environmental work and operating machinery to develop their skill sets. Once they’ve gained sufficient experience with the crew, they move into other positions such as leads and operator positions where they continue to advance their careers.

Kyle is one of the crew members who is gaining valuable work experience while building Coastal GasLink.

“I have learned a lot about what this



Members of the crew smile for a photo in Section 5.

job entails. One of the first things I learned was how to be safe around equipment. I’ve also learned a lot about the processes to protect the environment and waterways,” says Kyle, member of Stelat’en First Nation. “I take great responsibility in the work I do here – furthering my knowledge is very important to me. I have learned a lot so far and I can’t wait to learn more.”

The time spent working on this crew is also providing the crew members with opportunities to pursue their interests. Misty is a crew member who is using this opportunity as a stepping stone to help pursue her passion for music.

“I have been accepted into the music program at Douglas College,” says Misty, Nadleh Whut’en First Nation. “I am hoping to use my job experience here at Nadleh-Macro to continue funding my schooling.”

Sam Cheblak, Indigenous and Community Relations Manager for Nadleh-Macro, has been working alongside the crew as a mentor and is witness to the amazing work being completed each day.

“Watching these individuals take the skills they have learned on the job and putting them into practice has been immensely gratifying to see,” says Sam. “They are using this experience to build a successful future and further their own dreams.”



Coastal GasLink is proud to be fostering an environment where individuals can gain work experience that will benefit them today and into the future of their careers.

Indigenous advisors reflect on their time as Construction Monitoring and Community Liaisons

At Coastal GasLink, we are committed to listening and learning from the Indigenous communities who steward the land where we work.

The Construction Monitoring and Community Liaison (CMCL) program is an imperative part of what makes the project extraordinary. CMCL's support local Indigenous community members by observing, recording and reporting back to their communities on construction activities.

Recently, advisors from across the project route had the opportunity to come together for the program's annual CMCL Gathering in Terrace, B.C. While reflecting on their hard work throughout project construction, CMCL's shared some of the ways their feedback has been incorporated as protectors of the land, working within their Traditional Territories.



Buddy Napoleon is a CMCL Advisor who proudly represents the Saulteau First Nation.

“Along the project route, you can see there are openings for wildlife access, and that goes to show they were listening,” said Buddy Napoleon, CMCL Advisor for Saulteau First Nation. “It makes me feel good to be working together with Coastal GasLink,” he said.

Programs like this one help to set the standard for how infrastructure projects are built in Canada going forward – with safety and respect for the land, and people at the forefront. For many of the advisors, a highlight has been getting to share their culture and the importance of the land with members of the workforce.



CMCL's like Destiny (pictured above) observe, record and report back to their communities on construction activities.

Destiny, CMCL Advisor for Blueberry River First Nation, has learned transferable skills that she will bring back into her community to teach other members what she knows about monitoring.

“Seeing the environmental protocols being implemented on CGL for the protection of the land and animals has been amazing,” said Destiny. “We live from hunting, trapping and fishing, so seeing everything taken so seriously has made me feel really happy,” she continued.

The CMCL program currently supports more than 45 advisors representing all 20 nations across our project route, fostering an environment of transparency and continued learning.

Wilde Lake Compressor Station sees gas for the first time

Coastal GasLink has achieved a critical milestone, paving the way to support the delivery of reliable, sustainable, made-in-Canada LNG to world markets.



The Wilde Lake Compressor Station, located in Groundbirch, B.C., achieved mechanical completion and is ready to receive gas for the first time.

Coastal GasLink's Wilde Lake Compressor Station, which achieved mechanical completion earlier this year, is officially ready to receive natural gas.

"The introduction of gas at Wilde Lake demonstrates the significant strides we are making on our path to supporting the delivery of Canada's first LNG shipment to global markets by mid-decade," said Bevin Wirzba, President, Coastal GasLink. "This is an incredible milestone for TC Energy and Coastal GasLink, as we make steady progress on construction of Canada's first LNG pipeline, having recently surpassed 85% overall completion."

Introducing natural gas into the system is part of the process to ensure each weld, valve, pipe and wire has been installed properly and is safe to transition into its operational phase. As the starting point of the pipeline, natural gas is first introduced at Wilde Lake in preparation as other components of the world-class energy infrastructure are completed.

Check out this video to learn more about first gas at the Wilde Lake Compressor Station.



Coastal GasLink and TC Energy congratulate the Haisla Nation on the approval of Cedar LNG's Environmental Assessment Certificate

TC Energy is committed to delivering the energy people need today and in the future. As part of this commitment, we are pleased to have the Haisla Nation as a potential customer to maximize the delivery of responsibly, sustainably sourced energy.

With the recent announcement of Cedar LNG's environmental approvals, the Haisla Nation are one step closer to building their historic Cedar LNG facility in their traditional territory, which will be the first Indigenous-majority-owned LNG export facility in Canada. We consider it a privilege to support the Haisla Nation in achieving their goal of economic self-determination by working with them to build sustainable energy infrastructure that will connect their proposed facility to the Coastal GasLink Project, which is on track to be completed by the end of 2023.



We congratulate Chief Councillor Crystal Smith and the Haisla Nation on moving closer to realizing this visionary project. The Cedar LNG Project will advance Indigenous-led economic development and reduce global emissions.

– Bevin Wirzba, President, Coastal GasLink

LNG exported from Cedar LNG will help end Asia's reliance on coal-fired power plants, drastically improving air quality for billions of people. With its hydroelectric-powered design, the Project will also be one of the lowest emission intensity producers of LNG globally.

The Haisla Nation is looking beyond their borders by pursuing solutions that will transform their community and have the greatest impact globally. For TC Energy and Coastal GasLink, our relationship with the Haisla Nation and Cedar LNG is an example of what it means to be an energy problem solver.

Ukrainian refugee builds career and community in Burns Lake

In 2022, Aws and his family emigrated to Burns Lake, B.C. after fleeing Ukraine amidst the Russian invasion.

With an impressive background in mechanical engineering and pipeline construction, Aws quickly found a role with Coastal GasLink through Section 6 Prime contractor, Michels Canada, as a welding apprentice. Following three months of hard work, Aws received his Canadian welding inspector ticket and was promoted to Quality and Engineer Inspector on Coastal GasLink.

Aws knows firsthand how important energy security is in helping the world heat their homes, power their businesses and feed their families. Coastal GasLink will be the critical link in delivering Canadian LNG to global markets, helping our allies end their reliance on Russian gas, and supporting the global energy transition away from high emitting fuels such as coal.

“To be a part of this team, it’s amazing,” says Aws. “When I came here, I felt that I would encounter challenges, but the support that I got from all of the Coastal GasLink, TC Energy and Michels Canada teams made it easy for me,” said Aws.

Learning of the newest addition to their community, the people of Burns Lake went above and beyond to ensure Aws and his family felt supported and welcomed, donating food, money and even a vehicle as they settled into their new hometown. Additionally, Coastal GasLink’s bottle drive program, which to date has donated more than \$275,000 to local communities, directed bottle proceeds to further support Aws’ transition to Canada.

“When we reached Canada and saw how people here treat us and how everyone tries to help and support us, we feel like we are home,” Aws said. “Even the people who can’t provide you anything – they offer a smile and that’s enough.”



Aws pictured along the right of way in Section 6.

Coastal GasLink represents a significant solution to meet today’s challenges, and a strong foundation for how our energy story unfolds to meet the problems of tomorrow – one that will be led by our core values of innovation, sustainability and safety excellence.

Check out this video to learn more about Aws’ journey.



In your community



Coastal GasLink attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Bultery’s House in Dawson Creek. This new facility will benefit the Peace region by providing accommodations for visiting residents seeking healthcare services in Dawson Creek.



We were honoured to be invited to the Witset First Nation job fair this month. Our team had amazing conversations with locals from the community and were happy to answer all their questions about Coastal GasLink.



Our Public Affairs team stopped by the Smithers Fire Department to check out their portable jaws of life, which was donated by Coastal GasLink earlier this year.

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We’d like to hear from you

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