

Project Backgrounder

Project overview

The Coastal GasLink project is a 670-kilometre provincially approved and regulated natural gas pipeline. The project is under construction today and bringing jobs and opportunity to British Columbians. When completed, the project will safely deliver natural gas from northeastern B.C. to the LNG Canada liquefaction facility in Kitimat, B.C.

The LNG Canada facility is a \$40-billion megaproject that represents the largest private sector investment in Canadian history. LNG Canada will export Canadian natural gas to Asian markets, and in the process, put Canada on the global map of LNG exporting countries and create a world-class liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry in British Columbia and Canada.

Industry facts

- Along with the LNG Canada liquefaction facility, Coastal GasLink represents the first direct path for Canadian gas to global markets.
- The LNG facility has the potential to reduce annual emissions in Asia by 60 to 90 million tonnes a year by offsetting coal, equivalent to more than the total annual emissions in British Columbia, and about 10% of Canadian annual emissions.
- British Columbia has some of the largest natural gas reserves in the world within the Montney and Horn River basins and is strategically located closer to the Asian market than many other competitors.

Project progress

- 46% of the route cleared **As of end of January 2020*
- Nearly 77 kilometres of pipe has been delivered to date; assembly to begin in summer 2021
- Approximately 1,000 people working on the project today with workforce growing to 2,500 at peak of construction
- \$825 million in contracts awarded to Indigenous and local businesses to date

Development timeline and key dates

- 2012: Project planning and consultation launches
- 2013: Over 100,000 hours of environmental and engineering studies are completed
- 2014: B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) issues Environmental Assessment Certificate following public comment period
- 2015: Ongoing consultation with Indigenous groups and route assessment
- 2016: Remaining BC Oil and Gas Commission permits required for construction are received
- 2017: Further consultation with Indigenous groups on alternate route
- 2018: EAO approves alternate route; Final Investment Decision (FID) is announced by CGL and LNG Canada
- 2019: Construction commences
- 2023: Scheduled in-service

Indigenous participation and consultation

- Agreements in place with all 20 elected First Nations along the route, including five bands who represent Wet'suwet'en people, with a commitment to ongoing engagement.
- Over 15,000 interactions and engagements with Indigenous communities along the proposed pipeline route.
- More than one-third of all pre-construction field work completed by Indigenous people.
- Over 120 in-person meetings with Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs; over 1,300 other interactions (calls, emails, faxes, letters and texts).
- Detailed discussions and engagement on field schedules, archaeology programs, wildlife and vegetation and more.
- Extensive consultation on the proposed pipeline route, resulting in route alignment changes based on input from Indigenous groups in the area of the Morice River near Houston, including Wet'suwet'en leaders, to protect cultural areas.
- Joint socio-economic studies to identify potential cultural, social and economic impacts and benefits.
- Office of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs participation in the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) working group.

Economic benefits

Coastal GasLink is delivering significant economic benefits to British Columbian families today and for decades to come.



High-quality jobs
2,000 – 2,500

jobs during construction



Employment and contracting
\$1 billion

in employment and contracting opportunities for local and Indigenous communities



Local and regional spend
\$42 million

is forecast to be spent annually, mainly in B.C., once in operation



Property taxes
\$21 million

in annual property tax benefits



Community investments
\$8 million

invested in communities to date, investments that will continue throughout the life of the project