

Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

Special Newsletter Edition

Start of PRGT construction

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President's Message

We are marking the beginning of a new era for the Nisga'a people.

With the start of construction on the PRGT project, we are also taking our first steps on our path toward prosperity.

The Nisga'a Nation's purchase of the PRGT gas pipeline project is a historic and meaningful step toward our economic independence and security for future Nisga'a generations.

PRGT has been around for over a decade. Before we were the owners, the Nisga'a did an extensive environmental, social, and economic review of the project. We found that the positives far outweighed the potential negatives (which could be reduced). Most of the other right-of-way Nations did the same and, like us, now have agreements that PRGT intends to honour.

We decided that the Nisga'a could either lead the PRGT project and bring our values to its construction, or we would stay on the outside looking in as some other proponent took over and built the project without our oversight.

Our Nation's leadership of this project is the best - and the right - path forward. But not everyone is going to think the same way.

I want to be upfront: there will be public opposition, especially from people outside our Nation. That's ok—we don't expect everyone to agree with us. The Nisga'a are strong believers in the rights of free speech and lawful protest. Our commitment is to be truthful, peaceful, and open to constructive feedback.

As a Nisga'a citizen, you should expect misinformation to find its way to your inbox, or your doorstep. Our job is to get you the facts you will need. This newsletter is how we'll protect the environment, your safety, and bring benefits for you and your family. I'm confident the Nisga'a people can and will rise above disruption and scare-mongering. We will remain focused on what we have to gain from PRGT, and on making sure we make it the best project it can be.

Like most of you, I have children and grandchildren. When I think about PRGT, I ask myself: what will it mean for our children's futures if we let the opportunity pass us by?

That's why we are choosing to continue on this path to prosperity.

We are moving the PRGT project forward for the benefit of all Nisga'a people, and guided by our Ayuukhl, we will lead with the principles of Sayt Ki'ilim-Goot: unity, Kwhlixoosa'anskw: respect, and K'e'em-Goot: compassion.

I wish you and your families a safe and healthy remainder of the summer.



5 FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PRGT PROJECT

***Big projects mean lots of information. Some is good, some is bad.
Always check the facts before believing what you hear.***

PRGT IS OWNED BY THE NISGA'A NATION

WE DECIDE how it is built. WE ENSURE that it is built the Nisga'a way.
WE know how to care for our lands, people, and culture.
Every detail of the project will be guided by the principles of our Ayuukhl.

- 24 hour security
- Nisga'a Environmental Monitors

PRGT IS APPROVED

The project went through an extensive review and consultation process.
But there's still a chance to have a say and make it better.

- Removing 100km of seafloor pipeline and adjusting for crab migration
- Reducing land disturbance with new technology

PRGT HAS CHOSEN EXPERIENCED PARTNERS

Senior leadership at Western LNG has over 250 years of combined experience developing natural gas projects.

- Bechtel will oversee construction. They have installed enough natural gas pipe to circle the world twice.
- Ledor is one of Canada's most experienced construction companies and are overseeing work this year.

PRGT AND THE LAVA BED PARK

Pipeline will be laid in a shallow trench in the area of the Lava Bed Park that already has road infrastructure.

The trench will be refilled after the pipe is installed.

- No tunnelling in lava bed park.
- No construction close to our buried villages.

PRGT WILL BRING GENERATIONAL BENEFITS

The project is a cornerstone of our pathway to prosperity. In addition to construction training, jobs, and business contracting, the project will bring revenues to the Nation to help us build our community. Activity associated with the pipeline will create long-term business opportunities and help us turn jobs into careers.

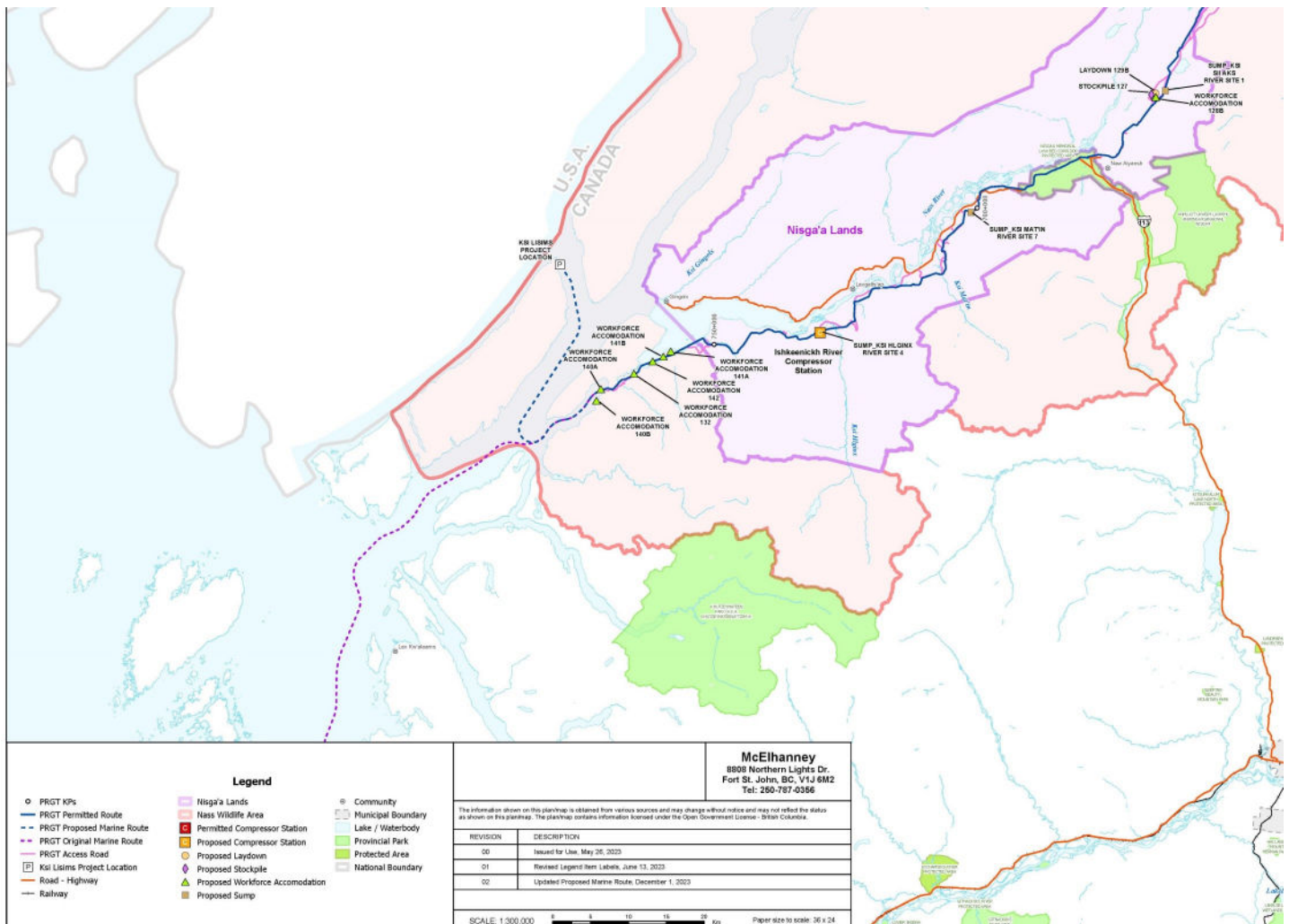
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2024 Construction Program

Construction work in 2024 will be limited to Nisga'a Treaty Lands and will include:

1. Upgrades to 40+km of roads, including Ginulak Road and road to Monkley Dump
2. Repair or build 10+ bridges
3. Clearing and grading of right-of-way
4. Construction of temporary worker accommodation and offices at Nass Camp
5. Staying out of sensitive areas to shorten disturbance period.

Construction starts August 24th and will conclude in November, weather permitting.



Workers and Housing

Approximately 100—200 workers will be working on Nisga'a lands between end of August and November.

- Every single worker will receive cultural training, provided by NLG Culture and Language Department.
- 24/7 Security provided by Nisga'a contractors will be in place at the worker accommodation at Nass Camp.
- Advanced medical services will be available at the worksite.



Environmental Protection

The Nisga'a Nation is working to minimize environmental impacts.

- **Specialized fencing will protect against interactions between workers and wildlife.**
- **Nisga'a members will work as Environmental Monitors.**
- **Routing changes proposed for the western end that will remove 100km of pipeline from the seabed and avoid impacts on crab migration.**





Nisga'a Environmental Assessment Act July 2024



Nisga'a Lisims Government Legislature of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a finalized the long and anticipated Nisga'a Environmental Assessment Act.

The Act, in accordance with the Nisga'a Treaty provides opportunity for environment administration experts to conduct thorough study and screening when it comes to environmental assessment and Nisga'a Lands. When the Act comes into full implementation, any project on Nisga'a Lands will be subject either one of the two requirements, simple review and comprehensive review based on the anticipated project effects.

With the establishment of a Nisga'a Environmental Assessment Office and Director of Environmental Assessments, or the Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG) Executive may issue certificate, impose conditions under Nisga'a Law. Prior to enactment, NLG will ensure that regulations, policies, and Nisga'a Law is cohesive with environmental assessment. The Act is expected to come into force in 2025.

"This has been long negotiated with our technical team, BC, and Canada, our administration is proud to finally see this into fruition. There's more work to be done at the decision table and I look forward to seeing this through for the benefit of the economy, land assessments, and public engagement." says Madam President Eva Clayton.

NLG Lands & Resource Director Griffin says: "This legislation will not only put Nisga'a Government at the helm of the Environmental Assessment process for large projects on Nisga'a Lands but just as importantly will bring to the forefront rigour, consistency, and transparency to the environmental assessment of smaller projects. Way Wo! Hlaa dim wilim'!"

Nisga'a Lisims Government looks forward to hosting public information sessions in our communities, including the three established urban locals. Be sure to Like and Follow www.nisgaanation.ca to keep up to date on current events.

Consultation

Over the past decade, PRGT has consulted extensively with the Nisga'a Nation.



PRGT jobs and information session, June 2024

- * Village Government Meetings (incl. Urban Locals)
- * Multiple Council of Elders sessions
- * In-person Open Houses in all communities
- * Comprehensive study of economic opportunities
- * Comprehensive social impact assessment
- * Update to Special Assembly in May
- * 2 Information Sessions in June focused on jobs and contracting
- * Virtual Open House in July

Jobs and Contracts

The Nisga'a Nation has been talking about the PRGT project for over 10 years, and we are now finally starting to see the benefits. Economic Development organizations for each of the Nisga'a Villages is working to connect opportunities with registered Nisga'a businesses.

There are already Nisga'a businesses and citizens working on PRGT!

The work taking place this year is just the first step on a longer construction journey. Many more opportunities for work will be available in the future. Interested?

Let PRGT know you want to work!

Jobs and training

Send an email to prgt-info@nwinfra.com

In the email, say you are a Nisga'a citizen.

Soon, you'll get an email reply encouraging you to sign up for a newsletter.

Fill out the form and sign-up.

When job or training opportunities come up, you'll get an email.

(Check your spam folders, just in case.)

Business / Contracts Information

Get in touch with NLG Industry Relations:

leah.haldane@nisgaanation.ca

Are you a Nisga'a citizen with a business not yet registered on the NLG Business Registry?

Get in touch!

Questions?

We want to answer your questions!

prgt-info@nwinfra.com

www.westernlng.com/projects/prince-rupert-natural-gas-transmission-project

(Nisga'a webpage for PRGT coming soon!)

The PRGT logo consists of the letters "PRGT" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid black rectangular box.

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