

Working together to keep communities safe

While safety starts on the job site, it does not end there – we want to make sure it extends out into the communities that host us.

Over the past few summers, B.C. has faced devastating wildfires that have threatened the safety and quality of life of British Columbians. And so, we have made a commitment to find ways to work together with local communities along the project route to be prepared in the unfortunate event of a wildfire.

Coastal GasLink has put this commitment into action by funding critical training programs and facilities that are helping local communities get the training and equipment they need to fight local wildfires.

This year, Coastal GasLink was proud to be part of a multi-group effort that saw a new training facility get built in the Fraser Lake area. Known as a 'burn building', the new facility will allow local fire departments in the region to learn the skills required to fight a number of different types of fires, including forest fires.

The facility is made possible by contributions from many incredible community partners including the Nadleh Whut'en and Stellat'en First Nations, the Nechako-Kitimat Development fund, the Four Rivers Co-op, among others.



Safety is absolutely our number one priority, and we're proud to partner with communities who share our commitment to safety.” – Kiel Giddens, Coastal GasLink's Public Affairs Manager

Speaking to the importance of the facility, Kiel noted that, “first responders need to be trained to the latest standards, and have the skills and tools to keep their communities safe, and this project will allow them to get excellent experience and training right in Fraser Lake.”

We take pride in helping to share our values of safety with communities along the Coastal GasLink Project route. Whether it's partnering with community groups, supporting local initiatives or encouraging our employees to get involved in local initiatives, our goal is to build safely and with the future in mind, so we can leave a positive legacy for generations to come.

As the weather heats up across the province, we ask that everyone remain vigilant. If you see something that could cause a fire, please contact local authorities. Always obey local laws regarding open fires, including campfires.

For more information about fire safety, contact your local fire department or visit bcwildfire.ca



Members of the Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Team

Meet our Prime Contractors: SA Energy Group

Over the next few months, we will be profiling our four prime contractors. This month we are profiling SA Energy.

In 2018, Coastal GasLink selected SA Energy Group to construct segments three and four of the 670-kilometre project. In selecting our prime contractors, we sought out highly qualified companies that met our core principles for safety, environmental stewardship and Indigenous and stakeholder engagement.

We caught up with Tyler Madigan, VP and Managing Director of SA Energy Group and asked him a few questions about his role with the Coastal GasLink Project.

Tell us about SA Energy?

SA Energy Group is a partnership between Robert B. Somerville and Aecon Construction Group. For the past seven years we've worked together on a number of projects spanning 1500 kilometres across Canada. Many of the projects we have worked on have been TC Energy projects in Alberta and British Columbia.

Can you speak a little bit about what sections you will be working on for the Coastal GasLink Project?

SA Energy Group is the general contractor for sections three and four, which includes about 200 kilometres of pipeline in the Prince George and Vanderhoof area. Right now, we are working with local businesses and workers to set up workforce accommodations by the Parsnip River location. Our construction plan is to complete the sections over two seasons starting with clearing and pre-work this summer, and moving on to mainline construction after the migratory bird window in the summer of 2020.



Tyler Madigan, VP and Managing Director of SA Energy Group

Tell us a bit about your approach to safety and environmental protection?

Safety, quality, environmental compliance and meaningful engagement with Indigenous and local communities - that's our culture, and something that goes beyond policies and procedures. It's what we believe in and what we live by every day.

How are you including the local workforce in your construction program?

From the beginning, we have believed that the thing that will make us different to other projects is how we engage communities and work with local businesses and workers. We have brought SA Energy Group executives out into communities and to contracting fairs, because we believe this is how we can best show that we are committed and accountable to the communities where we work.

We have strict requirements from Coastal GasLink in terms of hiring local people first. But as a business it is also the right decision. We have a significant undertaking in front of us that will require substantial resources; we need to be engaging local communities to help us grow our capacity in the industry for this project and the future.

What excites you about being involved in Coastal GasLink?

This is a nation-building project. As a lifetime 'pipeliner' we don't get opportunities to be part of projects like this very often. In my experience, we've worked on many projects on existing right of ways where you're increasing capacity. This is a new project that allows us the opportunity to export Canadian natural gas to other countries. Having the opportunity to be involved in a project like that is exciting.

Connecting local people to jobs

Coastal GasLink is proud to be building a project that will employ thousands of people across British Columbia.

Our preference is, and will always be, to hire local residents first. With a downturn now impacting BC forest workers, we will be undertaking another round of job fairs and open houses starting in September to help connect local workers to potential job opportunities—including local forestry workers.

For more information on events near you, check your local newspapers or visit CoastalGasLink.com

To learn more about opportunities with SA Energy on the project, please contact:

Employment inquiries:
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Construction Monitoring and Community Liaison Program

CMCL Coordinators Harry, Rocky and Mike with Witset First Nation and Wet'suwet'en First Nation CMCL Advisors Cameron and Trevor.

Integrity, collaboration and respect are at the heart of Coastal GasLink's commitment to Indigenous communities in northern British Columbia. As part of our commitment, Coastal GasLink has partnered with many Indigenous community members along the project route to make sure our operations are as transparent as possible, to protect local traditions and values, including the environment.

Known as the Construction Monitoring and Community Liaison Program - or CMCL for short - it provides opportunities for Indigenous members to participate in construction within their traditional territory for the purposes of observing, recording and reporting on implementation of construction activities to their communities.

At the core of the program is transparency with Indigenous communities by meaningfully participating in the project to monitor the work that is being done. That open, relationship-based approach is something that Coastal GasLink believes is integral to the success of the project.

Harry Bodewitz, who is working closely with CMCL Advisors from several Indigenous communities along the project corridor, has seen the value of the program. As construction ramps up, additional CMCL Advisors will be brought on to be involved in the program.

"Something might have been planned initially, but once we actually get to the field, that plan may change, or get modified, to make sure it's done right," says Harry. "In the CMCL Program, we have an opportunity to observe what's going on, discuss it and share that with our communities."

For Trevor Michell, a CMCL Advisor from the Witset First Nation, the program provides a chance to be out in the field to make sure what matters to him and his community is at the forefront of the construction program.

"As a CMCL Advisor," says Trevor, "I am brought out in the field on a daily basis to visit construction sites and understand the scope of the project in our territories. We monitor the environmental inspections and make sure environmental issues are identified," he says.

The program isn't just about observing. The core of the program is its connection to the community.

When asked why the program is important to him, Trevor says it is about, "bringing information back to the people in the community so they know that they have somebody out there with an unbiased heart understanding the process and reporting what they see."

From the very start, Coastal GasLink has been committed to working with communities to get it right, and that includes making sure Indigenous and local communities have access to the information they need about what we are doing. This program is critical to creating a meaningful connection between our work sites and our host communities.

To learn more about what's going on with the project, including construction activities, please visit CoastalGasLink.com

In your community



Sarah Dickie, Indigenous Engagement Lead with Coastal GasLink attended the Blueberry River First Nation Memorial Rodeo. Coastal GasLink and TC Energy also sponsored this event (July 2019)



Public Affairs Manager Kiel Giddens provided a project update to Fort St. John City Council (July 2019)



Members of the Coastal GasLink team attended the annual West Moberly Days (July 2019)

About the Project

The Coastal GasLink Project is a 670-kilometre provincially regulated pipeline that will safely deliver natural gas from the eastern part of B.C. near Dawson Creek to the LNG Canada facility in Kitimat, B.C.

The project is designed to meet among the strictest environmental and safety standards in the world.

Project Update

Preliminary construction work is progressing along the project corridor, in preparation for mainline construction in 2020 and 2021.

The majority of the work in 2019 includes:

- Improving access / upgrading roads
- Establishing workforce accommodation sites
- Land clearing
- Preparation for pipe laydown areas



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