

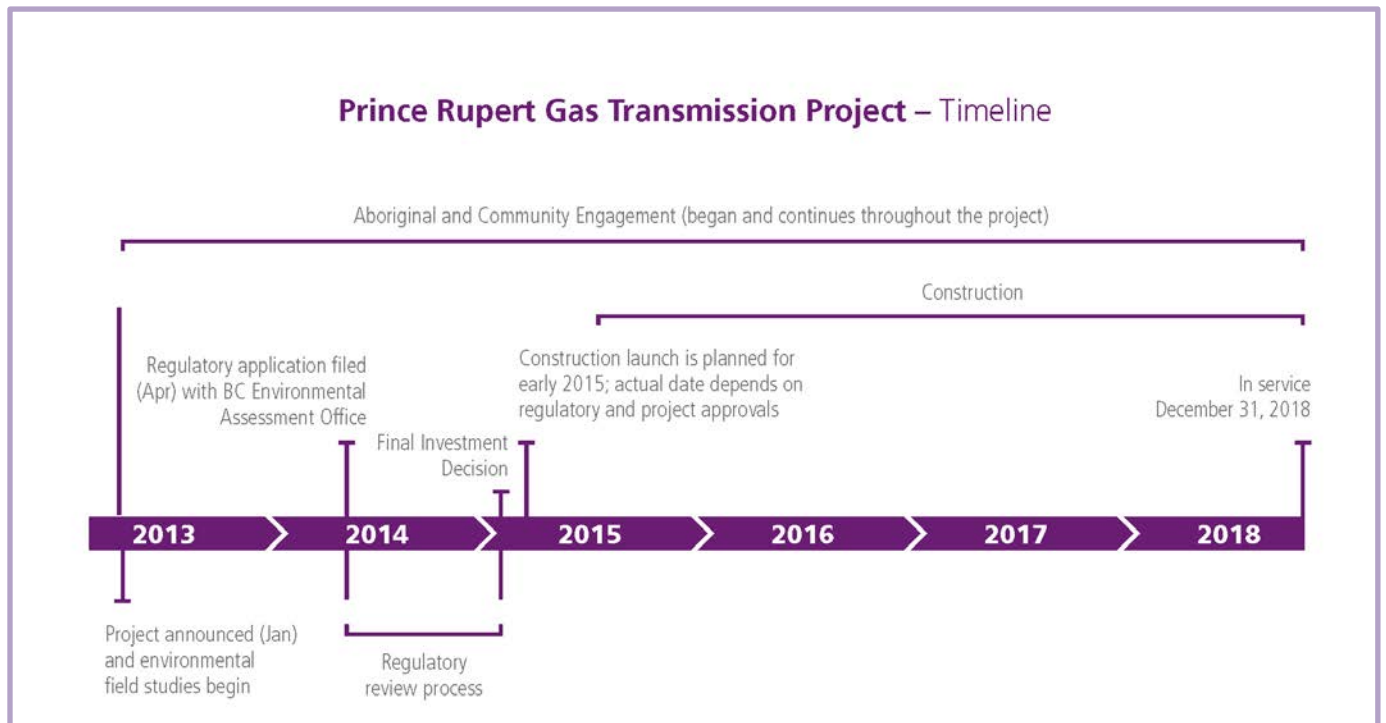
Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project Update December, 2014

Environmental Assessment Certificate

On November 25, 2014, the Minister of Environment and Minister of Natural Gas Development issued an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) for the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) Project. This important milestone for the Project comes as a result of fieldwork analysis, technical studies and ongoing consultation with regulatory authorities, Nisga’a Lisims Government, Aboriginal groups and local stakeholders to ensure PRGT’s environmental footprint is as small as possible.

The EAC contains 45 conditions which PRGT must meet in order to construct and operate the natural gas pipeline. The purpose of many of these conditions is to address project-specific concerns raised by regulatory authorities, Nisga’a Nation, Aboriginal groups, and local communities. Included in these conditions are requirements for PRGT to:

- Participate in government-led programs to manage key wildlife populations of concern to B.C. including caribou and grizzly bear
- Develop a Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan to monitor effects of the project on community infrastructure, labour, employment and contracting opportunities
- Continue to engage with Nisga’a Nation to share information about the construction schedule and collect ongoing feedback about the project



Fall Marine Fieldwork & Employment of Nisga'a Citizens

This fall three Nisga'a marine technicians joined five Stantec Consulting biologists to carry out a marine study that assessed fish species in Iceberg Bay. The Nisga'a technicians completed a total of 100 hours of work for acoustic surveys, crab trap surveys and beach seining.

In addition, one Nisga'a citizen received computer-based training from Stantec to earn their Construction Safety Training and Helicopter Safety Certificates. This Nisga'a citizen then worked as an assistant to the environmental monitor on a geotechnical marine drilling crew in the Nass Area.



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