



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DS-BRD-098

From: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: November 27, 2020

Subject: Engagement on Coastal GasLink's Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board receive the report titled "Engagement on Coastal GasLink's Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan – DS-BRD-098", which seeks to identify key points or considerations that the Regional Board would like communicated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the Coastal GasLink Pipeline, for discussion.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On November 18, 2020, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Ministry) reached out to many local governments, including the PRRD and municipalities within the PRRD, to initiate engagement with staff on the Coastal GasLink Pipeline development which spans approximately 670 km from Groundbirch (near Chetwynd) to the Kitimat LNG Canada Facility. The Ministry wishes to gather feedback from staff on any effects that the PRRD may be experiencing resulting from project construction activities and/or the presence of the temporary workforce in the PRRD. Any input on the direct or indirect effects will be tracked and shared with the LNG Canada Implementation Secretariat and the Cross-Government Social Economic Management Committee (made up of Provincial agencies) for consideration of resolution. Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, engagement will be virtual. An agenda and topics of discussion have not yet been provided.

In order to effectively represent the PRRD's collective interests at the upcoming engagement session with the Ministry, PRRD staff is asking the Regional Board to identify, through resolution, any key points or specific considerations that the Regional Board would like communicated to the Ministry in relation to the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline development. Topics could include elements such as traffic and transportation, dust management, evolving use of sites, obtaining updated activity statistics at a more local level and more frequently, or any other topics of relevance to the Regional Board.

Sections 1 and 2 of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline lie within the PRRD boundary (see Figure 1). Construction activities began in December 2018, with the prime contractor being the Surerus Murphy Joint Venture. The project's Environmental Assessment Certificate includes legally binding conditions that requires the proponent to develop a Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP) to address the anticipated impacts of the project construction workforce and activities on local infrastructure and services. The SEEMP for the Coastal GasLink Pipeline was approved on May 13, 2016. The link to the plan is provided in this report.

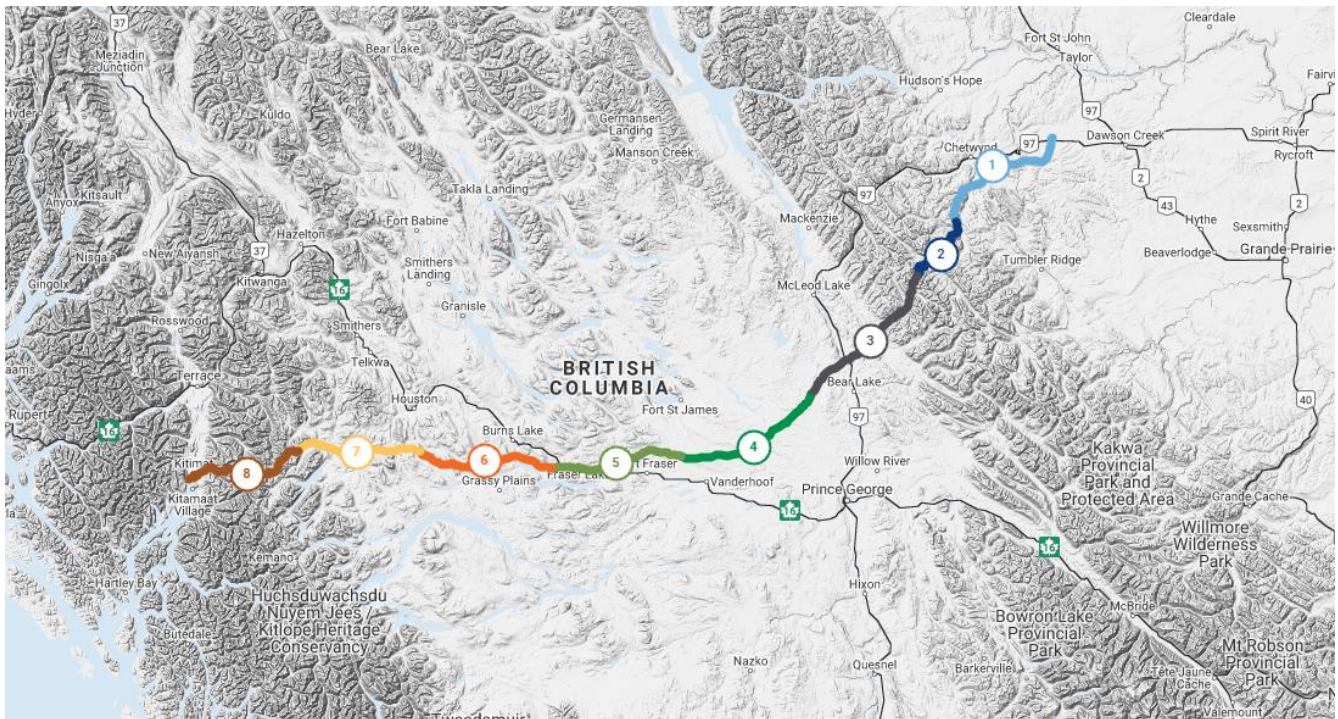


Figure 1. Coastal GasLink Pipeline Route Illustrating Sections 1 to 8 (Source: TC Energy)

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Partnerships
- ☒ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The Regional Board’s comments will be conveyed to the Ministry during the engagement session.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

The project’s Environmental Assessment Certificate conditions also require Coastal GasLink to engage twice a year (June-August and January-March) with the local governments on SEEMP implementation status. Given COVID restrictions and the Provincial election, the 2020 June-August dates have been amended to December 2020.

Attachments:

1. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing’s letter to the PRRD

External Links:

1. [SEEMP Status Report #3 – June 15, 2020](#)
2. [Coastal GasLink Project Overview – Spring 2020](#)