



Prince Rupert
Gas Transmission Project

PRGT Project

Activity Update #17

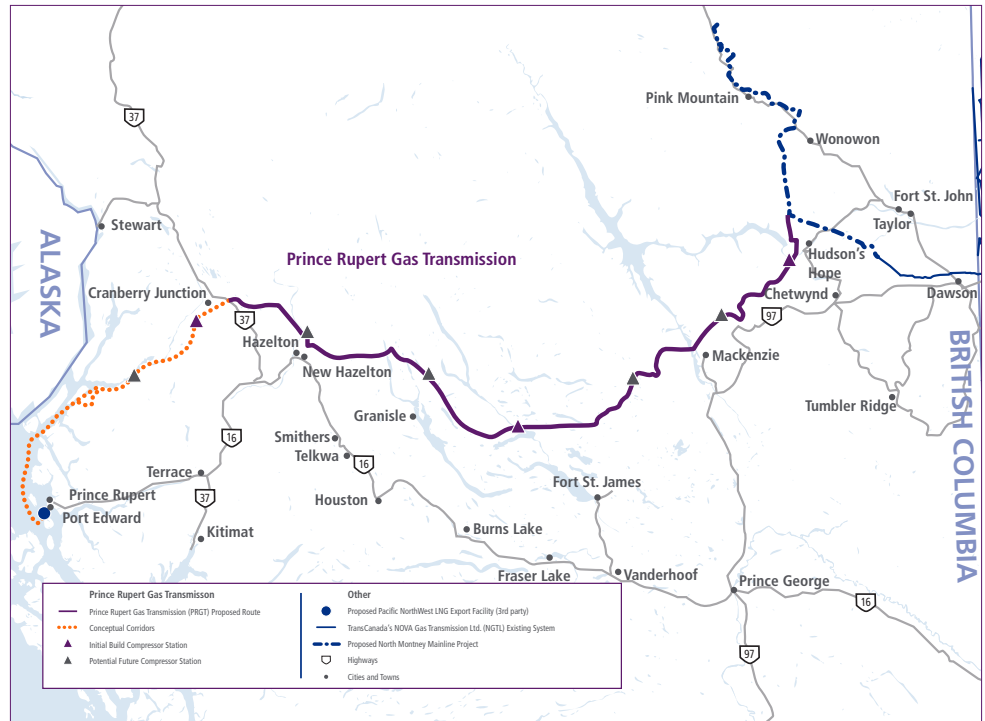
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About the Project

The proposed Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) Project is an approximately 900 kilometre natural gas pipeline to be routed from north of Hudson's Hope B.C. to the proposed Pacific NorthWest LNG export facility on Lelu Island within the District of Port Edward. Upon receiving regulatory approval, PRGT will be constructed and operated with safety and environmental stewardship as top priorities.

Once it's operating, the project will generate an estimated \$25 million each year in property taxes. This revenue will help support school and hospital districts, emergency services, recreation services, recycling programs and other local programs vital to sustaining strong communities.



Field Studies

Geotechnical Investigation

The geotechnical investigations currently being conducted will aid PRGT in determining the suitability of the subsurface condition for various crossing types. In addition to major crossings, borehole locations have been identified for compressor stations and possible geohazard sites to enable geotechnical investigations.

PRGT has permitted 18 geotechnical investigations to date. Additionally, another 13 permit applications have been submitted for the 2014 geotechnical drilling program.

Geotechnical Drilling – Water Crossings Fast Facts

- Conducted to better design safe, environmentally responsible water crossings
- Very small footprint – holes are 6 inches in diameter
- Well back from water body – no in-water disturbance

Offshore Program

The Phase 3 geotechnical program is continuing along the proposed marine pipeline route and collection of samples at both Nasoga Gulf and Lelu Island shore crossings and approaches is now complete. The results of these soil samples will be used to develop pipeline construction methods. The nearshore geophysical study is scheduled to commence early October to determine soil conditions below the seabed. Additionally, there is current metering taking place off of Lelu Island as part of the oceanographic modelling program.

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Ground Survey/Route Assessment

PRGT's survey crew continues to collect routing survey information along the project corridor as needed and where access is available. This information is being gathered in order to refine the proposed route and ensure pipeline constructability.

Timber Assessment

The purpose of this program is to scale and assess timber volumes on the project to support regulatory permit applications and to develop construction clearing, salvage operation, and fiber utilization plans.

This timber assessment continues along the project corridor, verifying accessibility to the project right-of-way, confirming deck space locations, and counting trees by test blocks. The timber crews, which include Aboriginal community members, will be continuing this work during the fall months.

Helipad Site Clearing Program

PRGT has identified several helipad locations required to access the proposed pipeline corridor in order to conduct ongoing field work. Applications have been submitted to the BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) in association with the clearing required at these helipad locations.

The BC OGC permits grant a clearing area of up to 20 m radius for each helipad site. However, the need for clearing is expected to be minimal since sites are strategically chosen for their accessibility.

Helipad clearing is currently on-going in the Nadine, Skeena Stikine, Lake Babine, and Mackenzie districts. The project team is waiting for remaining permit approvals to commence clearing the remainder of the helipad sites.

In the Community

October 24th: Friday Night Free Skate

- PRGT will be kicking off the second season of our monthly Friday Night Free Skates at the Ken Trombley Arena in Hazelton. We look forward to seeing you there!

October 25th: Prince George Chamber of Commerce 2014 Business Excellence Awards

- As partners in Gold sponsorship for the Prince George Chamber of Commerce 2014 Business Excellence Awards, members of PRGT, Coastal GasLink, and Merrick Mainline Project are proud to attend this year's event.

October 26th: North Pacific Cannery Second Annual Haunted House

- Team members from PRGT will be volunteering at the North Pacific Cannery Haunted House in Port Edward. We are pleased to sponsor this second annual event.

October 28th and 29th: Partnerships 2020

- As a sponsor of this event, PRGT is excited to attend Partnerships 2020 in Prince Rupert and be a part of the discussion on Northwest BC labour.

November 4th: Canada Winter Games Torch Run

- TransCanada is proud to be a sponsor of the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George and is honored to participate in the Torch Run. Look for Dave Kmet, Regional Manager, Prince George and LNG Land, and Bruce Gabriel, a Royal Canadian Navy Veteran and President of the Prince George Royal Canadian Legion, to be carrying the torch on TransCanada's behalf.

November 7th to 9th: Local Government Management Association of British Columbia: Effective Fire Service Administration for Fire Chiefs and Local Government CAOs Pilot Program

- PRGT is pleased to support the LGMA Effective Fire Service Administration for Fire Chiefs and Local Government CAOs Pilot Program taking place in Prince George.

Investing in the Community

Hudson's Hope Community Fall Fair 2014

PRGT celebrated the best of the harvest with the community in Hudson's Hope. Our festive information booth was a hit with the locals and over 100 folks stopped by to chat. The 22nd annual Fall Fair was well attended and PRGT was proud to participate. Councillor Kelly Miller noted that the District of Hudson's Hope "very much enjoyed having TransCanada attend the Fall Fair at the vendor's booths. We look forward to further expanding mutually beneficial partnerships for the residents of Hudson's Hope, and TransCanada."



Volunteers from PRGT enjoyed spending the day handing out hats, candy, and chatting with members of the community.



Activities for all ages at the Hudson's Hope Fall Fair



Winning produce from the Hudson's Hope Fall Fair

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Hope Air

PRGT and Coastal GasLink are pleased to provide continued support for Hope Air, a Canadian charity that arranges free flights for those who need to travel for medical reasons, but face financial and distance barriers to get the care they need. For the second year in a row, this donation is making a difference by providing an estimated 45 flights for residents in and around the communities of Northern BC.



Catie Underhill, Community Relations, Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project, Doug Keller-Hobson, Executive Director, Hope Air, and Rachel Kulasa, Stakeholder Relations, Coastal GasLink

“ 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, and Fort St. John. For each Hope Air flight arranged for a Client through the TransCanada donation, an estimated 45 individuals in these communities are positively impacted – parents, siblings, friends, teachers, social workers, nurses, and doctors.”

Doug Keller-Hobson,
Executive Director, Hope Air

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Northern Emergency Social Services Training Weekend

The Northern Emergency Social Services Training weekend was held September 19th to 21st in Burns Lake and hosted by Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of Fraser Fort George, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, City of Terrace, Town of Smithers, City of Prince George, District of Taylor, and District of New Hazelton. As a Gold Sponsor, PRGT was pleased to support these communities. The Project donated two event registrations to the organizers who chose two members of the community to attend.

Fay from the Smithers Emergency Social Services program noted "The recent NESST training in Burns Lake was a resounding success. From the beginning Ice Breaker games and snacks on the Friday evening to the wrap up Sunday morning exercise and meeting, I was very pleased to be a part of this weekend. I belong to Smithers ESS and was particularly happy to be offered the chance to do workshops on Group Lodging. This is a course outlining procedures for something we hope never to use, and is often left out of training. Perhaps it is because the cots are so difficult to put together! There were plenty of opportunities for Networking, and in a Regional District as large as Bulkley-Nechako, it is important to get to know the neighbors who will be your support in an emergency. It is wonderful to see the sponsorship that was obtained to make this weekend possible."

From Jude, who is the Emergency Support Services Coordinator for the District of New Hazelton, "Thank you for your support for the recent NESST conference held in Burns Lake on September 19-21st. As newly appointed Emergency Support Services Coordinator for the District of New Hazelton, the conference was very helpful for me. It taught the basics of what was needed in different types of emergencies, as well as getting to know people that are involved in Emergency support in the surrounding communities. All the participants were split into 3 groups, and all took different courses. I took the course on how to fill in the paperwork, and what qualifies for support. Very helpful for me as I am just starting. This conference has helped kick start my learning needed for this position, very interesting and lots of fun!"

PGNAETA Spirit Of Unity

As one of the Platinum sponsors for the second year, PRGT was proud to attend and present at the Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment and Training Association (PGNAETA) Spirit of Unity Forum on October 2nd and 3rd in Prince George. The event was established to educate on the current labour market and provide those seeking employment with the chance to hear directly from representatives in various industries.

TransCanada would like to congratulate the Achievement Awards recipients at the Thursday night gala. The PRGT and Coastal GasLink project teams proudly received an award from PGNAETA recognizing our commitment to building skills in aboriginal communities, as demonstrated by our recent \$250,000 investment in PGNAETA programming.



Robert Kendel, Vice President of Aboriginal and Stakeholder Relations, receives an award of recognition from PGNAETA on behalf of TransCanada

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