

Coastal GasLink Connector

Connecting with Communities

September 2013



Official Opening – Rick Gateman, President Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project

TransCanada Opens New Prince George Regional Office Announces Sponsorship of 2015 Canada Winter Games

TransCanada Pipelines opened an office in Prince George in June with a blessing from Elder Frank Frederick of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, including a barbecue, local entertainment and tours of the new office space.

During his address to the gathering of about 50 stakeholders, Rick Gateman, President Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project explained the proposed pipeline and a second natural gas pipeline proposed for northern B.C., will mean billions of dollars of capital investment, some 5,000 construction jobs, more than \$40 million in annual property tax payments and substantial additional benefits to First Nations communities along the routes.

"TransCanada's contractual relationships with its prime contractors will stipulate the preferred use of qualified regional businesses and the hiring of Aboriginal and local residents," said Mr. Gateman.

Since the announcement of the Project in June 2012, Coastal has invested \$200,000 in local programs and events to help foster stronger communities along the proposed route. During the event, TransCanada announced it will also sponsor the 2015 Canada Winter Games to be held in Prince George.

"The Games will mark the most transformative events this region will ever experience, especially in the memories of the 2,400 athletes who are training to compete in 2015 and the 4,500 volunteers who will help us deliver the Games," Stuart Ballantyne, CEO 2015 Games told those in attendance.

"This major investment will see TransCanada become the Presenting Sponsor of the Closing Ceremonies - a culmination of two weeks of sport and cultural celebrations, and an exposition of human spirit and northern hospitality."

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Field program – Members hike to the study area



Archaeologist and First Nations Representative –
Examine soil samples

Archaeological Field Program Wrapping Up

The Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project has carried out an extensive archaeological field program over the summer of 2013.

The purpose of the program is to identify and evaluate archaeological resources within the regional study area, assess all effects on those resources that might result from the Project, and recommend viable alternatives for avoiding or managing adverse effects.

Crews of up to 11 people, generally two archaeologists accompanied by First Nations community members, have worked to identify potential archeological resources at sites along the study corridor.

The crews were based in various communities for periods of a week or two, including Chetwynd, Vanderhoof, Fort St James, Burns Lake and Kitimat. Findings from the Project's studies will be included in the Project application to the BC Environmental Assessment Office, which is to be submitted in early 2014, as well as in the required submissions under the BC Heritage Conservation Act.

Coastal GasLink a Founding Partner of Terrace Community Foundation

The Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project recently became a founding community partner of the Terrace Community Foundation. The Foundation provides grants to community groups and organizations with a broad spectrum of needs, such as recreation, health, the arts, the environment, and education.

"The Terrace Community Foundation is thrilled to have entered into a partnership with TransCanada Pipelines. It is a great boost for us in our work to create a lasting legacy to benefit deserving groups in the Terrace area. Going forward it will mean that organizations that work so hard to make our community the great place it is will have a bit more money to accomplish their goals," says Sandy Glendenning, Chair, Terrace Community Foundation.

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Youth Natural Resource Training – Participants from northern B.C. First Nations

First Nations Youth Natural Resource Training and Mentorship Program

During July and August, 11 youth from 11 First Nations communities in northern B.C. participated in Coastal GasLink's First Nations Youth Natural Resource Training and Mentorship Program. The program provided an opportunity to those who participated to receive valuable work experience and cultural mentorship during the Project's timber assessment field studies.

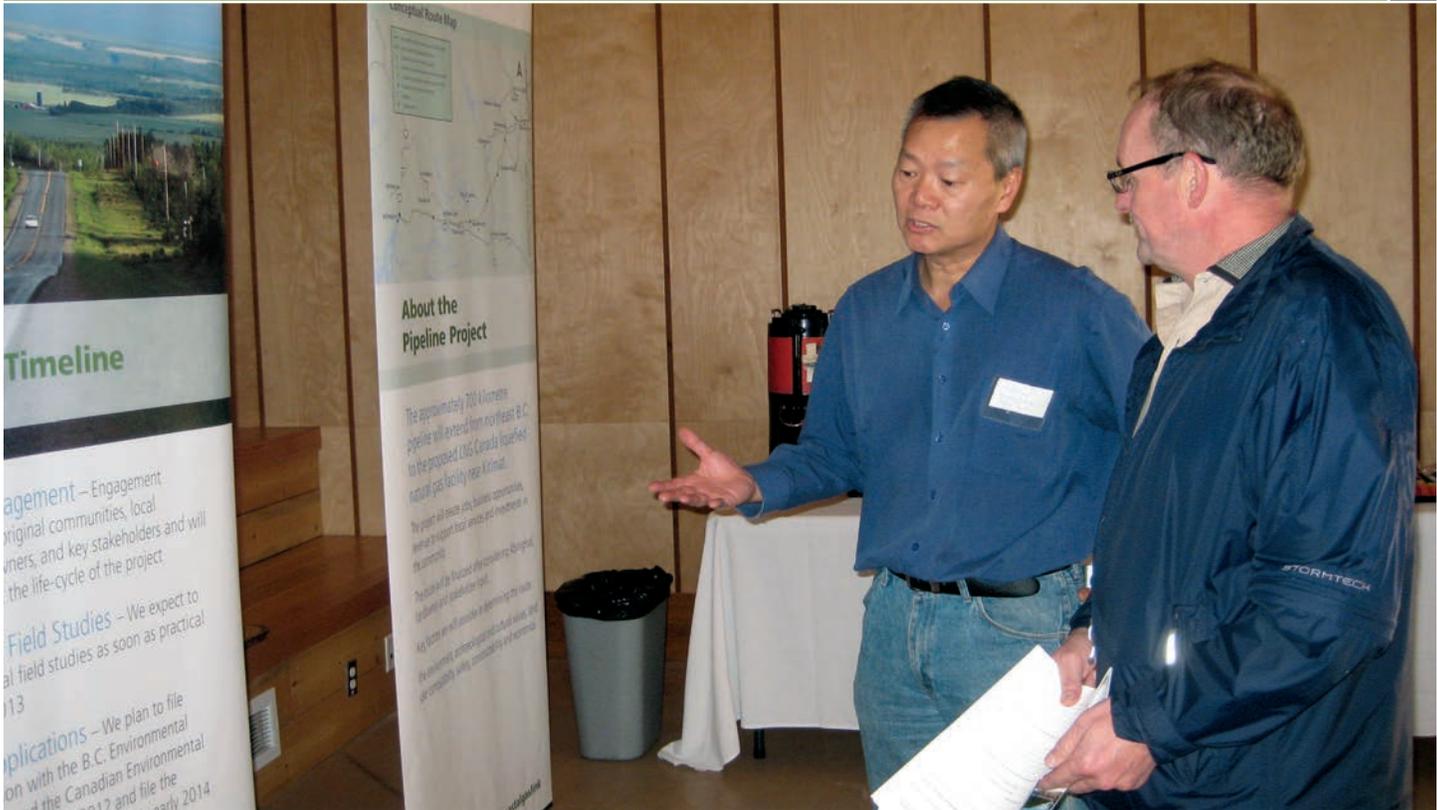
Over five weeks, participants between the ages of 14 and 19 had a chance to work with timber assessment crews along the Coastal GasLink study corridor, attend a cultural camp with leaders and Elders from First Nations communities and introductory seminars on Forestry and Aboriginal Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia.

"Training and mentorship provided a unique opportunity for these young people to experience first-hand some of the opportunities available in the environmental and forestry fields, while connecting with cultural leaders from First Nations communities," says Katherine Sheriff, Environmental Coordinator for the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project.

The goal of the program was to develop a deeper understanding and skills related to cultural and traditional values, in a technical field work setting.

The First Nations Youth Natural Resource Training and Mentorship Program emphasized safety training and encouraged individuals to follow a healthy lifestyle while making solid life choices.

Data collected during the timber assessment includes information on species composition, volume, distribution and quality of timber present to support planning and construction related activities for the Coastal GasLink Project.



Michael Wong from the Coastal GasLink Team – Sharing information at an October 2012 Community Information Session

A Year of Careful Study

Since TransCanada PipeLines announced the Coastal GasLink Project, in June 2012, we have continued to meet with First Nations, landowners, local government officials and northern B.C. residents to find opportunities to improve our plan and avoid social and environmental areas of concern. We made significant adjustments to the corridor based on this input and narrowed our focus to a two-kilometre-wide study corridor.

During 2013, we have sent hundreds of scientists, engineers and technicians into the field to walk the corridor, test rocks and soils, study rivers and streams, and learn about local plant and animal life. First Nations community members have facilitated the collection of traditional ecological knowledge. Using the information we have gathered, we are developing a proposed pipeline route.

We invite you to meet members of the team and find out more about the Project during our upcoming community information sessions in October. A complete schedule of these sessions is available on our website at www.coastalgaslink.com/category/community-engagement/local-activities/

Contact Us

If you are unable to attend a community information session and would like more information you can contact us by email at coastalgaslink@transcanada.com and by phone at 1.855.633.2011