



November 18, 2020

Shawn Dahlen
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Via email: shawn.dahlen@prrd.bc.ca

Dear Shawn Dahlen:

Re: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Engagement on Coastal GasLink's Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan and LNG Canada's Community Level Infrastructure and Services Management Plan

I hope that this letter finds you well in these challenging and unusual times. This is an update to a letter originally sent to you on August 19, 2020 regarding local government engagement on two liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects, LNG Canada's export facility and Coastal GasLink's pipeline, that are under construction in northern B.C.

As you are aware, the local government engagement sessions originally scheduled for October 2020 were postponed due to the Provincial election. We would like to reschedule the sessions in December, and you will find a Doodle Poll at the end of this updated letter to indicate your availability.

The intent of this letter is to initiate engagement with local governments that may be impacted by the two LNG projects in order to gain feedback on any direct effects (those effects resulting from project construction activities and the presence of the temporary workforce) they may be experiencing.

Background

Construction on two Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) developments in northern B.C. began after Final Investment Decisions (FID) were announced in 2018. The LNG Canada (LNGC) export facility is being constructed in Kitimat, B.C. (FID: October 1, 2018). The Coastal GasLink (CGL) Pipeline spans approximately 670km from Ground Birch (near Chetwynd) to the Kitimat LNG Canada Facility (FID: October 2, 2018).

Both projects' Environmental Assessment Certificates include legally binding conditions that require proponents to develop socio-economic effects management plans (SEEMPs) to address the anticipated impacts of the project construction workforce and activities on local infrastructure and services.

LNG Canada's socio-economic effects management plan, referred to as a Community Level Infrastructure and Services Management Plan (CLISMP), was approved by the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) on June 13, 2016. CGL's socio-economic effects management plan, or SEEMP, was approved on May 13, 2016. The EA conditions require LNG Canada and CGL to implement their plans in consultation with MAH.

You have likely been contacted by these LNG companies as part of their engagement process and I understand that they plan to contact you, and may have already done so, on their recently released status reports.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Local Government Engagement

MAH's role in the implementation of the SEEMP and CLISMP includes providing advice to the LNG companies during implementation, engaging in consultation on any SEEMP/CLISMP related amendments, and receiving and monitoring SEEMP/CLISMP status reports. In order to effectively carry out our monitoring role, MAH has developed and is implementing an approach to engaging with impacted parties, including provincial agencies, First Nations and local governments.

Approach to Local Government Engagement

Our approach to engagement with local governments ensures that those potentially impacted by LNG development are provided with opportunities to share their experience and knowledge of the mitigations of the direct socio-economic effects identified in CGL's SEEMP and LNGC's CLISMP and reported on in each of their status reports.

Environmental Assessment Certificate conditions require Coastal GasLink to report bi-annually on SEEMP implementation status (December and June every year), and LNG Canada to report annually on CLISMP implementation status (June each year).

With the participation of staff from the LNG Canada Implementation Secretariat, MAH will coordinate and facilitate engagement opportunities with local governments based on the approach outlined below, which may be adapted subject to input on how the approach is working (see Appendix A: Local Government Engagement List):

- 1) *Coastal GasLink Impacted Local Governments:* To be engaged twice a year, after release of CGL's status reports. Engagement ideally to occur June-August and January-March. Given COVID restrictions and the Provincial election, the 2020 June-August dates have been amended to December 2020.
 - a) Bi-annual local government engagement sessions by pipeline sections (see Appendix B: Pipeline Construction Sections)

- i) CGL pipeline sections 1 & 2: Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Mackenzie, Tumbler Ridge, Peace River Regional District
 - ii) CGL pipeline sections 3, 4 & 5: Prince George, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Regional District of Fraser Fort George, Regional District of Bulkley Nechako
 - iii) CGL pipeline sections 6 & 7: Smithers, Houston, Burns Lake, Regional District of Bulkley Nechako
 - iv) CGL pipeline section 8: Terrace, Kitimat, Regional District Kitimat Stikine
- 2) *LNG Canada Impacted Local Governments*: To be engaged once a year after release of annual status report (e.g. June 4, 2020). Engagement will ideally occur around June-August. Given COVID restrictions and the Provincial election, the 2020 June-August dates have been amended to December 2020. This will involve the local governments of Terrace, Kitimat, and Regional District Kitimat Stikine.

Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, engagement will be virtual, through Skype or Microsoft Teams as indicated when the invitation is sent out. Follow up individual conversations will be accommodated where requested.

Discussions will focus on the direct impacts arising from project construction and the presence of the construction workforce, as predicted in the SEEMP/CLISMP. It is expected that indirect effects may also be raised by local governments. Any input on the 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.

Following engagement, local government feedback will be compiled. Key findings, including questions, requests for further information or concerns with mitigation or engagement activities will be shared and discussed with the proponents and any follow-up actions documented and tracked.

I have provided a Doodle Poll link for each of the four separate CGL Pipeline section groups (See Appendix A). Please choose one option to select meeting dates that works best for you, **prior to Friday, November 27, 2020**:

- I. Pipeline Sections 1& 2: [Doodle Poll Sections 1 & 2](#)
- II. Pipeline Sections 3,4 & 5: [Doodle Poll Sections 3,4 & 5](#)
- III. Pipeline Sections 6 & 7: [Doodle Poll Sections 6 & 7](#)
- IV. Pipeline Section 8 and LNG Canada: [Doodle Poll Section 8 and LNG Canada](#)

If there is someone else in your organization you would like to have participate on your behalf, please provide that person's name and email address. Should you have any questions please contact me at [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

I look forward to meeting with you in December.

Yours truly,

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Links: On EAO's Website.

- Coastal GasLink Project: [Project Overview](#)
- SEEMP: [Coastal GasLink Pipeline SEEMP](#)
- SEEMP Status Report #3: [Report # 3](#)
- LNG Canada Project: [Project Overview](#)
- CLISMP (Revised April 10, 2019): [LNG Canada Facility CLISMP](#)

Appendices:

- A. Local Governments Engagement List
- B. Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project Construction Sections

Appendix A: Local Government Engagement List

Local Governments Impacted by Coastal GasLink	CAO Name	CAO Email	CGL Staging Pipeline Section(s)
City of Terrace	Heather Avison	[REDACTED]	8
District of Kitimat	Warren Waycheshen	[REDACTED]	8
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine	Ron Poole	[REDACTED]	8
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako	Curtis Helgesen	[REDACTED]	6,7
District of Vanderhoof	Lori Egli	[REDACTED]	3,4,5
District of Fort St. James	David Schroeter	[REDACTED]	3,4,5
Village of Fraser Lake	Rodney J. Holland	[REDACTED]	3,4,5
Village of Burns Lake	Sheryl Worthing	[REDACTED]	6,7
Town of Smithers	Alan Harris	[REDACTED]	6,7
District of Houston	Gerald Pinchbeck	[REDACTED]	6,7
Fraser Fort George Regional District	Jim Martin	[REDACTED]	3,4,5
District of Mackenzie	Diane Smith	[REDACTED]	1,2
District of Chetwynd	Carol Newsom	[REDACTED]	1,2
City of Prince George	Kathleen Soltis Melissa Barcellos	[REDACTED]	3,4,5
District of Tumbler Ridge	Jordan Wall	[REDACTED]	1,2
City of Dawson Creek	Blair Lekstrom	[REDACTED]	1,2
City of Fort St. John	Milo MacDonald	[REDACTED]	1,2
Peace River Regional District	Shawn Dahlen	[REDACTED]	1,2

LGs Impacted by LNG Canada	CAO Name	CAO Email
District of Kitimat	Warren Waycheshen	[REDACTED]
City of Terrace	Heather Avison	[REDACTED]
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine	Ron Poole	[REDACTED]

Appendix B: Pipeline Construction Sections

