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Coastal GasLink celebrates Canada Winter Games with Northern B.C.

For 17 days in February and March, more than 2,400 young Canadians gathered in Prince George to compete in the 2015 Canada Winter Games. TransCanada was an Official Sponsor of the Games and Presenting Sponsor of the Closing Ceremonies, and the Coastal GasLink Project team joined in the excitement.

"The 2015 Canada Winter Games is the largest multi-sport and cultural event to ever be held in Prince George," Coastal GasLink President Rick Gateman said as the Games began. "As a proud member of the northern B.C. community, TransCanada was very pleased to help bring this event to life. Many of our employees from across British Columbia and Alberta travelled to Prince George to experience the Games and to cheer on the athletes."

The decision to sponsor the 2015 Games rested on more than giving Canadian athletes an outlet for their talent. It came from a desire to support an event that TransCanada believes will have a positive, long-term impact on northern B.C.'s youth, community and economy. The 2015 Games were forecasted to generate an estimated economic impact of over \$90 million for Prince George and northern B.C. But the community's spirit was really exemplified by the 4500 volunteers who welcomed the Nation to northern B.C. Congratulations to Prince George and to all volunteers, athletes, coaches, and officials on such an amazing celebration of youth, sport, culture and community.

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Layne Boucher helps Coastal GasLink bring training to local community



Local Benefits: Aboriginal community members get safety training at chainsaw course near Houston

Getumdone provides their field support and expertise

2015 will mark the third year that Coastal GasLink crews have worked to gather information about our proposed pipeline route, approximately 670 kilometres in length. Houston-based Getumdone Contracting Ltd. is one of many northern B.C. businesses that are providing field support and expertise.

"It's important to be passionate about what you do," says co-owner Chrisann Boucher. "Operating a small business is not a nine-to-five job. It takes a lot of dedication."

Getumdone, established in 2001, offers environmental consulting services, labour crews and vegetation management services. Past customers include BC Hydro, Telus and the Government of British Columbia as well as the forestry sector. Getumdone has provided support for Coastal GasLink environmental field studies as well as training services for potential project employees, including work readiness courses, outfitting, and introductory work experience.

Chrisann Boucher and her husband and partner Layne employed more than 50 people on behalf of Coastal GasLink in 2014, with a better than 90 per cent rate of Aboriginal employment.

As an Aboriginal-owned business, Getumdone also provides a link between Coastal GasLink and Aboriginal communities. On the day we reached Chrisann by phone, Layne was providing training in chainsaw use at a site near Houston. The resulting firewood was to be delivered later in the day to elders and community members in need.

"I love the involvement with the community. I love seeing the success stories. And I love being able to provide a safe and healthy work environment out on Wet'suwet'en Territory," Chrisann said when asked what she likes most about her work with Coastal GasLink. "TransCanada and Coastal GasLink have been exceptional in the way they deal with First Nations people. They really listen and I think they care, and they're willing to incorporate the needs and concerns of local Aboriginal people into their project planning and strategy."

For the coming year, Chrisann says she's "optimistic that we'll be able to employ more community members, and facilitate a work environment where they can develop work skills as well as connect with their traditional culture and territory."

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TransCanada launches major northern B.C. training partnerships

TransCanada has announced significant skills training partnerships with Northwest Community College and the College of New Caledonia as part of the company's Pathway to Pipeline Readiness Program for northern B.C. The donations were provided by TransCanada's Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project and Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project.

Northwest Community College: The \$250,000 donation is the largest single private sector donation in the college's 40-year history, and supports the college's service area from Houston in the East, to the many communities on the Northwest Coast in B.C.

The donation includes the following elements:

- Pathway to Pipeline Readiness Skills Fund: includes bursaries to support trainees in NWCC's Trades department and safety certification courses.
- Class 5 Driver's program: TransCanada has purchased a car to enable NWCC to deliver Class 5 driver's training in rural and remote communities. The first cohort will train in Moricetown, and the second in Hazelton.
- Mobile Trades Training: TransCanada's donation will support the purchase of a mobile trades trailer for program delivery in rural and remote communities.

College of New Caledonia: TransCanada launched a partnership with the College of New Caledonia as part of the Pathway to Pipeline Readiness Program. This \$250,000 donation will support training in North-Central B.C. from Mackenzie to Burns Lake, including:

- Bursaries to support trainees in CNC's Trades department.
- TransCanada-sponsored "Safety Weeks" which will occur at five regional campuses over the next year.
- Support for CNC's Digital Delivery Initiative to grant remote access to CNC programming across the college's service area.

"We are working diligently with northern educational institutions such as the College of New Caledonia to ensure residents are able to access training in the essentials skills and relevant trades needed to participate in pipeline and other development projects in northern B.C.," said Tony Palmer, TransCanada's senior vice president for stakeholder relations.

A healthy breakfast for better learning

Through our many meetings with northern B.C. residents since 2012, the Coastal GasLink team has identified education and literacy as high priorities for northern British Columbia.

When the Breakfast Club of Canada approached TransCanada about a possible partnership, Coastal GasLink stepped forward to help bring Breakfast Club to northern B.C.

Breakfast Club is a national non-profit organization that provides funding, equipment, training and support to school breakfast programs. Breakfast Club ensures that vulnerable



From left: Henry Reiser, President, CNC; Kiel Giddens, TransCanada; Rebecca McElhoes, TransCanada celebrate the CNC partnership



Rachel Kulasa and Jaimie Harding from Coastal GasLink, with Breakfast Club participants at Thornhill Elementary

children receive a healthy breakfast on every school day in over 1,200 Canadian schools.

Coastal GasLink has made a three-year commitment to breakfast programs at elementary schools in Prince George, Vanderhoof and Thornhill, outside of Terrace. TransCanada's Prince Rupert Gas Transmission project is supporting a breakfast program in Port Edward. Each of these schools had applied to Breakfast Club for support and organized a suitable space and a team of volunteers.

Starting in fall 2014, free nutritious breakfasts have been available to all students at the four schools. The goal is to promote better health, help children to learn and grow, and build stronger communities. It's part of Coastal GasLink's Education Legacy Program, which seeks opportunities to build long term community capacity in northern B.C. through educational initiatives.

We're proud to work alongside Breakfast Club, and we salute the volunteers and staff at Ron Brent Elementary, Prince George; Evelyn Dickson Elementary, Vanderhoof; and Thornhill Primary for your hard work and dedication.

Let's talk – join us for our Project Information Sessions

Learn more about how our community and aboriginal input, and over 180,000 hours of environmental field work has shaped our proposed Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project.

We'll share highlights about:

- How we engage with communities
- Our safety and environment practices
- Benefits to your community including jobs, training, community investment, capacity building, long term economic growth for BC
- Our construction planning and detailed routing assessment
- Regulatory permits granted
- Local vendor prequalification
- The need for the project in BC and why it's highly feasible

Information Session Schedule:

In each location, doors open at 4:30 p.m.; vendor presentations are at 4:45 p.m. and public presentations are at 5:45 p.m.

Houston Monday, April 13 Senior Citizen's Association Centre 3250 – 14 Street	Fraser Lake Wednesday, April 22 Fraser Lake Recreational Complex 30 Carrier Crescent
Smithers Tuesday, April 14 Hudson Bay Lodge Summit Room 3251 Highway 16 East	Vanderhoof Thursday, April 23 Vanderhoof Elks Hall #473 474 Victoria Street East
Kitimat Wednesday, April 15 Kitimat Valley Institute 1352 Alexander Ave	Chetwynd Tuesday, April 28 Chetwynd Pomeroy Inn & Suites Banquet Room A 5200 North Access Road
Terrace Thursday, April 16 Northwest Community College Room 108 House of Spruce Building 5331 McConnell Ave	Dawson Creek Wednesday, April 29 Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts Meeting Room 1 10401 – 10 Street
Burns Lake Tuesday, April 21 Burns Lake Heritage Centre 540 Highway 16 West	

Your input matters. Join the conversation, ask questions and speak with our team members.

If you are unable to attend but have questions or comments, please contact our project team by email (coastalgaslink@transcanada.com) or by phone at 1.855.633.2011 (toll-free).

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We're on Twitter!

Coastal GasLink is excited to launch a Twitter account! Check out the new **Coastal GasLink Twitter page: @CoastalGasLink** and learn about the latest news on the Project. Join us and stay in the loop.

About the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project

TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) is a Canadian company with more than 60 years of experience building and operating pipelines safely and reliably. Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. (Coastal GasLink) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada.

Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. is proposing to construct and operate an approximately 670 kilometre natural gas pipeline from the Groundbirch area near Dawson Creek, B.C. to the proposed LNG Canada liquefied natural gas export facility near Kitimat, B.C. The Project would involve construction with 48-inch (1219 mm) diameter pipe, in addition to the construction and operation of up to three meter stations and one compressor station in the initial build. The initial capacity would be approximately 2.0-3.0 billion cubic feet/day of natural gas capacity, with an expansion capability of 5.0 billion cubic feet/day.

TransCanada believes in making a positive difference by investing in the communities in which we work and live. We are committed to being a good neighbour, a strategic community partner and an employer of choice. In 2013, TransCanada invested \$14.6 million in more than 1,400 non-profit organizations.

