

## Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce

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Rick Gateman, President Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project 760 Kinsmen Place Prince George, BC V2M 0A8

Dear Mr. Gateman,

The Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce would like to join with the District of Vanderhoof in expressing our support for TransCanada's proposed Coastal GasLink natural gas pipeline project.

The proposed route for the pipeline would run less than 15 kilometres north of downtown Vanderhoof at the closest point, with a compressor station to be constructed near Highway 27. This activity would give local business the opportunity to supply a range of goods and services and also to network with larger companies from across B.C. and Canada. We also foresee employment opportunities for local residents, and continued contracting in the long run related to pipeline corridor maintenance and operations.

Mayor Thiessen has pointed out the good work the project has done in supporting local search and rescue, fish habitat restoration, skills training and recreational events. We would also note your membership in our Chamber. We want to extend a permanent welcome to TransCanada and Coastal GasLink as you establish your presence in Vanderhoof.

We wish you success in finalizing your construction plans and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joe Von Doellen President

Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce