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Coastal GasLink connects with local business

The Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project team hosted information sessions in nine northern B.C. communities during April, with a focus on business opportunities.

Each evening featured a presentation for potential vendors, followed by a question-and-answer period. Dozens of local business operators stopped by to express interest in the project.

Coastal GasLink is working to be ready for a construction start in 2016. The project's prime contractors, yet to be selected, will take the lead in offering opportunities for local vendors. Coastal GasLink's functions will include:

- Close consultation with each prime contractor in the development of the contractor's local and Aboriginal participation plans
- Collecting vendor information through project websites, conferences and industry databases, and sharing that information with prime contractors
- Sharing prime contractor information with vendors, potential employees and communities
- Hosting networking events, and taking part in job fairs and business events

The information sessions also included a presentation and question period for the general public. Guests often asked about how the proposed pipeline route has been developed, and about pipeline safety.

Houston, B.C. Mayor, Shane Brienens says Coastal GasLink has set the standard for engagement when it comes to keeping residents in his town informed and inviting feedback.

"Coastal GasLink is doing it right. You have been engaging with us since the beginning and have been open and transparent and always answer questions honestly," says Mayor Brienens.



Coastal GasLink's Scott Bone presents to local business people in Houston, B.C.

"These information sessions are so valuable to us," says Greg Cano, Coastal GasLink's project planning and execution director. "They give us the chance to share information, sit down and talk with people, and hear what's on their minds. We want to continue the dialogue, we want to hear feedback."

The information sessions were held in Houston, Smithers, Kitimat, Terrace, Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, Vanderhoof, Chetwynd and Dawson Creek. For more information, visit www.coastalgaslink.com.

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Jaimie Harding (Coastal GasLink Community Relations), Rick Gateman (Coastal GasLink President), Fred Oilemans (BV SAR) and Kiel Giddens (Coastal GasLink Community Relations) holding new public signage funded by a donation from TransCanada.

Bulkley Valley Search and Rescue benefits from donation

For the roughly 20 search and rescue team members in Bulkley Valley, B.C., emergencies can mean helping those in distress on the river, locating missing or injured people, rescuing people involved in avalanches and more. Sometimes the difference between life and death in these situations means having the necessary equipment to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

TransCanada announced June 23 that its Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project and Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project contributed \$15,000 towards the Bulkley Valley Search and Rescue Society (BV SAR), helping to provide much needed equipment to keep their volunteers safe while providing a more efficient search and rescue service.

"There's a real need to be better prepared for emergencies," says Steve Jennings, vice president of BV SAR. "The support from TransCanada will enhance our local water rescue team's rapid response capacity through the purchase of a new jet motor for our boat."

"It will also improve public awareness about water safety and conditions through public signage, and equip our search and rescue members with more protective apparel so that they can safely work in extreme weather conditions," he adds. "We truly appreciate the support from TransCanada for this important program."

The BV SAR focuses on swift water rescue, rope rescues and ground search and rescue, all of which require a multitude

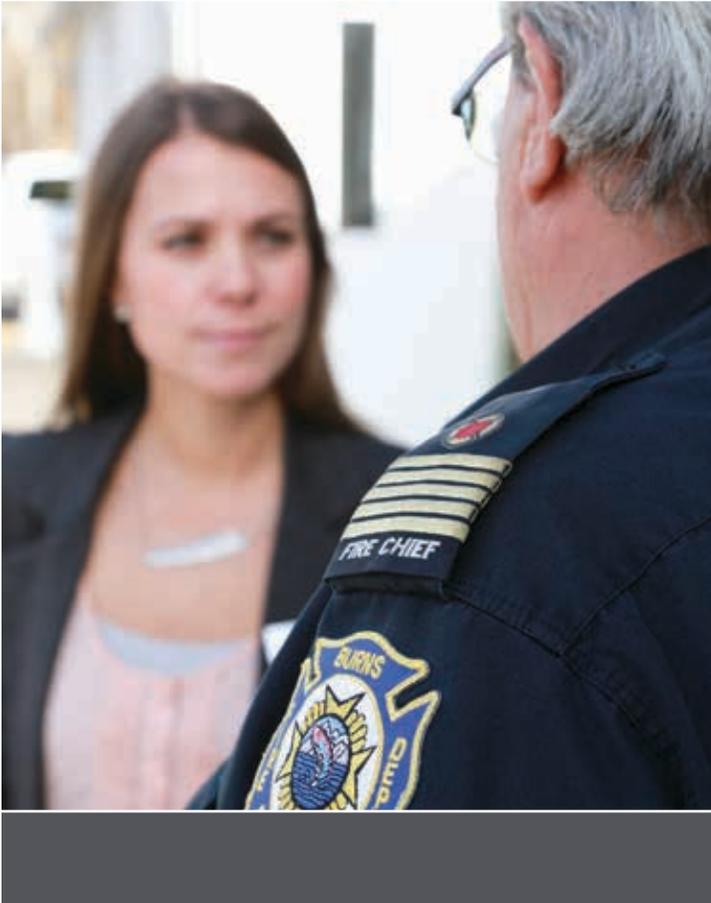
of important safety measures. BV SAR is one of 79 search and rescue groups in B.C.; across the province, 2,500 British Columbians are members of search and rescue teams that respond to over 1,300 calls a year.

"Bulkley Valley Search and Rescue is just the kind of organization that we're pleased to partner with," says Rick Gateman, president of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project. "We know the funding will make a real difference to the efforts of this volunteer group and that the work they do for the community is critical," says Gateman.

"The volunteers serving the Bulkley Valley Search and Rescue Society have made the Smithers area safer for those who use waterways in the Bulkley Valley," says Dean Patry, president of the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project. "With our support, they will be able to help users through an improved awareness program and provide a more efficient search and rescue service."

Over the past five years, TransCanada has invested more than \$4.5 million in community partnerships in B.C. like this one. "Since safety initiatives are a key pillar of TransCanada's community investment program, it was a good fit for us," said Gateman.

TransCanada has a history of supporting communities where it operates. In 2014, TransCanada directed more than \$14.6 million to nearly 1,500 non-profit organizations across North America, including school breakfast programs and the Canada Winter Games in B.C.



What is the Socio-economic Effects Management Plan?

The Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Coastal GasLink Project contains 32 conditions, including conditions adopted to address project-specific concerns raised by First Nations, local communities and resource management agencies. Condition 24 describes the requirement to develop a Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP).

The SEEMP is a document that identifies actions that Coastal GasLink will undertake to monitor and report on the mitigation put forward in the Environmental Assessment application. This mitigation is specific to direct social and economic effects related to infrastructure and services that may arise during construction. The monitoring may identify the need for new or revised mitigation, part of the "adaptive management approach" described in the SEEMP.

Coastal GasLink will provide twice-yearly reports on Project-related social and economic mitigation monitoring to provincial government agencies, local governments and First Nations.

This ongoing reporting process will support governments and communities in the discussion on how this major project is affecting northern B.C., and how construction can be managed to maximize benefits and minimize negative effects.

Besides the SEEMP, Coastal GasLink has developed management plans related to other valued components presented in the environmental assessment – for example, water quality, visual quality, grizzly bear habitat, caribou habitat, and invasive plant management.

Coastal GasLink supports local trainees for resource development

Through an agreement with Northwest Community College (NWCC), Coastal GasLink recently provided \$239,000 in funding support for 20 trainees in the Field Assistant Program at NWCC's School of Mineral Exploration in Smithers.

The Field Assistant Training Program develops skills related to the collection of data for use in the regulatory permitting of natural resource related projects. The April 2015 training course was offered to residents of communities from Hazelton to Burns Lake, within Wet'suwet'en traditional territory.

Besides learning about data collection, trainees were instructed in safety procedures associated with the rigours of working outdoors in remote areas. Students learned about wilderness navigation, emergency preparedness, first aid and wildlife awareness as well as data collection and sampling techniques.

"The support of industry is really the component that can ensure the relevance of the programs that we offer," says Regina Saimoto, NWCC's Regional Director in Smithers. "Many of the certificates our students will obtain are transferable, so students can go after opportunities from exploration to mining, forestry, natural gas development and other natural resource industries."

Through its education and training programs, operated through agreements with colleges and training organizations, the Coastal GasLink Project is helping northern B.C. residents to develop transferable job skills and is making a lasting contribution to the work force.

"The future is brighter now with the training that I've got," says trainee Karla Holland after receiving her completion certificate. "I've got a direction. I know where I'm going to go."

A video of Karla Holland's story is posted on the main page of our website at www.coastalgaslink.com.

Project benefits

The Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project will deliver well-designed and constructed infrastructure that provides long-term economic benefits for B.C. and Canada.

High-quality jobs – An estimated 2,000 to 2,500 jobs during construction, and 16 to 35 permanent positions during operation.

Business opportunities – Services that are typically required for pipeline construction include vehicle and equipment supply and maintenance, pipe and vehicle hauling, trucking, crew transportation, access road construction and maintenance, gravel supply, fuel supply, environmental monitoring and more. Our local contracting fact sheet is posted at www.coastalgaslink.com under “The Benefits.”

Local spend – The project construction cost is estimated at over \$4.8 billion, with at least 32 per cent of that spend taking place in B.C. Once the pipeline is in operation, an additional \$42 million is forecast to be spent each year, mainly in B.C.

Property taxes – An estimated \$20 million in annual property tax benefits will support community services such as fire protection, policing, schools, hospital districts, and waste management.

Local spend to date: Coastal GasLink has spent \$40.7 million in northern B.C. as of the end of June 2015, including \$4.5 million on community investment and education and training initiatives. During construction and operation, the benefits to B.C. will grow significantly.



Coastal GasLink's community investments support local initiatives across northern B.C., like this flat ice rescue training course conducted by the Nechako Valley Search and Rescue Society in Vanderhoof.

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.

Your input matters

If you have questions or comments about TransCanada's Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project, please contact our project team by email (coastalgaslink@transcanada.com) or by phone at 1.855.633.2011 (toll-free).

Our website has maps, videos, past newsletters and more at www.coastalgaslink.com