



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

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	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b>	
<b>3-6</b>	<b>Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes - June 8, 2023</b>	<b>Approve</b>
	<b><u>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></b>	
	<b><u>Referrals</u></b>	
<b>7-10</b>	<b>Rowan Nagel, GIS/Planning Technician Crown Land Application Referral No. 160467107-006 Electoral Areas D (Fraser Lake Rural) and F (Vanderhoof Rural)</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>11-15</b>	<b>Cameron Kral, Planning Technician Crown Land Application Referral No. 159045290-006 Electoral Area C (Fort St James Rural)</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKORURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGThursday, June 8, 2023

**PRESENT:**

Chair	Clint Lambert
Directors	Judy Greenaway Shirley Moon Chris Newell Mark Parker Michael Riis-Christianson Stoney Stoltenberg
Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator/Planning Technician – left at 2:30 p.m.
Others	Linda McGuire, Village of Gransile Kevin Moutray, District of Vanderhoof – left at 2:39 p.m. Elijah Newell, Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit – left at 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

**AGENDA** Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2023-4-1 “That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for June 8, 2023 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes  
-April 6, 2023 Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2023-4-2 “That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of April 6, 2023 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### Land Referral

Crown Land Application  
Referral No. 7410293  
Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof  
Rural)

Moved by Director Moon  
 Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

RDC.2023-4-3

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application No. 7410293."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## REGIONAL TRANSIT

Electoral Area Participation  
in the Transit Service

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2023-4-4

"That the Committee receive the Director of Planning's Electoral Area Participation in the Transit Service memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Bylaw amendment process for each Electoral Area Director wanting to participate in the RDBN Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service
  - o 2/3 majority vote of participants
  - o Bylaw sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for consideration
  - o Timeline
- Elector Assent and Alternative Approval process
- Require cost certainty from the Provincial and Federal Government
- First Nations funding and Federal Government funding
- Scenarios based on participation of Electoral Areas and potential impacts to municipalities
  - o Electoral Areas not wanting to move forward - provide information to staff
- Electoral Areas ability to join the service at any time
- Ridership numbers

## REGIONAL TRANSIT

- Funding the Service
  - o COVID-19 Funding utilized to continue service in 2023
  - o Past support of service through grant in aid
  - o Provincial grants at the start of the service have expired
  - o The potential increased costs for the continuation of the service
  - o Bus stops capital infrastructure funded by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
  - o Funding ratio for municipalities/electoral areas
  - o Review funding once participation of electoral areas is determined
- Tax rates based on:
  - o Population
  - o Land and improvements
  - o Improvements only
- Service was started to address the missing and murdered indigenous people along Highway 16
- Lobbying the Province.

## NEW BUSINESS

Cattle Liner Rollover – Morice Forest Service Road Chair Lambert mentioned that a cattle liner rolled over on the Morice Forest Service Road recently. Some of the livestock perished. BC Cattlemen’s Association is exploring acquiring emergency response trailers.

Agricultural Land Commission -Compliance and Enforcement Director Moon noted that the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) recently had their Compliance and Enforcement Officials visit throughout the region. They visited some properties within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) in Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural). The ALC Compliance and Enforcement Officials also met with RDBN staff.

The following was discussed:

- The Agricultural Land Commission possibly attending a future meeting
- Awareness of the ALC Compliance and Enforcement Officials visit through the region.

## IN-CAMERA MEETING MOTION

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2023-4-5

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

- Legacy Funding.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2023-4-5

"That the meeting be adjourned at 2:39 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Clint Lambert, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of  
Corporate Services



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural/Agriculture Committee

**To:** Chair and Committee  
**From:** Rowan Nagel, Planning/GIS Technician  
**Date:** September 7, 2023  
**Subject:** Crown Land Application Referral No. 160467107-006

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### RECOMMENDATION:

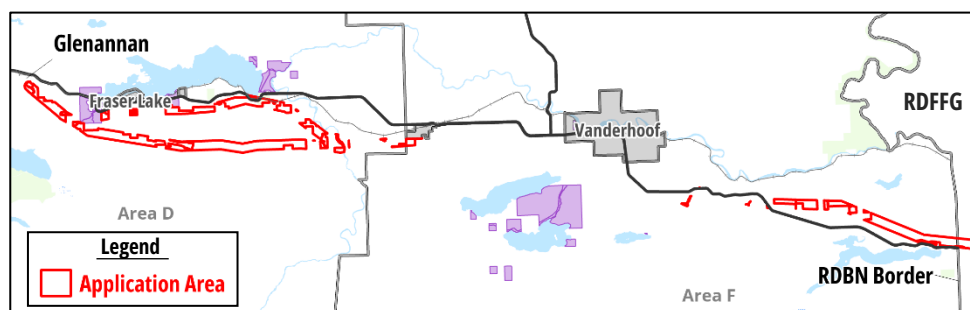
(all/directors/majority)

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 160467107-006.

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### BACKGROUND

BC Hydro's proposed License of Occupation (LoO) allows investigative studies for the Prince George to Glenannan



Transmission (PGGT) project. The proposed LoO area may impact up to 1,344 properties owned by the province. A separate LoO will be required for construction of the transmission line once a route has been selected.

Tests will be performed to determine site suitability for the construction of a 500kV power line running parallel to existing infrastructure connecting central BC and the North Coast. The LoO covers the first stage of the PGGT project, between Glenannan and Williston substations. Planned tests include Soil Resistivity Testing and Geotechnical Investigation (Including site reconnaissance and exploration).

The [Management Plan \(link\)](#) outlines land, wildlife, and vegetation management practices. Where possible, existing roads will be used, and construction will be kept to a minimum. Test locations will be situated to minimize soil and vegetation disturbance. Necessary grading and vegetation clearing will occur during "least-risk" timing windows, and where appropriate, a pre-work survey will occur to mitigate risks to fish and wildlife.

This application includes lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve. As some of the proposed activities may require approval from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC),

staff have recommended the applicant consult with the ALC to determine if ALC approval is required (see attachments).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Comment Sheet
- Applicant Correspondence regarding ALC Regulations
- [Management Plan \(link\)](#)





**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
COMMENT SHEET ON LAND REFERRAL 160467107-006**

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<b>Electoral Area:</b>	Electoral Areas D and F
<b>Applicant:</b>	BC Hydro and Power Authority
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Multiple
<b>Zoning:</b>	Multiple
<b>Plan Designation</b>	Multiple
<b>Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:</b>	Yes
<b>If not, why?</b>	N/A
<b>Agricultural Land Reserve:</b>	Yes + No
<b>Access:</b>	N/A
<b>Building Inspection:</b>	Yes + No
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	Yes + No
<b>Other comments:</b>	<p>The RDBN Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2023 permits unattended utility uses in all zones.</p> <p>The applicant is encouraged to contact the Agricultural Land Commission to confirm whether any additional applications are required for road or exploratory construction.</p>

**From:** [Danielle Patterson](#)  
**To:** [ALC North Land Use ALC:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Rowan Nagel](#)  
**Subject:** Does the exploratory work for BC Hydro require an ALC application?  
**Date:** August 15, 2023 9:14:00 AM  
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Good morning Connor,

Following up on our chat yesterday, please see the attached shape file that RDBN received for a BC Hydro Licence of Occupation referral. They are applying via FrontCounter BC for a corridor study for locations for a powerline over ~ 175k stretch of land. Their application states this will involve “geotechnical exploration, ground resistivity testing, centerline surveys, vegetation removal and access establishment”. They state they may need to establish some trails and that some soil will be disturbed (but not relocated).

There is no reference in the document to the ALC, ALR, or agricultural lands but the shape file does cross lands in the ALR. Typically, we try to give applicants a heads up in the RDBN referral response if there is a chance they might need an ALC application/approval but I wasn’t certain in this case.

I’ve copied my colleague Rowan to this email as he will be writing the staff report for this referral.

Thank you for your time and feedback.

Sincerely,

Danielle

Danielle Patterson (she/her), B.A., B.Pl.

Senior Planner

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*I respectfully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional territories of the First Nations in the Bulkley and Nechako watersheds.*

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## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural/Agriculture Committee

**To:** Chair and Committee  
**From:** Cameron Kral, Planning Technician  
**Date:** September 7, 2023  
**Subject:** Crown Land referral No. 159045290-006

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### RECOMMENDATION:

(all/directors/majority)

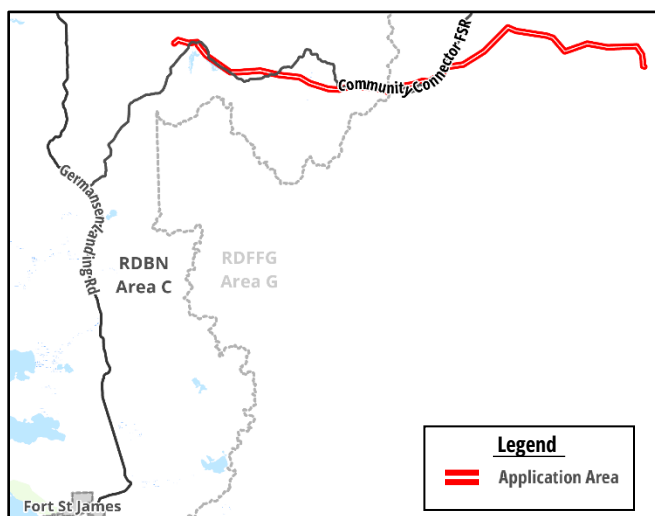
That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral No. 159045290-006.

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### DISCUSSION

This application, by Thompson Creek Metals Company Inc, is for a [Licence of Occupation](#) to relocate part of an existing Right of Way. The applicant wishes to amend the Right of Way to better align with an existing transmission line running 93 km between the Mt. Milligan Mine and Kennedy Substation.

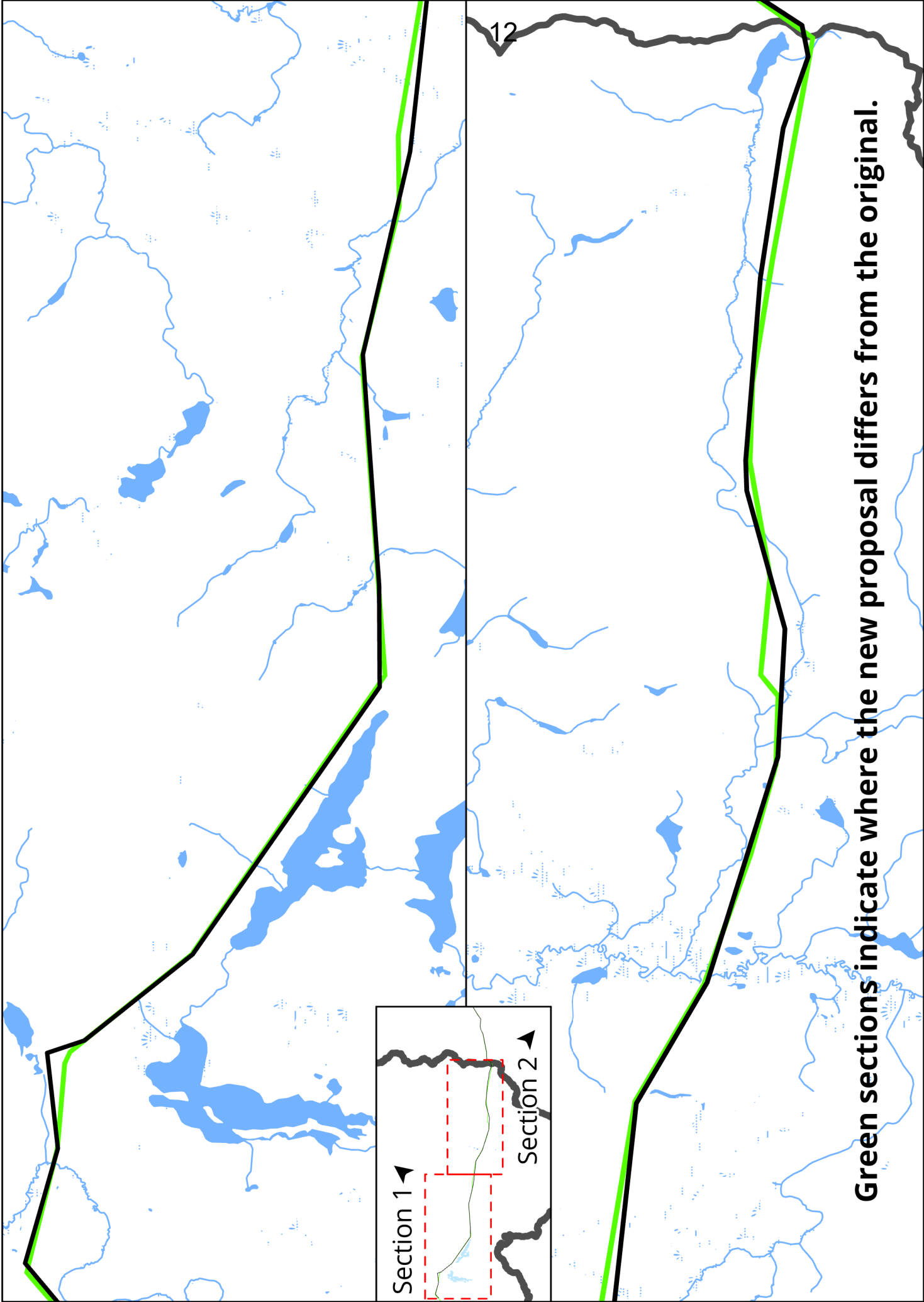
The application area covers 318.0 ha of Crown Land in the RDBN and RDFFG. Approximately 146 ha are in the RDBN. (see proposed changes on next page).



The application area is located approximately 70 km northeast of the District of Fort St. James and is accessed by various FSRs and spur roads. Operations may include the removal of merchantable timber and other vegetation from the application area. A [Management Plan](#) was provided by the applicant.

### ATTACHMENTS

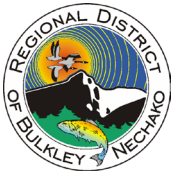
- Comment Sheet
- Applicant Submission
- [Licence of Occupation](#) (Link)
- [Management Plan](#) (Link)



**Green sections indicate where the new proposal differs from the original.**



# Current/Original Route Differences

Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 159045290-006

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<b>Electoral Area:</b>	Electoral Area C (Fort St James Rural)
<b>Applicant:</b>	Thompson Creek Metals Company Inc.
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Multiple
<b>Zoning:</b>	N/A
<b>OCP Designation:</b>	Resource (RE)
<b>Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:</b>	N/A
<b>Agricultural Land Reserve:</b>	No
<b>Access:</b>	Various FSRs
<b>Building Inspection:</b>	No
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	No
<b>Other comments:</b>	None

# LOCATION MAP

File - 7408866 Area = 635.05 Ha  
Client - THOMPSON CREEK METALS  
COMPANY INC.

## Legend

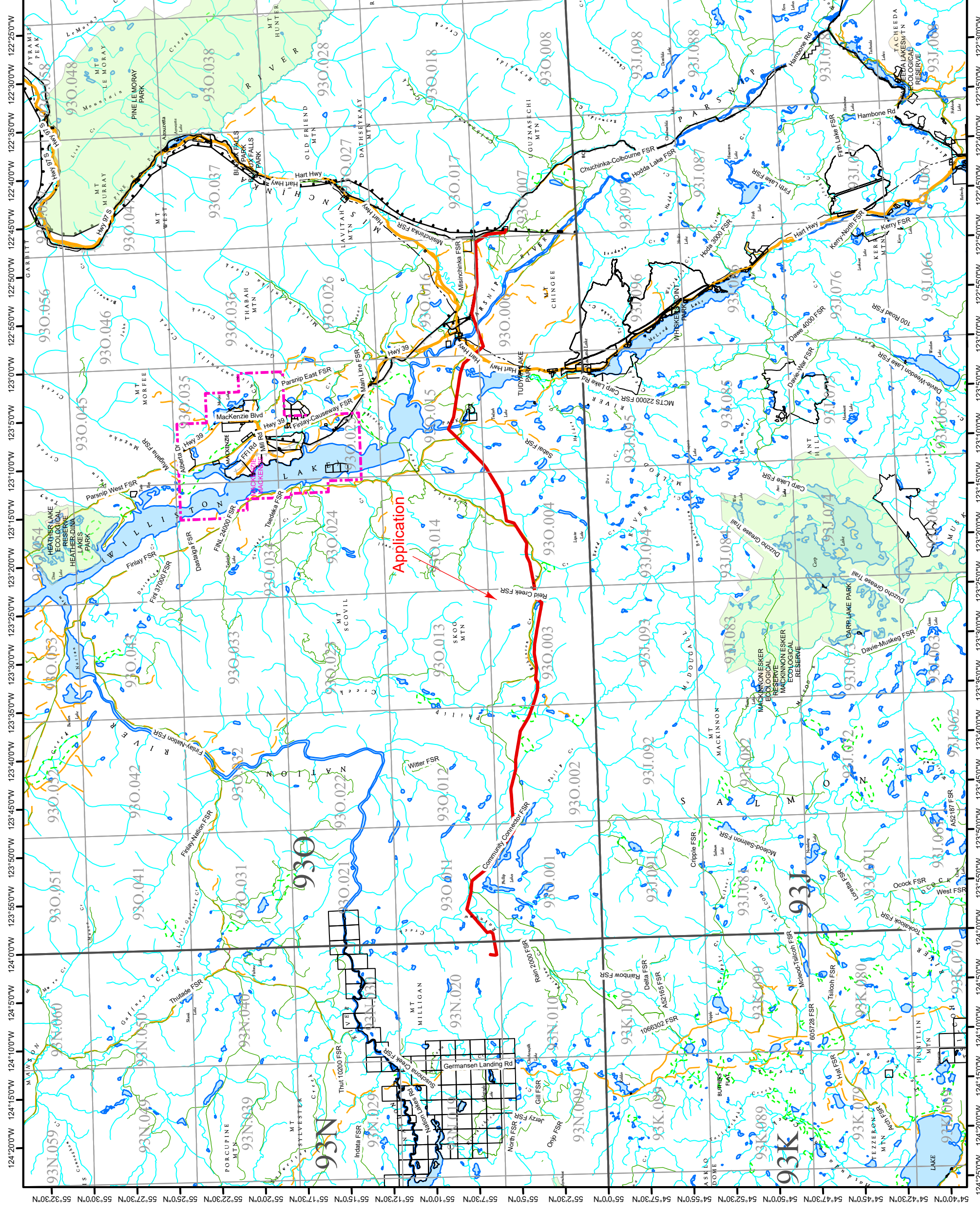
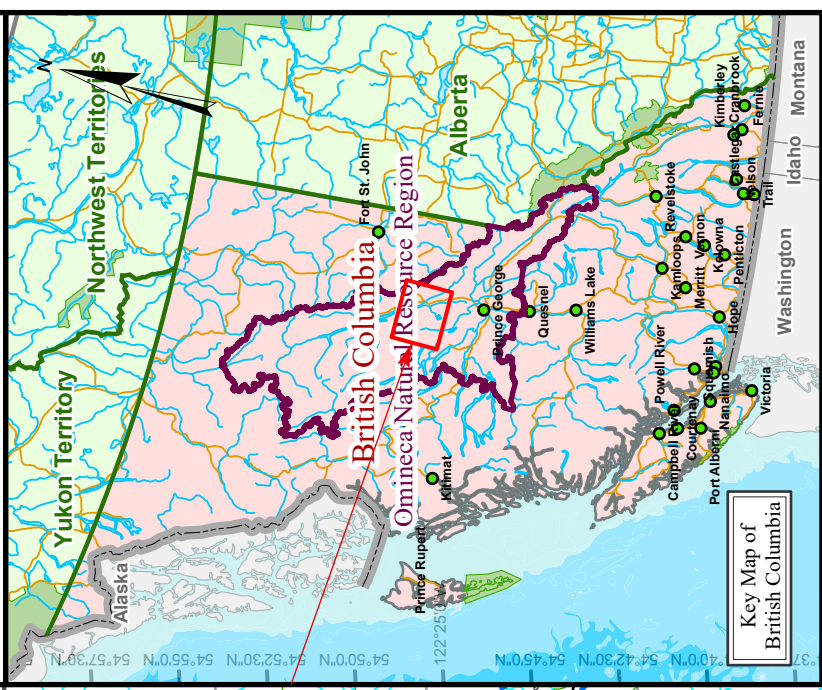
- Crown Land Application**
  - Municipal Boundary
  - Primary Survey Parcel
  - Subdivision
  - Surveyed Rights of Way
- Protected Areas**
  - Provincial Park
  - Protected Area
  - OIC Ecological Reserve
- Transportation**
  - Highway
  - Railway
  - Surveyed Road RW
  - Road
  - Forest Service Road
  - Trail
  - Rail Line
- Water Features**
  - Rapids
  - River or Stream - Definite
  - River or Stream - Dry
  - River or Stream - Indefinite
  - Dam - section Base
  - Flooded Land - Inundated
  - Lake - Definite
  - Lake - Indefinite
  - Lake - Intermittent
  - Reservoir - Definite
  - Glacier
  - Icefield
  - Island - Definite
  - Sand Bar
- Contours**
  - Contour - interval 200m

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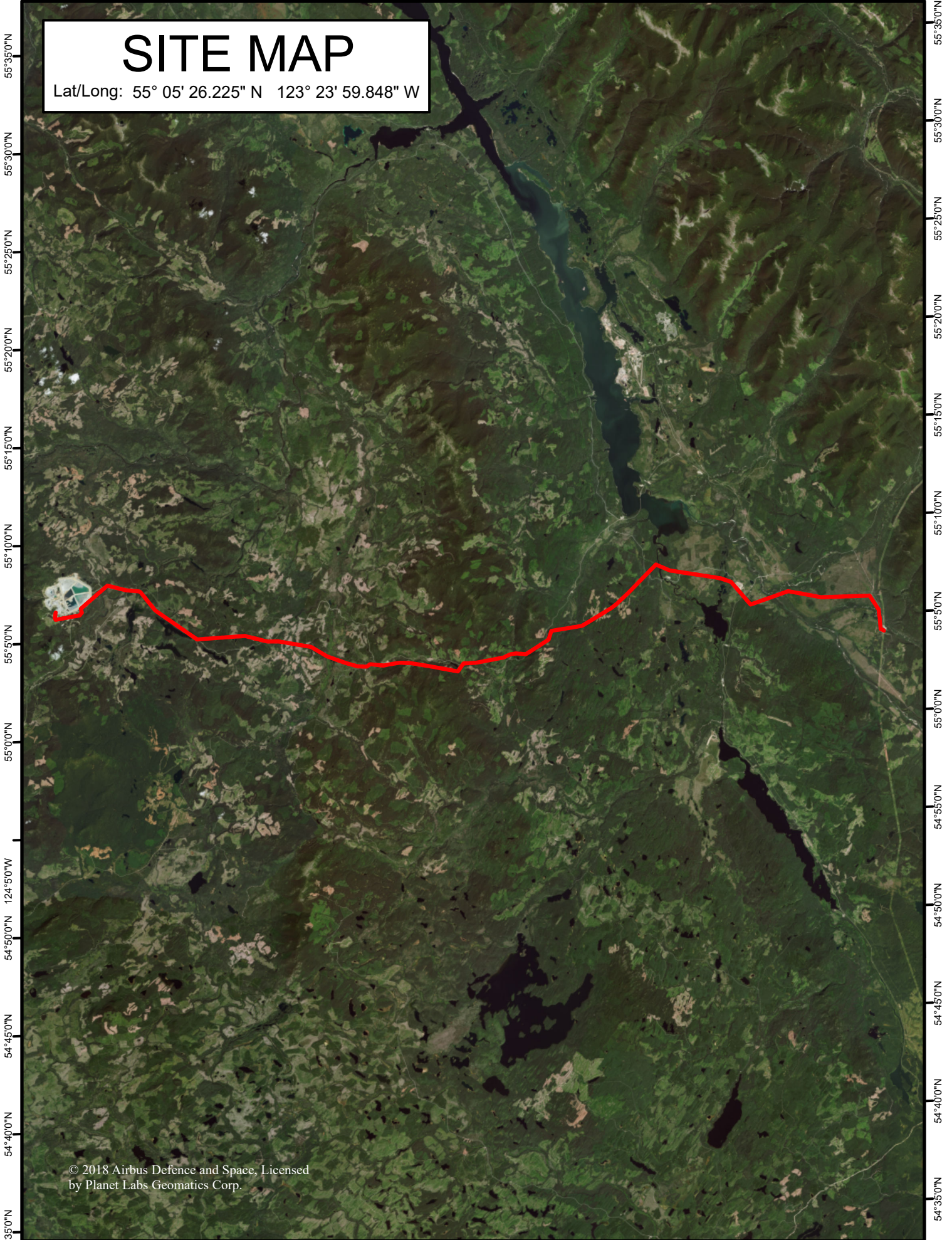


BC Albers Projection/NAD 83



# SITE MAP

Lat/Long: 55° 05' 26.225" N 123° 23' 59.848" W



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## File Number: 7408866

Site # 1 of 1 - APPLICATION AREA: 635.05 ha.

TYPE: LICENCE

PURPOSE: UTILITY

SUBTYPE:

SUBPURPOSE: ELECTRIC POWER LINE

LICENCE OF OCCUPATION

LOCATION: MOUNT MILLIGAN

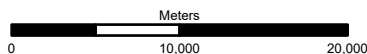
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### Legend

- |                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Crown Land Application        | Protected Areas                     |
| Area to be Deleted            | Provincial Park                     |
| Primary Survey Parcel         | Protected Area                      |
| Subdivision                   | OIC Ecological Reserve              |
| Municipality                  | Recreation Area                     |
| Privately Owned Parcel        |                                     |
| <b>Surveyed Rights of Way</b> | <b>Base Mapping Features (20K)</b>  |
| Surveyed Road R/W             | River or Stream                     |
| Gas/Oil R/W District Lot      | River or Stream - Dry               |
| Power Transmission R/W        | Lake                                |
| Gas/Oil R/W                   | Reservoir - Definite                |
| Telecom R/W District Lot      | Glacier/icefield                    |
| Miscellaneous R/W             | Contour - 20m interval              |
| Highway                       | <b>Transportation - Lines (20K)</b> |
| Railway                       | Airfield                            |
| Surveyed Road R/W             | Forest Service Road                 |
|                               | Road Permit                         |
|                               | Trail                               |
|                               | Rail Line                           |

All measurements are approximate.



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural/Agriculture Committee

**To:** Chair and Committee  
**From:** Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
**Date:** September 7, 2023  
**Subject:** Coastal GasLink Segundo Lake Compressor Station Notification

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**RECOMMENDATION:** (all/directors/majority)

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the BC Energy Regulator and Coastal GasLink as the Regional District's comments regarding the proposed Segundo Lake Compressor Station

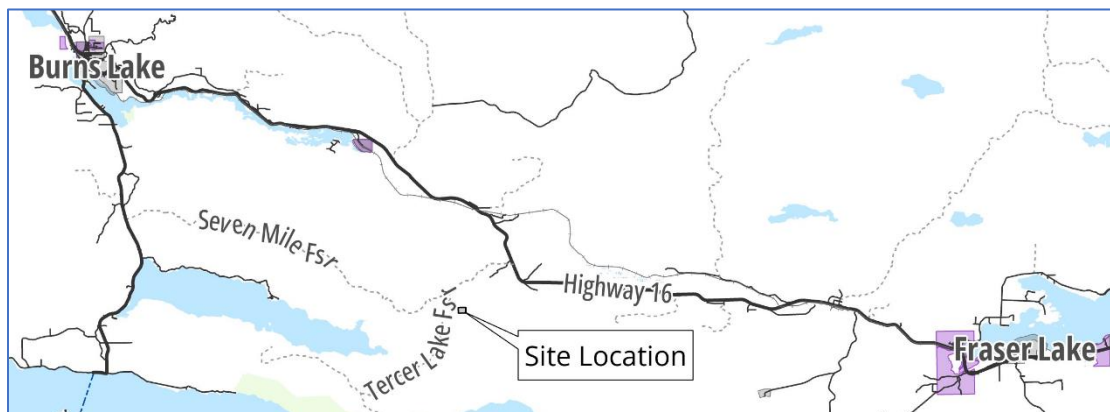
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### THE PROPOSED COMPRESSOR STATION

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 a compressor station in the location shown on the following maps. The proposed Segundo Lake Compressor Station consists of three 30 MW turbine driven compressor units, electrical and control buildings, and boiler and air compressor buildings. The purpose of the compressor stations is to increase the capacity of natural gas through the CGL pipeline as part of Phase 2 of the CGL Pipeline Project.

CGL anticipates the compressor station 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..

The proposed Segundo Lake Compressor Station is located off of the Terser Lake Forest Service Road, east of Tchesinkut Lake, between Burns Lake and Fraser Lake. The proposal has a 18 ha footprint on Crown land which has already been cleared and is currently used as a stockpile and laydown yard.





## DISCUSSION

There are several dwellings within a 5 km radius of the proposed facility, The attached notification letter dated August 18, 2023 briefly touches on the potential impacts associated with construction and operation of the facility.

At its August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting the Board considered a similar notification provided by Coastal Gaslink regarding their proposed Titanium



Peak and Parrott Lake Compressor Stations. The Board expressed concern that that more information is required for the Board to provide meaningful comment regarding the proposed facilities. Staff agree that additional information is required.

Staff recommend that the attached letter be sent to the BC Energy Regulator and CGL. This letter requests more information regarding the construction and operation the proposed facility and its impacts of the community, and it requests that the BC Energy Regulator not issue any permits to construct and operate the Segundo Lake Compressor Stations without the RDBN first receiving, reviewing, and commenting on the requested information.

## ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed notification response letter
- [Link to Coastal GasLink notification letter dated August 18, 2023](#)
- [Link to Coastal GasLink Phase 2 Fact Sheet](#)
- [Link to BC Energy Regulator Consultation and Notification brochure](#)

September 8, 2023

BC Energy Regulator

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Fort St. John, BC V1J 2B0

Sent via Email: [writtensubmissions@bc-er.ca](mailto:writtensubmissions@bc-er.ca)

**RE: RDBN Comment Regarding the Segundo Lake Compressor Station**

At its September 7, 2023 meeting the Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako considered the notification provided by Coastal Gaslink regarding their proposed Segundo Lake Compressor Stations. This letter is the RDBN Board's response to this notification.

Additional information is required for the Board to provide meaningful comment regarding the proposed facilities in response to the notification. The Board requests that detailed and specific information be provided regarding the proposed facility, its construction and operation, and the mitigation measures to be used to address any anticipated adverse impacts (noise, vibration, dust, etc.).

The RDBN Board requests that the BC Energy Regulator not issue any permits to construct or operate the Segundo Lake Compressor Station without the RDBN first receiving, reviewing, and commenting on the requested information.

It is noted that the RDBN has repeatedly requested discussions regarding the land use impacts associated with pipeline facilities, including compressor stations, on multiple occasions beginning in 2014 during the Environmental Assessment Certificate process. Coastal Gaslink indicated that these discussions were premature and would be addressed at the time of the BC Energy Regulator permitting process. Given this history it is highly disappointing to receive notifications regarding 4 compressor stations with minimal information provided and a requirement for a formal response within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Mark Parker

Board Chair

cc Natasha Westover – Public Affairs Lead Coastal GasLink  
Email: [natasha\\_westover@tcenergy.com](mailto:natasha_westover@tcenergy.com)



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural/Agriculture Committee

**To:** Chair and Committee  
**From:** Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
**Date:** September 7, 2023  
**Subject:** Coastal GasLink Clear Creek Compressor Station Notification

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**RECOMMENDATION:** (all/directors/majority)

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the BC Energy Regulator and Coastal GasLink as the Regional District's comments regarding the proposed Clear Creek Compressor Station

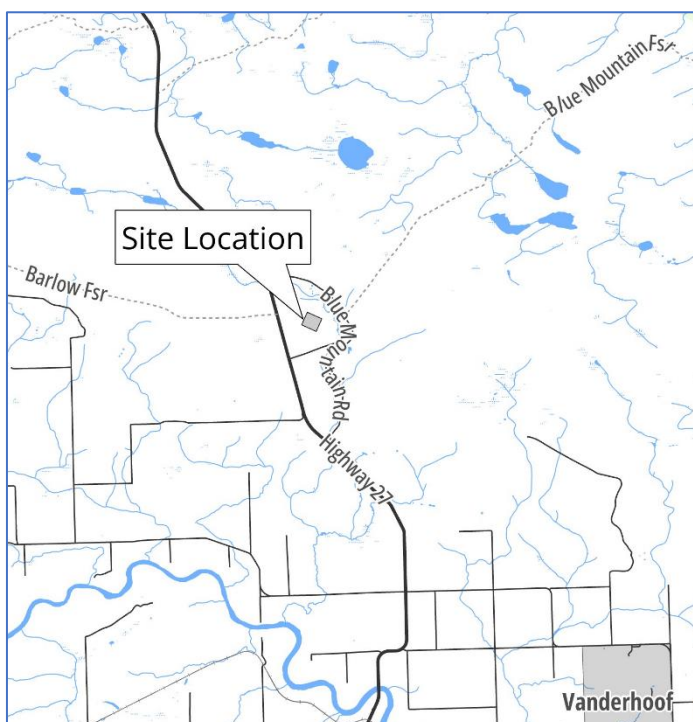
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CGL anticipates the compressor station will be constructed over a three-to-five-year period between 2025 and 2030. CGL states that during construction, there will be a requirement for equipment and material stockpile sites and space to house workers..

The proposed Clear Creek Compressor Station is located approximately 70 km northwest of the District of Vanderhoof along Highway 27. The proposal has a 16.7 ha footprint on Crown land which has already been cleared and is currently used as a stockpile and laydown yard.



## DISCUSSION

There are several dwellings located within a two km of the proposed facility. The attached notification letter dated August 18, 2023 briefly touches on the potential impacts associated with construction and operation of the facility.

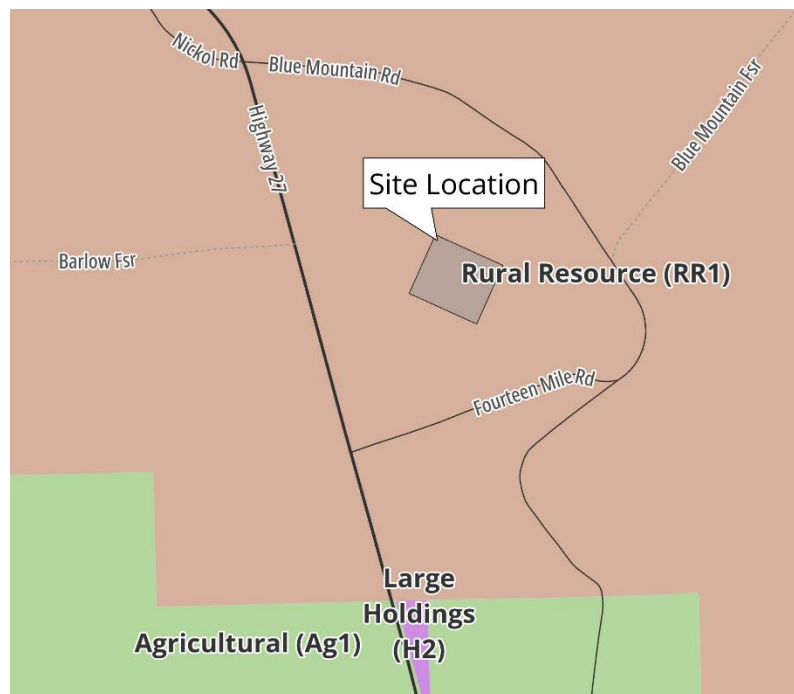
At its August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting the Board considered a similar notification provided by Coastal Gaslink regarding their proposed Titanium Peak and Parrott Lake Compressor Stations. The Board expressed concern that more information is required for the Board to provide meaningful comment regarding the proposed facilities. Staff agree that additional information is required.



The proposed Compressor Station location is zoned Rural Resource (RR1) and a compressor station is not a permitted use in this zone. The Board must agree to rezone the land for the facility to be permitted pursuant to the RDBN's Zoning Bylaw.

Staff recommend that the attached letter be sent to the BC Energy Regulator and CGL. This letter notes that the facility is not permitted pursuant to the RDBN's Zoning Bylaw, it

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Please note that the proposed location of the Clear Creek Compressor Station is zoned Rural Resource (RR1) pursuant to "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020." The proposed compressor station is not a permitted use in this zone. Therefore, the Board must agree to rezone the land for the facility to be permitted pursuant to the RDBN's Zoning Bylaw. This requires CGL to make application to the RDBN to amend the Zoning Bylaw. The information requested above will also be required should CGL make a rezoning application to the RDBN.

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## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural/Agriculture Committee

**To:** Chair and Committee  
**From:** Cameron Hart, Economic Development Assistant  
**Date:** September 7, 2023  
**Subject:** **Canada Community-Building Fund BC - Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)  
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**RECOMMENDATION:** **(all/directors/majority)**

- 1) That the Committee recommend that the Board approve an additional \$75,000 of Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to an Ice Plant Replacement project at the Smithers Curling Club, and further,

**(participants/weighted/majority)**

- 2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$75,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.
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### **BACKGROUND**

On January 26, 2023, the Board approved \$200,000 through the Canada Community-Building Fund BC – Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) for the Smithers Curling Club to leverage additional grants to replace the ice plant, which is near the end of its usable life.

The Club has since received a quote for the plant's replacement that was higher than originally projected. The Club has also prioritized repairs to walls damaged by use and replacement lighting to conserve energy. In order to secure the ice plant replacement and complete the other repairs, the Club requires \$75,000 in leveraging funds in addition to the previously approved \$200,000.

An application for the remaining project funding has been submitted to Northern Development Initiative Trust in the amount of \$226,795. This report has been submitted to the RDBN Rural/Agricultural Committee as conditional approval of the leveraging funds must be submitted to NDIT prior to the Northwest Regional Advisory Committee agenda deadline.

<b>Funding Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status</b>
RDBN Canada Community Building Funds	200,000	Confirmed
RDBN Canada Community Building Funds	\$75,000	Pending
Northern Development Initiative Trust	\$226,795	Pending
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$501,795</b>	

Total uncommitted Canada Community-Building Fund BC funds remaining in the Electoral Area A allocation is \$97,258.

Director Stoney Stoltenberg is supportive of this project and of accessing Canada Community-Building BC funds in the amount of up to \$75,000 from Area A for this Recreation Infrastructure project.

A Board resolution is required to contribute Canada Community-Building BC Funds to this project.