



Public Consultation

Community involvement is an important part of the planning process for Mackenzie Gas Project. We are committed to consulting with local residents about the Project. We plan to use this information in developing our plans. We hope people will share their information and views throughout the process, speaking openly and honestly.

Mackenzie Gas Project team members meet with the people of the North through presentations, workshops, open houses and informal discussions. This is an opportunity to share information, listen and learn.

Public consultation:

- provides an opportunity for the public to have their views heard early in the planning stages, improving Project decisions;
- looks at the impact of development and change; and
- improves opportunities for local communities and northerners

PROCESS

The public consultation process is:

- **Open and Honest** – a shared responsibility which openly addresses expectations and objectives, limitations and timelines.
- **Timely** – providing information early and often, with adequate notice of opportunities for involvement.
- **Respectful** – of people, values and cultures, acting openly, honestly and politely, while ensuring effective listening and talking.
- **Two-way** – listening carefully, using understandable language, providing opportunities to exchange information, and share in education about interests, objectives and values.
- **Responsive** – following up on inquiries and commitments.

TOPICS

Many topics are considered during the public consultation process, including:

- Project description and information
- route of the pipeline, location of facilities
- natural gas fields and the associated facility development
- land access for pipeline construction and related activities
- effect of the Project on the northern way of life and economy
- benefits agreements and related arrangements
- Traditional Knowledge
- environmental studies and assessments
- employment and business opportunities
- training and education needs

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Traditional Knowledge is a community's environmental, cultural and spiritual knowledge and beliefs about the land they use. It is based on direct observation or information passed orally from other community members, developed from centuries of experience of living off the land. We recognize aboriginal people's ownership of Traditional Knowledge about the land and about how people interact with the land. This Traditional Knowledge and experience helps the Project minimize impacts on the environment and people's use of the land.

REGIONAL OFFICES

Regional offices were opened in 2002 in Inuvik, Norman Wells and Fort Simpson to support consultation and related Project activities. The people who work in each office know the region and the community. Addresses, telephone and fax numbers for each office appear below.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

In addition to the staff in the three regional offices, Mackenzie Gas Project has part-time community representatives in the following communities who are available for communication and consultation.

- Aklavik
- Colville Lake
- Déline
- Fort Good Hope
- Fort McPherson
- Hay River
- Jean Marie River
- Kakisa
- Trout Lake
- Tsiigehtchic
- Tuktoyaktuk
- Tulita

OUR COMMITMENT

Mackenzie Gas Project respects the peoples of Canada's North and the land, wildlife and environment that sustains them. Our priorities include maintaining worker and public safety at all times and caring for the environment before, during and after construction.

We are also committed to working with aboriginal and nonaboriginal northern residents to ensure northern individuals, communities and businesses have an opportunity to benefit from the Project.



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