

**Prince Rupert**  
Gas Transmission Project

PRGT Project

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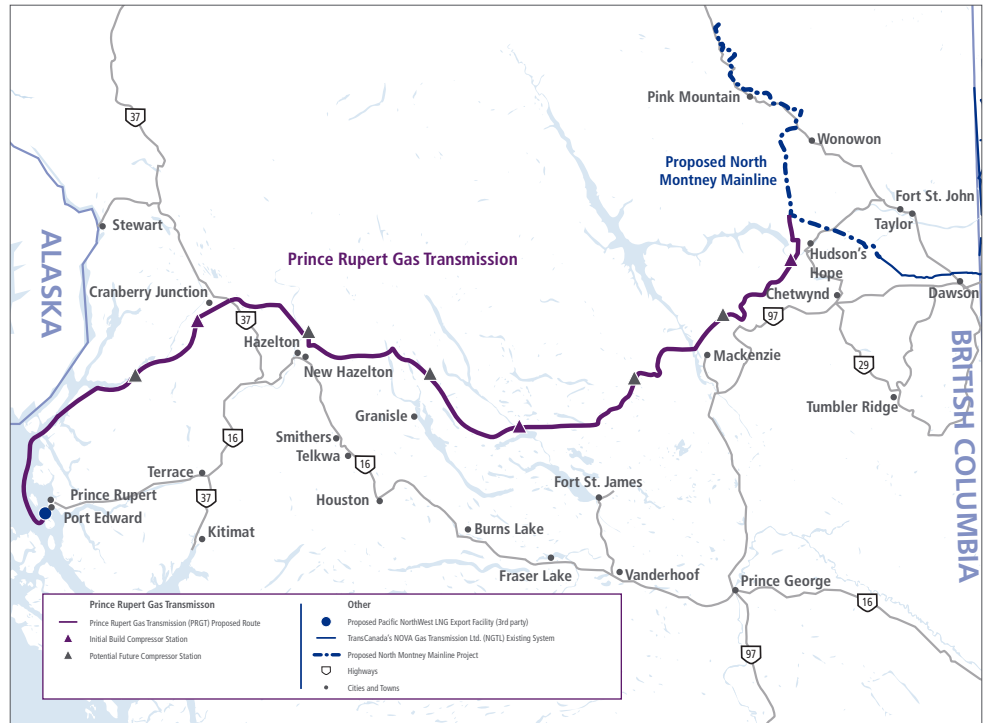
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## About the Project

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

### Regulatory Update

In November 2014, PRGT received its Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) and we continue to support the review of the BC Oil and Gas Commission (BC OGC) to obtain necessary permits. As a result of engagement with community and Aboriginal stakeholders, PRGT has recently filed an application to the BC OGC for construction of the Johnson Creek Compressor Station and plans to file a re-route in the Lake Babine area later this month.

PRGT is working to ensure we are ready to construct the pipeline once these permits are received and we receive a positive FID decision.

Prior to commencement of construction, PRGT will ensure that all Aboriginal groups and communities along our pipeline route are informed of our planned activities. We will also be reaching out to stakeholders to provide information about PRGT's Socio Economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP) as part of our EAC conditions. This plan will detail how PRGT will be engaging with stakeholders about various infrastructure and service effects and will help communities

prepare for any potential effects. As part of these discussions, PRGT will work with groups to maximize project benefits and minimize effects.

### Environment Update

As a follow-up to the detailed Archaeological Impact Assessment completed in 2014, it was recognized that additional survey work is needed in areas where there is a possibility of encountering Culturally Modified Trees (CMTs) along the route. Approximately 290 hectares will be surveyed as part of the study. In addition, a "chance find protocol" is being developed in the event CMTs are discovered. Archeologists and First Nations representatives commenced work in late January, but due to adverse weather and snow depth, the remaining work was postponed until March.

Overwintering fisheries survey field work will commence shortly at 29 watercourse crossing what have been identified as potential habitat for fish to spend the winter. These overwintering areas will allow PRGT to implement site specific mitigation measures related to watercourse crossing. During the three week study period, the crossings will be assessed

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both upstream and downstream of the pipeline crossing location. Based on the data and field observations, fisheries habitat will be ranked as providing none, moderate, good or excellent overwintering potential.

## Field Studies

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

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. These contracts are currently employing many local people in a variety of field positions and we continue to engage in negotiations with local contractors for upcoming work. Please visit our

website for more information on local contracting opportunities at <http://www.princerupertgas.com/jobs-and-benefits/contracting-and-jobs/>.

## 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, Skills Training and Education initiatives, 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/2015/01/prgt-project-overview.pdf>
- Constructing the Offshore Portion of the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Pipeline  
<http://www.princerupertgas.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/PRGT-Offshore-Map.pdf>
- Q&A  
<http://www.princerupertgas.com/about/qa/>

## In the Community

### February 27: Get Connected Career Fair

- PRGT will be participating in the Get Connected Career Fair at the Gitanmaax Hall in Hazelton. Representatives from the Project's Aboriginal Relations group will be on hand to discuss the various Skills Training and Education initiatives PRGT has undertaken to benefit communities along the pipeline route, as well as the types of job opportunities that will be available during construction.

### February 13 – March 1: 2015 Canada Winter Games

- As the official sponsor of the closing ceremonies for the 2015 Canada Winter Games held in Prince George, representatives from TransCanada are looking forward to attending the events over the coming weeks.

### March 6: Friday Night Free Skate

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

### March 6 – 7: Northwest Growth Conference

- PRGT team members from both the Community Relations and Supply Chain groups will be hosting a booth and attending this exciting conference in Prince Rupert. We hope to see you there.

### March 13: FreeStyle Friday

- For the second year, PRGT will host a FreeStyle Friday event at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre. Attendees will be able to take part in complimentary use of the centre, including swimming, skating, and skiing. We look forward to seeing you there!

### February – March: Chamber of Commerce Presentations

- Local Chamber of Commerce Luncheons in Prince Rupert on February 18, Terrace on February 19, and Chetwynd on March 18. Please contact your local Chamber office for tickets.

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Local hockey players drew a crowd at the 3-on-3 tournament.

## Investing in the Community

### Hudson's Hope Winter Carnival

For the second year, PRGT was proud to be a sponsor of the Hudson's Hope Winter Carnival, this time supporting the family activities at the Beryl Prairie Fire Hall on Friday, January 30. With almost 100 people in attendance, participants were able to enjoy games, a 3 on 3 hockey tournament, sleigh rides, and chili and hot chocolate. Members of the project team had a great time volunteering at the event and were able to take in various carnival events throughout the weekend.



Keri Bruce, Land Representative, enjoying the sleigh rides at the Beryl Prairie Fire Hall.



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Participants in the PGNAETA: Access to Trades program celebrate their graduation in Prince George.

## Skills Training and Education

### PGNAETA: Access to Trades Graduation

PRGT would like to congratulate the recent graduates of the PGNAETA: Access to Trade program. The course, which ran from September 28, 2014 to January 23, 2015, saw 10 students from nine First Nations complete the program designed to prepare them with the skills and tools necessary to participate in a variety of trades and training programs.

### UNBC: Safety Officer Training – Graduate Recruitment

In the summer of 2014, PRGT announced our investment in an Occupational Health and Safety Officer training program offered by UNBC. PRGT's Safety Manager Dale O'Dwyer helped to develop the curriculum in order to ensure graduates received the training they needed to participate in the emerging pipeline industry in the region. In December, PRGT was proud to congratulate 25 students, hailing from communities across northern B.C. for graduating from this exciting program.

PRGT is now in the process of recruiting three of these graduates to work directly on the PRGT project. PRGT is also committed to ensuring our contractors, once awarded, are aware of this pool of trained, qualified students.

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