

# Being a Community Partner: Investing in Northern B.C. communities



Since 2012, TransCanada has invested over \$5.5 million in community enhancing initiatives in B.C., \$2.8 million of which includes skills training and education partnerships. During construction and operation the benefits to B.C. will grow significantly. This will include millions of dollars in contracting, employment, business and tax revenues for local and Aboriginal communities that will support local needs including fire and police services, school districts, hospital districts, waste management and more.

As we continue to design and construct the proposed pipeline project, the Coastal GasLink team is committed to working with local communities near the certified route. We look for ways to help build stronger communities through job creation and training, and by investing in TransCanada's key giving areas of community, environment and safety. What matters to you, matters to us.

**Coastal GasLink**  
Pipeline Project

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## Environment

### Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society



A \$10,000 donation to the Stoney Creek Fisheries Enhancement Project supported the rehabilitation of streams that flow through the Nechako agricultural belt. Stoney Creek, which is the only known spawning bed of the Nechako White Sturgeon, flows into the Nechako River.

### Prince George Naturalists Club

This \$10,000 donation supported the club through a project to enhance the wetland as a natural setting, creating a showcase environment for northern fish, plant and animal life, and an interpretive trail with numerous learning opportunities and features.

*It was TransCanada's founding grant that allowed the Hudson's Bay Wetland Project to get up and running. I'm pleased to say that great progress has been made including rehabilitation of some sections of the wetland where young salmon seek refuge. The publicity generated by your funding, and the momentum it produced, attracted widespread support and additional funders.*

*Clive Keen  
Prince George Naturalists Club*

## Safety

### Fraser Lake and Kitimat Fire Departments



A \$10,000 contribution to Fraser Lake Fire Rescue helped fund a new rescue truck to provide response to emergency calls in Fraser Lake and surrounding areas. A \$10,000 contribution to Kitimat Fire & Rescue Services helped with their Fire Underwriters Survey to evaluate and index fire protection levels of the community to ensure community safety and help provide long-term goals for safe and effective emergency response.

### Bulkley Valley, Houston, and Nechako Valley Search and Rescue groups

Partnerships with each group aided with various initiatives including a primary response vehicle, a jet boat motor, personal protective equipment, signage, and rescue training exercises.

*As director of Houston Search and Rescue I would like to thank TransCanada for your generous donation for our primary response vehicle. Your partnership and donation launched our campaign and set the bar that many others followed resulting in a very successful endeavour. On behalf of HSAR we appreciate your contribution to our SAR group, and your partnership in improving the safety of our surrounding working and recreational wilderness areas.*

*Andy Muma  
Director, Houston Search and Rescue*

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## Community

### Chetwynd Medical Centre



This \$100,000 partnership assisted in the development of a new medical centre to provide more efficient access to medical services with shorter patient wait times. It also established an accessible health education and wellness awareness centre, helping to attract new physicians to Chetwynd.

*When we step outside the strictly financial picture, we see TransCanada's donation as a strong and welcome endorsement of the direction the District of Chetwynd hopes to see health care moved in our community. We trust that your contribution will be felt for decades to come as Chetwynd continues to recruit health-care workers to live and work in our community.*

*Merlin Nichols  
Mayor, Chetwynd, B.C.*



### Terrace Community Foundation



TransCanada became a founding donor with a \$20,000 three-year partnership with the Terrace Community Foundation; an organization committed to building a resilient, resourceful, and caring community. Through fundraising, they provide grants to community groups and organizations with a broad spectrum of needs, including recreation, health, the arts, the environment and education.

### Hope Air



For three consecutive years, TransCanada has supported Hope Air; the only registered, national charity that provides free flights to people who cannot afford the cost of an airline ticket to get to medical expertise or access specialized medical technologies that usually exist only in larger urban centres.

*Hope Air is thankful for TransCanada's generous donation and we're delighted that TransCanada has renewed and expanded its support of Hope Air. This year's donation will allow us to arrange more flights for Canadians travelling to healthcare from communities like Prince George, Terrace, Smithers, Prince Rupert, Dawson Creek, and Fort St. John.*

*Doug Keller-Hobson  
Executive Director, Hope Air*

## Building stronger communities

We look for ways to help build stronger communities through job creation and training; and by investing in giving areas such as community, environment and safety.

For more about our community grant program or to apply for a community grant for your organization email [community\\_investment@transcanada.com](mailto:community_investment@transcanada.com)

- All requests for funding must go through TransCanada's online application process.
- Once your application is submitted you will receive a confirmation by email. We require a minimum of eight weeks to evaluate and respond to requests.
- Why eight weeks? We receive thousands of funding applications and diligently review each and every one of them.

## Contact us

Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. is a B.C.-registered, wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada PipeLines Limited. We invite you to submit your questions or comments to the Coastal GasLink project team.

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