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TRANSCANADA, SHELL RECOGNIZED FOR CONTRIBUTION TO KITIMAT FIRE PROTECTION STUDY

The Kitimat Fire & Ambulance Service wishes to acknowledge TransCanada (Coastal GasLink) and Shell Canada (LNG Canada) for their financial assistance in conducting a Fire Protection Study for the District of Kitimat in 2013.

The study by a specialist hired last July will allow the community and its emergency services to move forward, laying the groundwork for the industrial and residential growth that is currently taking place within the community and surrounding area. It focused on four key areas: 1) current capabilities of the Kitimat Fire and Rescue Services compared to the level of risk in the community; 2) evaluation of the current standard of response/service levels being provided by Kitimat Fire and Rescue Services; 3) assessment of the current levels of fire protection being provided by industrial facilities within the community; and 4) comments on the future direction of Kitimat Fire and Rescue Services in regards to addressing the addition of proposed industrial facilities.

The conclusion of the study quantifies the level of service currently provided in the community relative to risk present. Additionally, specific comments on the risk assessment will be used to provide insight into possible response to a selected industrial structure. This study will help serve as a baseline from which industrial facilities can determine the additional levels of fire protection desired/needed for their specific risk level.

“On behalf of the Kitimat Fire and Ambulance Service, I would like to personally thank Mayor and Council as well as TransCanada and Shell Canada-LNG Canada, whose donations made the study possible, for their continued support and commitment to a safer, healthier community within the District of Kitimat,” said Fire Chief Trent Bossence.

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