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The project agreement reflects that we can collaborate with companies like Coastal GasLink, and participate in the many benefits of the project.

~Chief Dan George
Burns Lake Indian Band

Coastal GasLink continues to make progress with First Nations in Northern B.C.

Recently, the project was pleased to [announce three long-term Project Agreements](#) with the Blueberry River First Nations, Burns Lake Indian Band and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

The Project Agreements outline financial and other benefits and commitments that will be provided to these communities for as long as the pipeline is in service.

"These agreements are a reflection of how Aboriginal groups are choosing to participate in the long-term development of B.C.'s natural gas industry," says Rick Gateman, Coastal GasLink president. "Their important contributions to our project allow us to incorporate their local knowledge into our planning and pipeline design, which is a priority for us. Their participation in these agreements makes Coastal GasLink a better project, and enables them to participate in the significant benefits." Project Agreements

are the direct result of our consultative approach to working with Aboriginal groups on opportunities related to B.C.'s emerging liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry, including developing skills training, employment and utilizing Aboriginal businesses in local contracting opportunities. Nine Project Agreements have been signed so far on the project, each being a strong indicator of the importance we place on engagement, and that many First Nations support responsible development and growth that translates into access to real opportunities. [Visit our webpage](#) for more information on other Project Agreements.

Coastal GasLink
Pipeline Project

Did you know? Feedback matters to us! Applying to add an alternate route...

In our last edition of Connector we shared information about our plan to apply for an alternate route, and since then, we have filed our application. As a refresher, here are five things you need to know:

- We've taken Aboriginal feedback regarding a small section of our pipeline near the Morice River into consideration and have applied to amend our Environmental Assessment Certificate that we received from the Environmental Assessment Office, and our B.C. Oil and Gas Commission permits. This means that we'd like our certificate and permits to reflect both route options.
- The alternate route is about 5 km north of our approved route, approximately 56 km long, and addresses concerns we heard about the potential impacts of pipeline construction and operations on ground water flows into the Morice River.
- Both the approved route and the proposed alternate route have been previously exposed to logging. We have been collecting environmental, archaeological and engineering information on the alternate route this year.
- This work allows us to ensure cultural and historical resources are identified, respected and protected, and so that the project can be designed, constructed and operated safely while respecting the environment.
- We are confident both routes could be built successfully, and both options reflect our high standards and commitment to safety and environmental protection.
- We'll decide on the final route once we have all of our regulatory approvals, and when we have fully considered both options. This includes more detailed design work on construction planning, taking into account commercial, cultural and environmental considerations, as well as cost and schedule.



Hope is in the air

The northwestern B.C. city of Terrace has nearly everything a family could want. But when newborn Soren Hollman was diagnosed with a heart defect, doctors advised his parents Chrissy and Travis that the required surgery was beyond the level of care available in Terrace. Soren would need heart surgery in Vancouver, over 1,300 kilometres away from home.

With Chrissy on maternity leave, the family was financially unprepared for a long trip of uncertain duration. Chrissy turned to Hope Air, a Canadian charity that arranges medical flights for people who face financial and distance barriers. Three months after his diagnosis, Soren traveled with his parents to Vancouver for the open heart surgery.

"Hope Air assisted our stress-free surgery by supplying Soren and myself a flight to and from Vancouver," says Chrissy. "It was truly the only thing I did not have to worry about."

TransCanada's Coastal GasLink and Prince Rupert Gas Transmission projects have been proud supporters of Hope Air since 2013. Our joint \$15,000 in donations this year has allowed Hope Air to arrange 45 flights for northern B.C. residents like the Hollman family.

"These donations have cleared away some of the worry, distress and extra cost of travelling long distances for medical treatment that many people who live in remote communities face. This is a program that changes lives, and we are proud to be involved with them," says Greg Cano, Coastal GasLink's director of project planning and execution.

As for Soren, we're thrilled to share that after his successful surgery, he no longer requires medication.

"He had more energy than we could have imagined in such a short amount of time," says Chrissy. "He started to thrive and grow before our eyes. He truly started to flourish."



TransCanada supports trades training for the B.C. Peace Region

Students at the Dawson Creek campus of Northern Lights College (NLC) will benefit from a recent \$250,000 TransCanada donation to help create a new trades training centre, and fund training costs for students.

“Through our work with local residents, community leaders and Aboriginal groups, we know that investing in skills development is important to northern British Columbians,” says Kristine Delkus, TransCanada’s executive vice president for stakeholder relations. Subject to final approvals at the college, TransCanada’s gift will purchase new welding booths at the Dawson Creek campus and provide bursaries to students to improve their access to training.

“TransCanada’s donation to the proposed new trades training centre will help NLC close the skills gap and ensure that students gain access to the right training in the right location at the right time,” says Dr. Bryn Kulmatycki, NLC president and CEO.

Donna Kane, executive director of the Northern Lights College Foundation, adds, “by helping students with financial need, the TransCanada awards program will go a long way in ensuring that those who wish to attend NLC will have that opportunity.”

Funding will be provided jointly by TransCanada’s Coastal GasLink Pipeline and Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) projects, as part of the company’s Pathway to Pipeline Readiness Program. The program is focused on helping to build northern B.C.’s skilled labour force, and to grow workers’ transferable skills.



Coastal GasLink and Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) invest in Pacific Salmon Foundation to target Skeena Salmon

As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship, protection and performance, TransCanada is working with the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) to continue to undertake comprehensive assessments of Skeena salmon populations and their habitats. The Foundation supports projects in the areas of habitat stewardship, Pacific salmon enhancement and watershed education. The projects aid the communities of Smithers, Terrace, New Hazelton and Burns Lake, and include:

- enhancement of local salmon stocks
- student and public education about salmon habitat rehabilitation
- monitoring rehabilitation of salmon habitat

In addition, the Pacific Salmon Foundation is developing a new web-based data visualization tool that will allow users to explore the status of all Skeena salmon populations and their habitat. “Thanks to this program, communities and Aboriginal groups in northern B.C. are engaging in great work to protect Pacific salmon habitat by implementing salmon conservation initiatives in their own backyards,” says Greg Cano, director of project planning and execution.

“We are thrilled to support their ongoing research to identify the factors affecting Pacific salmon in the Skeena watershed – a critical need identified by PSF and the many surrounding communities that depend on this important resource,” says John Dunn, vice president, PRGT.

Coastal GasLink, PRGT, and TransCanada have donated over \$250,000 to help support the efforts of the Pacific Salmon Foundation in the Skeena Watershed.



The need for a pipeline

Why Coastal GasLink makes sense

- The pipeline will help move natural gas supply from northeastern B.C. to world markets.
- B.C.'s gas fields have enough natural gas to meet the needs of both local and international markets for decades.
- Prices for natural gas are currently low, but world demand is growing rapidly.
- Natural gas use in Asia will replace higher emitting fuels, helping to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions.
- B.C. is located close to Asian markets, and represents a stable source of natural gas.
- Hundreds of technicians and support people in preliminary field work have already been employed, with spin-off benefits for local suppliers and retailers. The level of Aboriginal participation has been high: of our over 333,000 hours of field work, over 25% has come from Aboriginal groups. Our training and education investments are now past the \$2 million dollar mark.
- Many communities along the route support the project, and we've received [a number of letters of support](#).
- During construction, Coastal GasLink will offer thousands of job openings and numerous contracting opportunities over a period of three to four years. After completion, our pipeline will generate more than \$20 million in property taxes each year in northern B.C., providing ongoing support to such services as fire protection, policing and education.



At a recent Chamber luncheon, the speakers from TransCanada drew a crowd of over 100 members who came out to learn about TransCanada's contracting programs and practices and the various local services that will be required for the projects throughout construction. It is this kind of information sharing and ongoing local engagement by TransCanada that assures us of their commitment to local benefits and is why we are happy to endorse TransCanada's northern B.C. projects.

- Tony Zabinsky,
President, Fort St. John and
District Chamber of Commerce

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