Connecting local people to good jobs

Building a pipeline requires a large number of workers — 2,500 to be exact — with a variety of skills and expertise.

And at Coastal GasLink, we believe many of these workers should be from the communities along the project route. More than a belief, it’s our commitment.

Since November 2018, Coastal GasLink has been hosting Economic Summits in communities along the project route.

These summits have been hugely successful in connecting local prospective employees and businesses to jobs and contracting opportunities.

In fact, some people were hired on the spot, including Lisa Desjarlais, who travelled to Prince George from Fort St. John with her sister-in-law Judy Desjarlais, of the Blueberry River First Nation.

The project’s prime contractors and many sub-contractors — Surerus Murphy Joint Venture, SA Energy Group, Macro Spiecapag Joint Venture and Pacific Atlantic Pipeline Construction Inc. — are attending the events to provide information about the types of jobs and contracts needed for construction along the 670-kilometre project route.

Our prime contractors will maintain a local presence in communities along the project route to continue to fulfill our commitment to hire locally.

To learn more about potential jobs and contracting opportunities, please visit our website: coastalgaslink.com/benefits

“This is something that’s going to benefit me, my family, and it’s nice because it’s going to help First Nations.”
– Lisa Desjarlais

Economic Summit in Dawson Creek, B.C. (31 January 2019)
Over the next few months, we will be profiling our four prime contractors. This month we are profiling Macro Spiecapag Joint Venture.

Meet our Prime Contractors: MSJV

In 2018, Coastal GasLink selected Macro Spiecapag Joint Venture (MSJV) to construct sections 5 and 8 of the 670-kilometre project. In selecting our prime contractors, we sought out highly qualified companies that met our core principles for safety, environmental stewardship and stakeholder engagement.

We caught up with Leah Babstock, Human Resources Lead for MSJV at one of the Coastal GasLink economic summits last month and asked her a few questions about Macro Spiecapag and their role with the Coastal GasLink Project.

What experience does your company have working on major projects like Coastal GasLink?

MSJV was developed about five years ago. We took the experience of Macro Pipelines, which has Canadian Rockies experience and combined it with Spiecapag who is known worldwide for developing and building difficult pipelines throughout the world.

What’s your process in ensuring local and First Nations businesses are connected to jobs on the project?

First and foremost, attending these events gives us an excellent opportunity to connect with local businesses who are interested in working with the project. We will also build relationships so we can make sure we are sharing what positions are available for local job opportunities. For subcontracting opportunities, CGL will provide us a list of all the subcontractors and First Nations who have registered, in addition to our own lists, and we will make sure they’re included in our Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process.

How important is safety and the environment to your company?

Our commitment to safety and environment is part of our culture. We work closely with CGL to develop our safety plans and environmental protection plans and make sure that we clearly communicate those to our workforce and our subcontractors.

You will be building approximately 166km of the project in sections 5 and 8 — tell us a bit about the terrain?

It’s arguably the most technical pipeline spread being built in North America currently. Some of our challenges are steep slopes, and so we are installing a cable crane system that will bring material to the right of way. That’s essentially a kilometre-long gondola!

What excites you about being involved in the Coastal GasLink Project?

The Coastal GasLink Project is in my opinion making Canadian history and I’m very excited to be a part of something that engages the communities to bring a lot more economic sustainability to Canada. It’s something I will look back on for a lot of years of my life and be very proud to have been a part of it.

To learn more about opportunities with MSJV on the project, please contact:
Employment inquiries: Jobs@MSJV.ca
Procurement inquiries: Vendors@MSJV.ca
Prince George: the host with the most!

As the old saying goes, it takes a village. And truer words could not be used to define how the community of Prince George came together to host its first world championship event — the 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships, from February 15 to 24.

The week-long international event saw more than 140 athletes from 20 countries compete for medals at the world-class Otway Nordic Centre.

The team at Coastal GasLink is proud to have played a small part in supporting all the volunteers, event organizers and spectators in hosting the games. As the Official Accessibility Sponsor, Coastal GasLink’s sponsorship enabled several upgrades at the Nordic Centre, including permanent ramps, automatic doors, accessible water fountains, and mobi-mats to enable accessibility on snow.

When we were developing our sponsorship with Kevin Pettersen, chairperson for the games, he said, “Our vision has been to create a magical experience for all participants, but we also wanted to look into the future and make sure this wasn’t just about a single event.”

Coastal GasLink was grateful to help the community of Prince George implement its vision — a vision that is well aligned with our commitment to support the long-term health of the communities where we live, work, and operate.

With this in mind, Coastal GasLink funded a school outreach program with Mike Shaw, a ski coach and former freestyle skier, to engage young people and expand their understanding of accessibility and inclusiveness.

"I am so glad we were able to be a part of bringing Mike to Prince George to share his story of courage and strength with as many people as he did. For us, this is how we can help create a lasting legacy from these games.”

– Tanner Woodman, Coastal GasLink Public Affairs Coordinator

Mike Shaw shared his story with more than 500 middle school students in Prince George. Mike was skiing one day in 2013 when he suffered an accident that paralyzed him and changed his life forever.
Coastal GasLink provides a $50,000 boost to the Pathway to Pipeline Readiness Trades Bursary (January 2019)

Our team at the BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George (January 2019)

Our team presented a donation to the Kindness Meter Initiative, a partnership between the City of Dawson Creek and Coastal GasLink (January 2019)

About the Project

The Coastal GasLink Project is a 670-kilometre provincially regulated pipeline that will safely deliver natural gas from the eastern part of B.C. near Dawson Creek to the LNG Canada facility in Kitimat, B.C.

The project is designed to meet some of the strictest environmental and safety standards in the world.

Project Update

With a positive financial investment decision (FID) from LNG Canada in late 2018, preliminary construction work is progressing in key sections of the route, including sections 1 and 8.

The majority of the work in 2019 includes:

- Improve access / upgrade roads
- Establish workforce sites
- Land clearing
- Site preparation for pipe laydown areas

We’d like to hear from you

If you have any questions or comments about the project, please reach out.

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