

**Prince Rupert**Gas Transmission Project

# PRGT Project Activity Update #20

January – February 2015

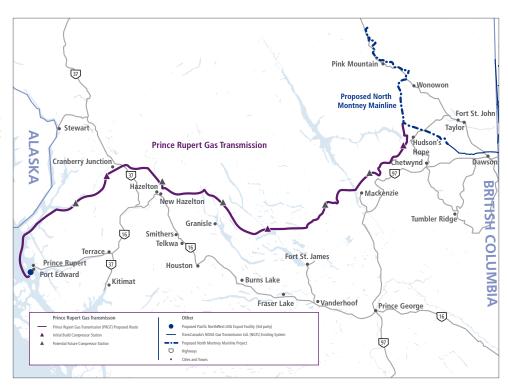


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# **About the Project**

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
all approvals, 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.



# **Project Updates**

#### **Project Approvals**

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PRGT continues to support the review of the BC Oil and Gas Commission (BC OGC) to obtain the permits necessary to start construction of the pipeline. PRGT will be in a position to begin construction once:

- the permitting process with the BC OGC is complete;
- Pacific NorthWest LNG (PNW LNG) secures necessary regulatory approvals; and
- PRGT is provided with a positive Final Investment Decision

PRGT will ensure Aboriginal groups and stakeholders along the pipeline route are informed prior to the commencement of any construction activities and will continue to work with these groups to maximize project benefits and minimize impacts.

## **Marine Update**

Engineering and project development efforts have determined the need for additional ancillary sites in the Nass Bay area during construction of the marine section of the pipeline. These sites include:

- a single marine camp that could be moved to up to five possible locations and house up to 400 people,
- a Nass Harbour jetty that will be used to transfer crews from the marine camp and to load/offload materials, and
- an upgrade to the existing dock at Nasoga Gulf that will be used for loading and unloading of materials.

PRGT plans to seek an amendment to its Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) relating to these additional facilities in the new year. PRGT will continue to engage with affected stakeholders, Aboriginal groups, and regulators about this amendment.

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#### **Field Studies**

Geotechnical investigations and timbers assessments are currently being conducted along the pipeline corridor. Clearing of the permitted helipads has been completed and will resume once the remaining permit approvals are received from the BC OGC. The Phase 3 geotechnical program and sample collection work for the proposed marine pipeline route has also been completed and will be used to develop marine pipeline construction methods. Additionally, ocean currents are being monitored using current meters off of Lelu Island as part of the oceanographic modelling program.

## **Contracting**

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PRGT is committed to maximizing local spending along our pipeline route and this includes the utilization of local contractors in the construction of the PRGT Project. We are currently employing many local people in a variety of field positions and continue to engage in negotiations with local contractors for upcoming work. Please visit our website for more information on local contracting opportunities at <a href="http://www.princerupertgas.com/jobs-and-benefits/contracting-and-jobs/">http://www.princerupertgas.com/jobs-and-benefits/contracting-and-jobs/</a>.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Below you will find links to some of the documents on PRGT's website which address frequently asked questions relating to various aspects of the Project. With information relating to construction, offshore pipelines, safety, and a variety of other topics, we encourage you to browse these sites. Please feel free to contact us at any time with additional questions.

- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project Overview
   http://www.princerupertgas.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/PRGT-overview-brochure.pdf
- Constructing the Offshore Portion of the Prince Rupert Gas
   Transmission Pipeline
   <a href="http://www.princerupertgas.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/">http://www.princerupertgas.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/</a>
   PRGT-Offshore-Map.pdf
- Q&A http://www.princerupertgas.com/about/qa/

# In the Community

#### January 20 – 22: Premier's BC Natural Resource Forum

 Representatives from PRGT will be hosting a booth at the Premier's BC Natural Resource Forum in Prince George. Stop by our booth to say hello, or attend the Wednesday morning panel where PRGT President Dean Patry will be speaking.

#### January 30: Hudson's Hope Winter Carnival

 For the second year, PRGT is proud to participate in the annual Hudson's Hope Winter Carnival. This year, we will be sponsoring the family activities at the Beryl Prairie Fire Hall on Friday, January 30. Activities include sleigh rides, games with prizes, and 3 on 3 mini hockey, as well as complimentary hot chocolate and hot dogs. We hope to see you there!

#### January 30: Friday Night Free Skate

 PRGT will hold our fourth monthly Friday Night Free Skate of the season at the Ken Trombley Memorial Arena in Hazelton. Join us for a complimentary skate and hot chocolate!

#### January - February: Local Government Meetings

 PRGT will continue to meet with local governments along the Project corridor to share updates on the Project

#### January – February: Chamber of Commerce Presentations

 Project team members will be presenting at the local Chambers of Commerce luncheons in Fort St. John on January 27, Mackenzie on January 28, Smithers on February 12, Prince Rupert on February 18 and Terrace on February 19. Please contact your local Chamber office for tickets.

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Congratulations to the graduates of the UNBC Occupational Health and Safety Officer Training Program!

# **Skills Training and Education**

## **UNBC: Occupational Health and Safety Officer Training Graduation**

The students of the Continuing Studies Occupational Health and Safety Officer training program at UNBC celebrated their graduation on December 11, 2014. This program, developed in collaboration with TransCanada, was tailored to provide participants with the knowledge and experience necessary to obtain Occupational Health and Safety Officer Positions in a wide variety of industries, including pipeline construction. TransCanada funded the costs for 25 students to participate in the program that ran from September 22 to December 5, 2014. Dale O'Dwyer, PRGT's Safety Manager, was able to attend the

graduation and congratulate the students first-hand. "We are so proud to have been a part of the OH&S program at UNBC this year," said Mr. O'Dwyer. "The demand for these types of professionals continues to grow and, as a member of the business community, TransCanada is excited to see such a high quality of education coming from the universities and colleges in Northern BC to help fill these positions. The performance from the students was outstanding and we wish them the greatest success." As part of this partnership, PRGT has committed to hiring three graduates from the program for positions along the route.

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