# Coastal GasLink —Connector

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## A year in review: Looking back on a year of community giving initiatives

# +\$11M invested in communities across Northern B.C. since project inception

We remain committed to building a culture of community giving, now and well into the future. Over the past year, we have delivered on that commitment through TC Energy's Community Investment program, Build Strong. In 2022, Coastal GasLink donated more than \$1.4M back into local and Indigenous communities in Northern B.C., totaling \$11M since project inception in 2012.

Coastal GasLink's community investments were directed towards initiatives that contribute to community safety, environmental stewardship and community socioeconomic well-being across Northern B.C. These investments also includes

community infrastructure, such as a legacy donation of \$100,000 from Coastal GasLink and Sureus-Murphy Joint Venture (SMJV) toward a new public library in Chetwynd. We have also worked closely with Indigenous communities to advance reconciliation and help to deliver positive social, environmental and economic benefits for the Indigenous communities in whose traditional territory where we have the privilege to live and operate.

"The support we have received from Northern B.C. communities has been the backbone of this project. It's so important to us to be a good neighbour that not only creates meaningful opportunities to work on the Project today, but also contributes to strong and vibrant communities where we live and work," said Kiel Giddens, Project Director of Public Affairs, Coastal GasLink.



"As a company, we support bringing industry and communities together to foster prosperity. I'm proud to say we are leaving a lasting legacy here in Northern B.C."— Kiel Giddens, Project Director, Public Affairs, Coastal Gaslink.

Our employees are also committed to giving back to their communities, and through TC Energy's employee giving program, donated more than \$330,000. This includes donations supporting our bottle drive program and a project-wide Legacy of Giving campaign in partnership with United Way of Northern BC.



Coastal GasLink and UWNBC teams visited workforce accommodations to raise awareness about the Legacy of Giving campaign and the impact the donations will have.



We are continuously looking for the next giving opportunities. If you are a registered nonprofit organization in Northern B.C., visit **tcenergy.com/ community-giving/applyfor-funding** for partnership opportunities in 2023.

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## Now more than 80% complete, Coastal GasLink on track to support delivery of critical energy

As Coastal GasLink looks back on 2022, it is collaboration with our workers, Indigenous and local communities, government and industry that stands out as the critical success factor as we head into our final year of construction.

## Collaboration drives solution to meet the world's clean energy needs

To date, Coastal GasLink has installed more than 490 km of pipe across the 670-km route, and steady progress is made each day. Cumulatively, our team has spent more than 38 million hours working on this project, with more than 6,000 people employed at its peak.

Our achievements this year also extend beyond construction milestones. We have continued to deliver on our commitment of building an extraordinary and lasting legacy for British Columbia and beyond.

"It's an immense privilege to be able to work on a project that is building such an extraordinary legacy that will be enjoyed by so many," said Bevin Wirzba, Coastal GasLink President. "Not only is this project providing jobs and economic benefits to local and Indigenous communities; this critical energy infrastructure will deliver energy security to the world for decades to come."

#### The power of partnership

In alignment with our commitment of collaboration and supporting economic reconciliation, many of our prime contractors have now partnered with Indigenous-owned businesses to build their respective sections.

These partnerships have contributed to the \$1.4 billion being awarded to local and Indigenous businesses. Once construction is complete, we look forward to officially becoming equity partners with Indigenous communities across the project route, as **signed into agreement earlier this year.** 

"When First Nations benefit, the whole region, the province, and Canada benefits – all of us benefit together," said Chief Priscilla Mueller, Saik'uz First Nation, one of sixteen Indigenous communities who have joined the option to become equity owners in the Project.

TC Energy, through Coastal GasLink, is proud to be leading the way in how energy projects are advanced in Canada.

"When we bring our world-class energy expertise, and collaborate with Indigenous and local communities, we can deliver the energy the world needs while also protecting the environment, respecting local values, and advancing Indigenous reconciliation," said Bevin Wirzba. "That is a future we are looking forward to, and one we are building each and every day on Coastal GasLink."

### Coastal GasLink

80% overall completion



More than **400 workers** completed enhanced erosion and sediment control training



Nearly **85% of all pipe** has been welded



Indigenous communities sign option agreements for up to 10% equity in project, in addition to the agreements in place with all 20 elected Indigenous communities

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Recently **celebrated completion** of Wilde
Lake Facility



100% pipeline completion achieved in 2 of 8 sections



More than 470 kms of pipe has been installed across the 670 kilometre route



38 million hours of work completed to date with over 6,000 people employed



Kitimat Meter Station
100% complete



9 of 10 major water crossings safely completed



More than \$1.4 billion awarded in contracting and employment opportunities to Indigenous and local communities to date

### Reclamation in progress across project route

As Coastal GasLink enters its final year of construction, reclamation work is underway across the project route to ensure the land is restored to as close to its original state as possible.

#### **Meet Jason**

As part of the 6,000+ people working on the project, Jason is making sure that Coastal GasLink's legacy of respect for the environment extends far beyond construction, for generations to come. As a lead Environmental Inspector, Jason is responsible for ensuring the commitments we have made to the environment are upheld, in particular when it comes to watercourses.



Jason, Lead Environmental Inspector, photographed while inspecting the progress of recently reclaimed creeks in Section 8 East.

"We are working to preserve the land that was there and are providing improvements where we can – especially to fish bearing watercourses. We're making sure that when construction is complete, things will function as they did before we were here," said Jason.

Jason and his team have worked to reclaim many watercourses along the project route using techniques such as root wads that provide flow refuge for smaller fish and encouraging healthy restoration of watercourse banks by lining them with coconut fiber to protect seed growth.

"I live in B.C.," Jason stated, "it's important to me that large industrial projects that happen here are happening responsibly and that they're not degrading the resources for my kids or anyone else's kids."



Using root wads from tree stumps provides flow refuge for smaller fish which may not have been available to them before.

Check out this **video** to learn more about Jason's reclamation work.



### Coastal GasLink spreads holiday joy in Fraser Lake

This holiday season, Coastal GasLink's Section 5 team came together to warm the hearts of residents living at the Silver Birch Lodge, a senior's residence in Fraser Lake, B.C.

In addition to donating individual gifts to each resident, the team also donated homemade treats from staff at the Little Rock Lake Lodge workforce accommodation, new furniture

and a TV, and a \$1,400 contribution towards improvements for the Lodge's common room.

"It's nice to see workforce-driven initiatives that create a big impact on the lives of people within our communities," said Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor, Coastal GasLink.

Leading the charge on this initiative is one of our Sr. Field Schedulers at Little Rock Lake Lodge, Heather Miller, who also coordinated an effort to purchase food items and kitchen equipment from a local restaurant to donate to the Autumn Services Meals Program.



Gifts for residents line the tree at the Silver Birch Lodge.

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# Two extraordinary women building lasting careers on Coastal GasLink

Ashley and Brianna are two of the many women who have built meaningful careers along Coastal GasLink's 670-kilometre route and got their start within our Construction Monitoring and Community Liaison (CMCL) program.



#### **Meet Ashley**

Ashley started working with Coastal GasLink in 2019 as a CMCL advisor, on behalf of Nak'azdli Whut'en, while earning a post-secondary education in land and water remediation and reclamation.

Her hard work paid off, and Ashley turned her passion for the land and environment into a successful business.

Backed by her experience as a CMCL advisor and bolstered by her education, Ashley started her own company, Wildland Resources Ltd. and was awarded a contract to work as an Environmental Inspector on Coastal GasLink. Ashley ensures that once construction is complete, the land is reclaimed and returned as close to its original state as possible.

Learn more about **Ashley's journey**.



#### **Meet Brianna**

Brianna, a member of Nee Tahi Buhn Band, provides daily reports to her community's leadership about what she encounters when she's out monitoring construction.

As a CMCL, Brianna is making sure that her culture and traditions are integrated into the Project. "A large component of our culture and traditions is to appreciate the history of the land. I can confidently say that my community's values are being honoured and heard," said Brianna.

In addition to valuable career experience, Brianna met her now fiancé, a fellow CMCL, while working in the field. "It was very unexpected but we're glad to have crossed paths," she reflected, "I couldn't be more complete!"

Learn more about **Brianna's journey**.

## In your community



The Community Emergency Services Food Drive in Fraser Lake was a huge success! Donations went to the Fraser Lake Crisis Centre with more than 120 Christmas hampers donated to families in need over the holiday season.



Coastal GasLink's Director of Public Affairs, Kiel Giddens, dropped the puck alongside an RCMP member and police dog as the sponsor for the Prince George Cougars (WHL) Heroes Night.



The Coastal GasLink and Aecon teams constructing our Wilde Lake Compressor Facility donated \$7,800 to the McLeod Elementary School in Groundbirch, B.C. for their hot lunch program to ensure students are well-fed for the remainder of the school year.

#### **Coastal GasLink**



#### We'd like to hear from you