## Coastal GasLink — Connector

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# Indigenous advisors share culture at workforce accommodations



CWA Advisors connected with the workforce at the Wilde Lake Compressor Station to share their culture and history for National Indigenous Peoples Day

Coastal GasLink's Community Workforce Accommodation Advisor (CWAA) program is a first of its kind initiative that engages local Indigenous community members to provide day-to-day support in the workforce accommodation lodges.

From day one, we have been committed to listening, learning and seeking feedback from Indigenous and local communities. We are committed to always seeking to listen, understand and incorporate feedback wherever possible. And it was from this feedback that the CWAA Program was developed.

In addition to promoting a healthy, safe and responsible lifestyle, CWA Advisors wear many hats and are ambassadors of inclusion, activity coordinators, cultural keepers and monitors for Indigenous communities.

Recently for **National Indigenous Peoples Day**, some of our CWA Advisors visited the Wilde Lake Compressor Station to bake bannock for the workforce and set up a small shop to sell traditional gifts and crafts.

This isn't the first time our CWA Advisors have set up a small storefront to showcase Indigenous arts and crafts and connected workers with their culture and history. Last year, our CWAA's set up an online **Artisans' Market** which featured handcrafted items, made by artisans from local and Indigenous communities.

"It's a wonderful balance of time spent in the community, on the right-of-way and with my Indigenous CWA Advisors," said Denine Gosselin, CWAA Coordinator. "Together we are building a strong cohesive team supporting the CWAA program and the Coastal GasLink Project. Through this role, my career is aligned with my passion for working with Indigenous Communities. My heart is full," she continued.

When asked what they've enjoyed the most about being an integral part of the CWAA program, many said that they loved sharing their cultural teachings with members of the workforce, which in turn has allowed them to reconnect with their own roots.

Bonnie George, CWA Advisor at Huckleberry Lodge from Witset First Nation said that being able to engage with people from different parts of the world has shown her that the values that make up their foundations are very similar.

### Coastal GasLink funds new Chetwynd Public Library

Giving back to the communities along the Coastal GasLink project route is an important part of our Extraordinary Legacy.

Coastal GasLink and prime contractor, Surerus Murphy Joint Venture (SMJV) have come together to each donate \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 to support the construction of the new Chetwynd Public Library.

Representatives from Coastal GasLink, SMJV, the District of Chetwynd and the Public Library came together for a groundbreaking event to mark the beginning of construction on the new library.

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Working with our community partners from the Peace River Regional District and the District of Chetwynd, it's an honour to be a part of this next chapter for the region," says Kiel Giddens, Project Director, Public Affairs, Coastal GasLink.

"Coastal GasLink's donation will support emergency management features at the new library which is aligned with our culture of safety that empowers our people to protect and support one another. It is one of the ways we are looking to leave a legacy here in the community."



Kiel Giddens (centre) and Sean Surerus (centre left) joined members of the library board and local government to celebrate the construction of the new Chetwynd Public Library

Safety has, and always will be, our number one priority when it comes to our workforce, the environment and the communities along the project route. SMJV shares that same value, which is why this donation will contribute directly to ensuring the library is fully equipped with a fire alarm system, exterior and emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and defibrillators.

Sean Surerus, Chairman, SMJV said, "It is important to us to leave behind something that benefits the entire community and investing in a library — a place for community to gather rooted in literature and education aligns well with our organizational priorities around collaboration and engagement. Being able to participate in the funding of the library is a wonderful way to commemorate the legacy of the Coastal GasLink project."

Our Legacy donations go above and beyond our ongoing community investment initiatives as we strive to leave a legacy in the communities along the project. Since 2021, we've contributed more than \$675,000 in Legacy donations across the project route to realize long-term positive outcomes for communities.

# Supporting a healthy workforce at work and at home

The COVID-19 pandemic took its toll on healthcare systems across the country, and small community healthcare resources were stretched thin. To ensure Coastal GasLink does not contribute to the burden in local communities we are partnered with International SOS (ISOS), keeping the health and well-being of our workforces cared for every day. With on-site clinics and medical professionals in every lodge across the 670-kilometre route, ISOS provides in person care day in, day out.

As we all hope to move on from COVID-19, the burden of the pandemic will remain for some time. To address the health and well-being of the workforce beyond the acute needs of COVID, once again we've partnered with International SOS to provide ongoing health and wellness support for our workforce. Kicking off this summer, ISOS has launched a program to engage the workforce on important health topics such as fatigue, mental health, heart health, good sleep habits and more.

Although many of the previous COVID-19 protocols have been eased, we remain diligent and continue to remind all workers to monitor for symptoms and provide education about the importance of vaccines and boosters. As we have come to learn over the pandemic, things can evolve, and we should be prepared to adjust to new procedures at any time.

At Coastal GasLink, nothing matters more to us than the health and safety of our workers, their families and local communities. Together with our prime contractors and ISOS, we will continue to find innovative ways to support our workforce while building this incredible project.

### A feat of engineering at Cable Crane Hill



The epic cable crane in Section 8 West successfully traversed the steep slopes to deliver the first of an estimated 1,400 meters of pipe at Cable Crane Hill

Cable Crane Hill, one of the many special sections along Coastal GasLink's 670-kilometre route, has transported its first segment of pipe up the steep slope using the cable crane. A true testament to the skill and ingenuity of our team, the crane was erected over the last two years using heavy lift helicopters battling difficult terrain and challenging conditions. Now complete, the cable crane will be used to transport people, equipment and material safely up the steep slopes. Once the special section is complete, it's estimated it will have carried approximately 1,400 meters of pipe over an elevation change of 700 meters. There are two cranes in operation on Cable Crane Hill – the smaller one has the capacity to transport 5 tonnes and will carry personnel up the hill on a gondola. The larger crane has capacity to carry up to 16 tonnes and will be used to transport materials such as drills, welding equipment, and other construction equipment.

# Partnering with Nak'azdli Whut'en to revitalize the salmon population

The Stuart River salmon population has been a staple in the diet and culture of Nak'azdli Whut'en for generations, but their stock has declined in recent decades due to a number of factors along the entire Fraser River watershed.

What was once an abundance of salmon, has become a battle to conserve the population while feeding and sustaining a whole village.

Last year, **Coastal GasLink partnered with Nak'azdli Whut'en** to support the community with a legacy project, which would provide new fish hatcheries to re-establish salmon stocks.

"Now we have the ability to make an impact and feed the community again the way we used to," said Pete Erickson, Nak'azdli Whut'en Hatchery Manager. "To tell the elders that we'll be okay is going to be really important." Fast forward to June 2022, exactly one year since the hatcheries were delivered to the Stuart River waterfront, Nak'azdli Whut'en released their first 60,000 sockeye salmon fry into a creek connecting to the Stuart River system.

The salmon were released into a small creek with prayers and drumming to send them along their way. Elders, Nak'azdli leadership, community members, and invited guests each had the opportunity to release salmon down a chute or at the creek edge.

"We have always recognized the importance of ecosystems of watersheds and rivers to Indigenous communities across the Coastal GasLink project route. Supporting Nak'azdli in their efforts to restore salmon numbers in the north was an honour to be a part of," said Joan Isac, Indigenous Engagement Lead.



In partnership with Coastal GasLink and Nak'azdli Whut'en, the Nak'azdli fish hatchery works to support salmon conservation and recovery efforts in the Fraser River

The salmon will make their way to Stuart Lake for the next year and then travel down through river systems that ultimately reach the Pacific Ocean. Every year thousands of salmon make their way back from the ocean to the river they started from to spawn their eggs, which is a fouryear trek.

### In your community



Our team attended the Give Hope Wings stop in Prince George and was inspired to hear about the work that **Hope Air** does to connect those with vital medical needs with travel, accommodation and care.



We felt the energy with our prime contractor Nadleh-Macro at the **Village of Fraser Lake**'s 2022 Job Fair and Small Business Expo! Check out this cool side boom that our friends from Nadleh-Macro built and brought with them to the expo.



All smiles from the top of the hill! Our team was happy to participate in the Climb for **Cancer** in Prince George in support of the Kordyban Lodge. The team raised over \$6,200 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

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We'd like to hear from you If you have any questions or comments about the project, please reach out.

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