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Over the years, the Connector newsletter has been a way for us to share the exciting milestones and events happening in your communities. With the recent mechanical completion of Coastal GasLink, this edition of the Connector will highlight you – the Indigenous and local community members whose support has left an incredible impact on this project and the future of energy in Canada.

Communities at the core of Coastal GasLink's success

A letter from Natasha Westover, Manager,
Public Affairs, TC Energy

We did it! With the recent completion of our project, marking the end of five-years of construction, it is natural that we pause and reflect on how we got here.

When I think back on my experience on Coastal GasLink, I've tried to identify one moment that stood out among the rest; one donation, milestone or event that made this project a success. But what I've come to realize is that Coastal GasLink goes beyond a single moment or milestone – it's the human impact that is our greatest legacy and how people came together and supported each other. And it's all because you and your communities opened your doors and welcomed us in.

Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of visiting hundreds of communities, but nothing could have prepared me for the experience of building lasting relationships in communities across the 670-kilometre Coastal GasLink right-of-way. This will forever be a highlight in my career. Building energy infrastructure is

no small feat, and to build the first pipeline to the west coast in 70 years is a herculean effort that simply could not have been done without you.

Together, Coastal GasLink, the contractors and the workforce helped deliver real-life positive impacts that demonstrate what a project of this scale can do. From the individual workers who spent their own time and resources to fundraise in communities, to the investments made in skills training that have trained up the next generation of skilled workers in B.C., to the community infrastructure that was built beyond the project such as playgrounds, libraries, and programs that will benefit communities for decades. These are the tangible examples that I think of when I reflect on what we built. But this is about more than just the tangible benefits – it is about the people we've met and the relationships we have created.

And that is what this is all about for me – it's about the smiling faces I am greeted with when I



Natasha pictured with former Fort St. John Mayor, Lori Ackerman.

visit communities because of the relationships and friendships we have built that will last a lifetime.

There is not enough space in this newsletter to highlight all the stories of support and collaboration that were vital to our success, but please know that your community is as much a part of our success as those who physically constructed the pipeline.

Here's to the partnerships, friendships and history that we have made together. Relationships that I look forward to growing as we look ahead to operations in this great province.

With gratitude,

Natasha

A full circle moment – Making career dreams a reality



Coastal GasLink is one of the most humbling jobs I've ever had in my life because it's allowed me to learn new skills and move forward into the career I have today. I'm excited to see what the future will bring for me next.

– Levi Gouchie, TC Energy

For Levi Gouchie, Coastal GasLink was more than just a job – it was a journey that provided an opportunity for him to uncover and pursue his passions, cementing his career and future.

When we caught up with Levi last month, he reflected on his many years with the project. The highlight of his time on Coastal GasLink has been the personal journey. “I started out not having the slightest idea of what I was doing, to learning and maturing as an individual and having an opportunity to work on one of the world’s most complex projects,” reflects Levi.

Levi, a proud member of Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, calls Prince George home. His journey with Coastal GasLink started right out of high school in 2012, when he took a job as a general labourer with a construction company that was working on Coastal GasLink.

As a young man with a passion for learning, Levi used his newfound interest for construction to motivate him to pursue skills training in heavy

construction, and certifications in Occupational Health and Safety and Environmental Monitoring. When he found out he was going to become a father, Levi completed his training and found a secure job in the mining industry, where he was also able to learn on the job, including operating some of the most complex heavy machinery around, while also earning a blasting certificate.

With his new skills and certifications in hand, coupled with further experience gained in the mining industry, Levi's path brought him back to Coastal GasLink.

In 2019, he applied for, and received a job with SA Energy, the contractor responsible for construction in Sections 3 and 4, spanning nearly 200 kilometres of the project right-of-way. Showcasing tremendous commitment to his work and an expanding skill set, Levi was offered the opportunity to take on many progressive roles with SA Energy.

“I was able to operate heavy equipment like dozers and excavators on some of the toughest geographical terrain in the world. I learned how to work with the environment and not against it,” said Levi. “I was also able to work on other sections of the project and work my way up from heavy machinery into leadership roles.”

Always searching for the ability to learn and grow, having seen the project through to near completion, in summer 2023 Levi attended Pipeline Inspector Training organized by the Coastal GasLink Indigenous Education and Training program. With the help of Coastal GasLink, this training helped Levi sharpen his skills and make connections he knew could help propel his career. Levi excelled in the program



Levi pictured at mainline block valve 15 near Houston, B.C.

and was offered a role with TC Energy working in Operations on Coastal GasLink – a true full circle moment.

“I've been a boy with dreams and goals who has always strived to learn. The last nine years have been incredible, and in my new position with TC Energy Operations, I'm starting a whole new career – and a whole new chapter for me and my family,” said Levi proudly.

Coastal GasLink is grateful for all the people who helped build an extraordinary legacy. We are incredibly proud to have Levi join our long-term operations team. The local knowledge and experience he will be able to share with other members of our team will help ensure that our legacy of safety and respect for all people and the environment endures throughout operations and beyond. Thank you and welcome aboard Levi!

In your community

Since project inception, Coastal GasLink has remained committed to supporting the communities we operate within.

To date, we have invested more than \$13 million into local communities, non-profits and sponsorships. To celebrate all we have accomplished together, Coastal GasLink and our prime contractors were proud to host events to recognize the support and contributions of the Indigenous and local communities along the right-of-way. Each event was an opportunity to acknowledge our mutual sense of gratitude for what we have accomplished together – something that would not have been possible without the support of each community.



The team served up a pancake breakfast in Chetwynd, B.C.



Saik'uz First Nation Chief Priscilla Mueller and District of Vanderhoof Mayor Kevin Moutray cutting cakes for attendees to enjoy.



A fantastic celebration at Spirit Square in Burns Lake, B.C.



Haisla dancers at the event in Kitimat, B.C.



Cutting the cake at the celebration in Houston, B.C.



All smiles at the event in Fraser Lake, B.C.

Reflecting on the extraordinary

Trevor Hewitt, Business Analyst, CMCL and CWAA Programs

I still can't believe it's been half a year since I joined the Construction Monitor and Community Liaison (CMCL) and Community Workforce Accommodation Advisor (CWAA) programs and stepped into what is by far the most exciting job I've ever had as a Business Analyst. When I started this role, I had a good level of familiarity with the program from my previous time on the project as a Field Administrator, but what I didn't realize was just how connected you can become with a team in such a short period of time.



I feel so privileged to have been able to make the connections and learn from the wealth of knowledge our many advisors carry throughout our various interactions.

– Trevor Hewitt,
Business Analyst

I've always been drawn to the land and hearing the stories and respect that our team has for the region not only solidifies my respect for our Indigenous peoples' traditional way of living, but it makes me want to learn more about living in harmony with nature.

Reconciliation is increasingly discussed in media, however to me, sometimes these actions seem like they can be hollow. When I look at our programs, that is not what I see.

I see advisors who are just as essential to our project as an Inspector or Engineer. I see our CWAA team making long-lasting connections with their lodge coworkers, to the point that they feel comfortable coming to them at a time of crisis. I see advisors who care about the mental and physical health of the residents. I see construction crews going out of their way to harvest traditional medicine for workshops, only to be gifted them back in the form of soap, salves and other goodies. I see Inspectors and Foremen who take the time to listen, hear our team's concerns and answer questions with respect and openness. In short, I see an extraordinary legacy.



Trevor has played an essential role as both a Field Administrator and Business Analyst for the Coastal GasLink CWAA and CMCL programs.

As we enter 2024, regardless of what the future holds, I am proud to have worked alongside an amazing team and know that when I look back on this time it will be with smiles and fond memories. Thank you for your continued participation in what I believe, and hope will one day be standard practice for all industry, not just in Canada but worldwide.

What's next for Coastal GasLink

Just because construction is finished, doesn't mean we are.

Coastal GasLink will be working to implement important clean-up and reclamation plans and preparing our team and communities for safe operations. Crews have been demobilizing from construction activities, including several of our workforce accommodations. A portion of the workforce will return in spring

2024 to continue clean-up and reclamation work.

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