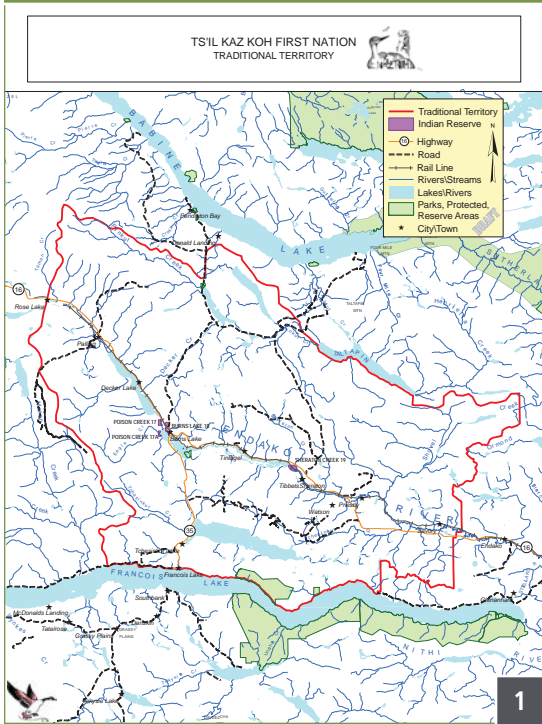


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Connecting with Communities

June 2013



1. Burns Lake Band Traditional Territory
2. Chief Albert L. Gerow, Burns Lake Band

Field Studies Include Oral History of First Nations' Territories

Our Traditional Knowledge Studies are currently underway as part of the Environmental Assessment regulatory process. We are involved in Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies, a relatively new addition (within the past 8 – 10 years) to environmental assessment information gathering.

In participation with Aboriginal communities located in close proximity to the Coastal GasLink pipeline study corridor, information is gathered about Aboriginal hunting and fishing locations, traditional camp and berry picking areas, trails and travel way systems including waterways, spiritual geography and archeological resources. Care is taken to preserve the confidential nature of this information.

The study process brings together the oral history of Aboriginal communities with scientific data collected to provide a more robust, truer picture of the potential effects of development and a more collaborative approach to mitigation.

"The work TransCanada is doing in terms of TEK and TLU is incredibly important. Land use and traditional knowledge define who we are as people," says Chief Albert L. Gerow, Burns Lake Band. "The land provides for our people; berries, meat and fish. We must protect the land for the next generation."

Chief Gerow was born and raised in Burns Lake. He is a direct descendant of Chief Kwa, a historic and revered leader in B.C.

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Karen Etherington,
Director Environment and Regulatory, Coastal GasLink

Application Information Requirements Issued by Environmental Assessment Office

BC Environmental Assessment Office issued the Application Information Requirements (AIR) for the Project on May 23, 2013.

The purpose of the AIR document is to identify the information that Coastal GasLink is required to provide in its Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) under the BC Environmental Assessment Act.

It includes detailed requirements for information about the five pillars of the BC environmental assessment process, namely: environment, economy, social, health and heritage. Other project information about scope, alternatives considered, land use, project benefits and applicable permits is also described in the AIR.

“It also includes the Aboriginal and Public Consultation Plan, summary of issues raised, potential adverse effects, and our mitigation measures,” says Karen Etherington, Director Environment and Regulatory, Coastal GasLink Project. She was speaking to an audience in early June during Environment Week.

“We will put in close to 100,000 hours of field time by the end of summer to further gather the information necessary for the regulatory applications. The AIR will form the framework as we move through the application process.”

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Community Partnerships

Northern Environmental Action Team (NEAT)

TransCanada is proud to invest in the Energy Mix Project. This project is focused on working with grade 11 students to examine biomass, waste heat, solar, and wind as well as more traditional forms of energy before making a 100-year plan for an energy secure community.

"This partnership will help increase energy literacy within the community and equip high school students with real world experience they can carry forward. Students will explore different energy sources, evaluate the pros and cons of each and then apply that knowledge to their own community. Gaining energy literacy improves the capacity of residents to actively participate in future energy planning for their community which, in turn, increases the strength of the community as a whole," says Karen Mason-Bennett, Program Coordinator, NEAT.

Bear Lake Beautification Project

TransCanada's contribution to creating new signage for Bear Lake will enhance the community by providing travelers the opportunity to identify the community.

"This partnership will give our community recognition for all our prospective industries and allow travelers the opportunity to locate us. It will also give a sense of pride to the community residents of Bear Lake," says Cinda Romain, President Bear Lake Improvement Society.



Geotechnical investigation – drilling bore hole

Geotechnical Investigation at Potential Locations for Horizontal Directional Drilling of Water Crossings

Coastal GasLink Project field crews have been to seven water crossing sites to carry out geotechnical investigation.

The field study identifies subsoil conditions such as clay, sand, bedrock, sandstone and gravel. The information will be used by the Project's engineering team as they develop plans for construction. It will help to determine if it is feasible to do horizontal directional drilling (drilling underneath the water bed) to install the pipeline at specific water crossings.

Each crossing site has a number of bore holes drilled to test for soil capacity, terrain stability, acid rock and Artesian condition (water rising to surface under internal pressure).

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Prince George Office Opening

TransCanada is excited to officially open its office in Prince George. This new office will be an important gathering spot for our project teams working on the two projects we are proposing for northern B.C. Please stop by for more information on the Coastal GasLink Pipeline or Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Projects:

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