



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

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IN-CAMERA MOTION - Amended

That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(c) and 2(b) of the *Community Charter* for the Board to deal with matters relating to the following:

- **Labour Relations**
- **Contract negotiations**

ADJOURNMENT



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief
Date: August 10, 2023
Subject: Project Award for RDBN Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the Board award the contract to develop a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) for All Electoral Areas in the Regional District to Frontera Forest Solutions, subject to funding approval from UBCM – CRI Program. The Cost of the CWRP is \$194,756 excluding GST and will be covered through the Community Resiliency Investment Fund (CRI).

BACKGROUND

The requirements of the CRI funding for future applications require the RDBN to have a CWRP in place. The RDBN's entire FireSmart program is based on this funding source, therefore, for the RDBN to continue the program, a CWRP is required.

The RDBN issued a Request for Quotation to create a CWRP for the RDBN that includes all the Electoral Areas which recently closed on July 31, 2023.

Six proposals were submitted to the RDBN for consideration. Two RDBN staff reviewed all six of the proposals and both scored Diamond Head, Frontera, and Forsite in the top three. A third RDBN staff member then reviewed the top three to come up with a consensus for the successful bidder.

Evaluations were as follows:

Criteria	Clarity of Proposal	Price	Experience	Scope	Total Points	Rank
Frontera	10	27	30	30	97	1
Diamond Head	9	28	30	29	96	2
Forsite	8	24	30	29	91	3
Calian	9	28	26	27	90	4
Flicker	9	30	25	25	89	5
Cabin	9	22	29	28	88	6
Max Points Achievable	10	30	30	30	100	

Diamond Head, Frontera, or Forsite would all provide the RDBN with the required product. Frontera Forest Solutions are the highest ranking and the first choice of staff.

The funding for this project will come from the 2023 CRI grant funds. As indicated in the report to the Board titled Community Resiliency Investment Fund the cost of the project impacts the RDBN FireSmart Program, however, the CWRP is required to ensure future funding.



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Supplementary

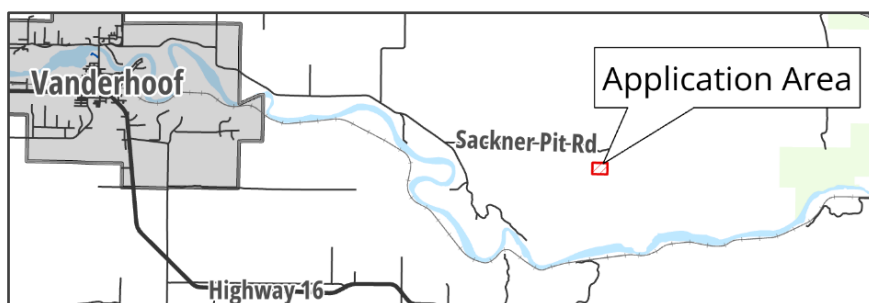
To: Chair and Board
From: Danielle Patterson
Date: August 10, 2023
Subject: Crown Land Application Referral No. 158768218-003

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 158768218-003.

BACKGROUND

Valley Lime Ltd.'s Licence of Occupation (LoO) application is for a limestone quarry, which is proposed to operate five days a week from April to



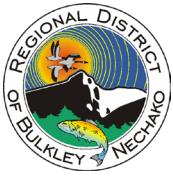
November for five years. The LoO covers 20 ha of Crown land and the application states the limestone outcrop is mostly exposed. The application area is accessed by crossing Crown land via Sackner Pit Road. It is 11 km from the District of Vanderhoof, 1.5 km from the closest residence and approximately 4 km from \pm 30 residences on Sackner Road.

The proposal includes pit expansion (4 ha); crushing, screening, stockpiling, and an office area (1.3 ha); a new access road (0.32 ha); aggregate exploration and test pits; portable toilets; and a scale.

The application Management Plan (see attachments for [link](#)) outlines winter shutdown processes, an erosion and sediment plan, as well as wildlife and vegetation management. Grading and vegetation clearing is proposed for August 20th and April 20th to reduce the risk of disturbing birds under the *BC Wildlife Act* and the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Comment Sheet
- [Link Management Plan and application maps](#)



Electoral Area:	Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)
Applicant:	Valley Lime Ltd.
Existing Land Use:	Limestone quarry/forested
Zoning:	Rural Resource Zone (RR1) in RDBN Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2023
OCP Designation:	Resource (RE) in the Vanderhoof Rural OCP, Bylaw No. 1963, 2021
Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:	No
If not, why?	See other comments.
Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR):	Proposed site: No. Proposed Access: Yes. See comments.
Access:	Sackner Pit Road
Building Inspection:	No
Fire Protection:	No
Other comments:	

The applicant is encouraged to contact the Agricultural Land Commission to confirm whether a Transportation, Utility, And Recreation Uses application is required for the proposed road, which crosses lands in the ALR.

While the RDBN Zoning Bylaw cannot regulate the removal or deposit of aggregate, the proposed aggregate processing is not permitted in the RR1 Zone. Aggregate processing is defined in the Zoning Bylaw as:

"AGGREGATE PROCESSING means the use of a mechanically operated device or Structure for one or more of the following:

- to sift, sort, crush or separate rock, sand, gravel or other material of which land is composed;*
- to wash or separate silts, and other fine or small materials from larger rock, sand, gravel or other material of which land is composed.*

This use does not include an asphalt or concrete plant."

If the applicant is interested in uses not permitted in the RR1 Zone, they are encouraged to contact the RDBN to discuss potential options, such a Temporary Use Permit. The complete Zoning Bylaw is available on the RDBN website:

<https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/planning/land-use-planning/zoning>



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Supplementary

To: Chair and Board
From: Danielle Patterson
Date: August 10, 2023
Subject: Coastal GasLink Compressor Stations Notification No. CGP-012694

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the attached comment sheet be provided to Coastal GasLink as the Regional District's comments for Compressor Stations Notification No. CGP-012694

BACKGROUND

As a requirement of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* and the Requirement for Consultation and Notification Regulation (RCNR), Coastal GasLink Ltd. (CGL) has sent a notification letter stating they intend to apply to the British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER) for permits to construct and operate two compressor stations (see attachments). The proposed compressor stations, known as Parrott Lakes Compressor Station and Titanium Peak Compressor Station are part of Phase 2 of the CGL Pipeline Project, which is to be developed and operated by TransCanada Pipelines Limited (see [link](#) in attachments).

The purpose of the compressor stations is to increase the capacity of natural gas through the CGL pipeline. CGL anticipates the compressor stations will be constructed over a three-to-five-year period between 2025 and 2030. CGL states that during construction, there will be a requirement for equipment and material stockpile sites and space to house workers, with no specifics on worker accommodations provided. Planning staff requested more detailed location maps, which were not provided as of the writing of this report.

Below is an overview of each compressor site, with details related to noise, light, odour, traffic control, dust control, and equipment requirements provided in the attachments.

Parrott Lakes Compressor Site

The proposed Parrott Lakes compressor site is approximately 60 km south of the District Houston in the Clemretta area. It is accessed from a CGL right-of-way via Parrott Lakes FSR. The nearest residence is approximately 14 km away. The proposal has a 28.75 ha footprint

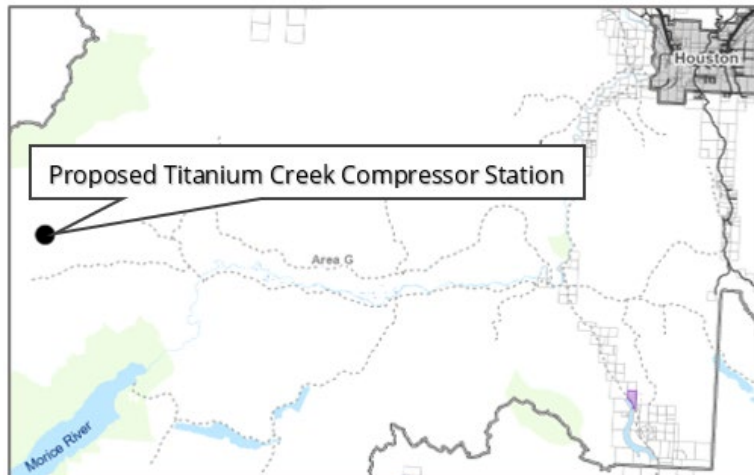
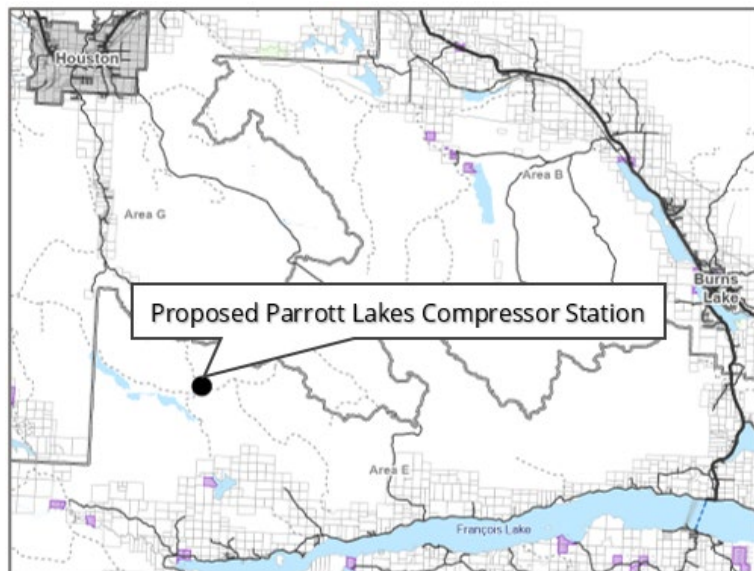
on Crown land, including 8.53 of new cut and 20.22 ha of existing clearing which is currently used as a stockpile and laydown yard (see [link](#) in attachments for details).

The proposal consists of the installation of three 30-Megawatt natural gas driven compressor units which will compress natural gas, increasing the capacity through the CGL Pipeline.

Titanium Peak Compressor Site

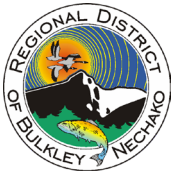
The proposed Titanium Peak compressor site is approximately 85 km southwest of the District of Houston. It is accessed from a CGL right-of-way via Shea Creek FSR. The nearest residence is approximately 55 km away. The proposal has a 19.18 ha footprint on Crown land, including 3.21 ha of new cut and 15.97 ha of existing clearing which is in an existing BCER multi-use permit held by CGL adjacent to the Coastal CGL right-of-way. CGL may use this right-of-way as a potential stockpile site and laydown yard.

The proposal consists of the installation of two 30-Megawatt turbine compressor units which will compress natural gas, increasing the capacity through the CGL Pipeline (see [link](#) in attachments for details).



ATTACHMENTS:

- Comment Sheet
- BC Oil & Gas Commission Notification and Consultation document
- [Link to Coastal GasLink Phase 2 Fact Sheet](#)
- [Link to Coastal GasLink documents for Parrott Lakes Compressor Station](#)
- [Link to Coastal GasLink documents for Titanium Creek Compressor Station](#)

Comment Sheet on Coastal GasLink Referral No. CGP-012694

PARROTT LAKES COMPRESSOR STATION:

Electoral Area:	Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
Applicant:	Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd.
Existing Land Use:	Stockpile site and laydown yard
Zoning:	Not zoned
OCP Designation:	Not applicable
Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:	See comments for Setbacks from a Natural Boundary note.
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Not within.
Access:	RoW accessed via Parrott Lakes FSR
Building Inspection:	No
Fire Protection:	No

TITANIUM CREEK COMPRESSOR STATION:

Electoral Area:	Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural)
Applicant:	Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd.
Existing Land Use:	Vacant / cleared land.
Zoning:	Not zoned
OCP Designation:	Not applicable
Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:	See comments for Setbacks from a Natural Boundary note.
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Not within
Access:	RoW accessed via Shea Creek FSR
Building Inspection:	No
Fire Protection:	No

COMMENTS:

Both proposed compressor sites comply with zoning. The RDBN's Structure Setbacks from a Natural Boundary (watercourses, lakes, marsh, and ponds) apply throughout the Regional District, whether the land is zoned or not. Details are in Zoning Bylaw 1800, 2023, available on the RDBN website: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/planning/land-use-planning/zoning>

RDBN Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1878, 2020 is available on the RDBN website: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/planning/hazard-management/landslides-and-erosion>

Consultation and Notification

Why Consultation and Notification?

Companies intending to submit an application for an oil and gas activity are required to complete a formal engagement process with land owners and rights holders who may be affected by the activity.

The intent of this process is to promote communication between the company and those affected before an application is submitted.

What is Consultation?

Consultation is engagement more specific to land owners or rights holders most directly affected by the proposed activity, generally in closest proximity. An Invitation to Consult outlines a description of the project, timelines and instructions on how concerns regarding the project can be relayed to the company or the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission). The invitation also provides opportunity for land owners or rights holders to meet and discuss concerns with the company.

What is Notification?

A letter of notification is engagement with land owners or rights holders who are not within the closest proximity but may still experience impacts as a result of the activity. The notification must provide a description of the project and clear instructions on how concerns regarding the activity can be relayed to the company or the Commission.

Companies must carry out consultation and notification, plan for appropriate timelines and allow information to be received by land owners or rights holders according to timeframes of the different delivery methods.



Land owners or rights holders with concerns about a proposed oil and gas activity may submit a written response to the company within the 30 day review period or send a written submission to the Commission until the time

a decision is made on the application. If an issue remains unresolved, land owners, rights holders or the company may connect with the Commission's Community Relations team.

Talking to Land Owners and Rights Holders

Companies must secure tenure rights through the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation and complete the required consultation and notification with land owners and rights holders before submitting an oil and gas activity application. After a thorough application review, a permit may be issued. The Commission then informs affected land owners. Permit holders must adhere to timelines, conditions, laws and regulations and should maintain ongoing dialogue with the Commission and land owners.



For Further Information

Email ogc.communications@bcogc.ca or call 250-794-5200

24 Hour Incident Reporting for Industry 1-800-663-3456

This information is published by the BC Oil and Gas Commission and is available online at www.bcogc.ca

How Does Your Input Affect Application Review?

The concerns you send in about a proposed activity, whether through a written response to the company or a written submission to the Commission, are included in a company's application. This input forms an important part of the application review and is considered during the decision process.

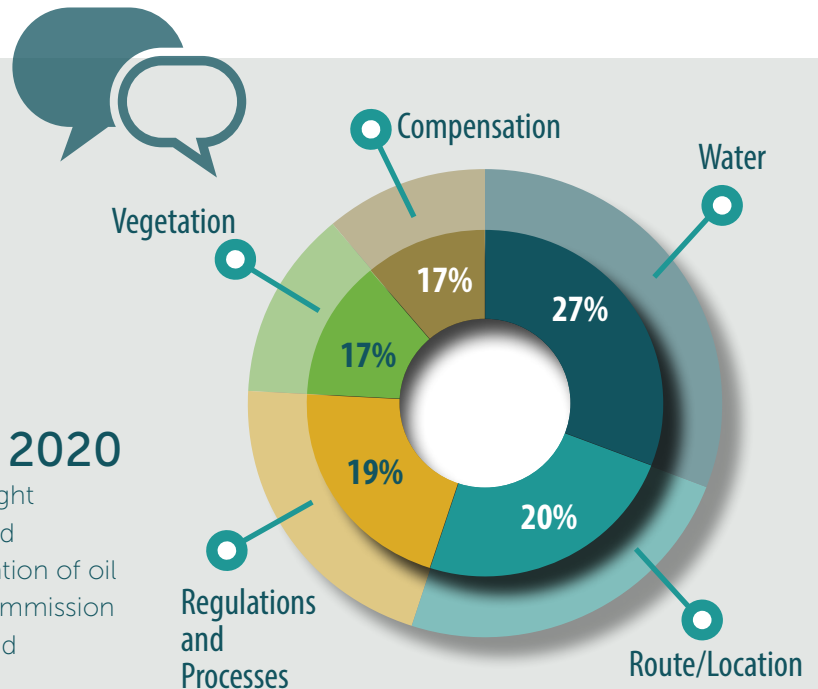
Where necessary, the Commission may refuse to issue a permit, require the applicant to conduct further engagement on unresolved concerns, modify the application, add mitigation measures to proposed activities or attach terms or conditions if a permit is to be granted.

Community Relations

The Commission's Community Relations team is an important resource for rights holders who may be affected by oil and gas activities. The team provides information to land owners on regulatory processes and oil and gas activities, and also acts as a neutral facilitator, resolving issues between land owners and industry regarding oil and gas activities.

Top Community Interests for 2020

The graphic on the right shows the top interests brought forward by the community during the consultation and notification process. They include water, route or location of oil and gas activities, questions about regulations and Commission processes, and the impact of activity on vegetation and compensation.



Did You Know?

- Based on land owner and Indigenous feedback, the Commission has reviewed, revised, and released updated Consultation and Notification regulations.

Effective June 1, 2021, **Requirements for Consultation and Notification (RCNR)** will replace the Consultation and Notification regulations.

Key updates involve improved **responsiveness** by **extending time** for service periods and land owner response times.
- If for any reason you as a land owner or rights holder need someone to act or respond on your behalf, you will need to provide a 'letter of designation' or a copy of your Power of Attorney.
- Emergency Response Planning is a separate requirement designed to support industry in developing a safety framework to protect those working on site, neighbours, property and the environment. View our [Emergency Preparedness fact sheet](#) to learn more.



August 3, 2023

Chair Parker and Board
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Box 820
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

Reference: AP8158

Re: 2023 Next Generation 911 Funding – Approval Agreement & Terms and Conditions of Funding

Dear Chair Parker and Board,

I am pleased to inform you that a grant in the amount of \$45,000 has been approved for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako under the Next Generation 911 funding program that is being administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

This funding is to support local preparedness for the implementation of Next Generation 911. Funding is being provided on an allocation-basis and 50% of the approved amount will be issued when the signed copy of this agreement is returned to UBCM. The balance of the grant will be available when UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Citizens' Services has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, and in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, the following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for grant payment:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO or designate and returned to UBCM within 30 days of the date of this letter;
- (2) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of local preparedness for the implementation of Next Generation 911;
- (3) All expenditures must meet eligibility and funding requirements as defined in the *Program & Application Guide* (refer to Sections 3 and 4) and are limited to the eligible activities identified in the Section 1 of Table 1 in the guide;
- (4) All project activities must be completed within three years and no later than August 7, 2026;
- (5) The final report is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of project end date and no later than September 11, 2026;

The Next Generation 911 program is funded by the Province of BC

- (6) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days following the project end date;

Please note that descriptive information regarding eligible recipients will be posted on the UBCM and/or provincial government websites, or shared through provincial governments news releases or events, and all interim, progress and/or final report materials may be made available to the provincial government.

If you have any questions, please contact lgps@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,



Danyta Welch
Manager, Local Government Program Services

cc. *Curtis Helgesen, CAO*

Reference: AP8158

Approval Agreement (to be signed by the CAO or designate)

I, _____, authorized designate of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, have read and agree to the general Terms & Conditions and the requirements for funding under the **2023 Next Generation 911** program.

Signature

Date

Please return an electronic copy of this signed Approval Agreement Attention of the Program Administrator to lgps@ubcm.ca