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# **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

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#### Dear Community Member,

On behalf of Tlingit Homeland Energy Limited, we are excited to share how the Atlin Hydro Opportunity Project will contribute to the Atlin community and region. In our last letter, we shared key updates on the project and about how your feedback to date has been incorporated. If you missed this background information, please check out a copy on our website.

#### **Environmental Stewardship**

We understand the importance of protecting fish, water quality, and wildlife, along with the local recreational and traditional uses. The optimized project design and construction methods will limit disturbances, reduce impacts to beach areas, and conduct less in-water works. Over the long term, the Project will offset an estimated 184 B-trains of fuel annually, approximately 8.5 million liters a year, and will introduce many new ecosystem monitoring and stewardship programs. There will be more extensive environmental programs than any previous project in the region. This will create more long-term employment. For more information about our commitments to environmental stewardship, please check out our website.

#### Jobs and Skills Training

We are excited to provide over 170 full- and part-time jobs during three years of construction. Long term, the Project will create 4 to 6 quality, permanent jobs in operations and maintenance. We know that skills training and quality jobs can open the door for future employment and can have a huge impact on entire families. Our Skills Training and Employment Program will be open to Tlingit and non-Tlingit community members. If you are interested in working on the Project, please contact <u>darlene.mcgill@takucorp.ca</u>. We are also looking to develop a list of Indigenous and locally owned businesses to provide goods and services to the Project. If this is you or someone you know, please reach out to stuart.simpson@takucorp.ca.



### **Project Financing and Permitting**

We are excited to share with you that Project funding has been announced in the Federal budget for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. These are exciting times as we navigate the requirements for this additional funding which will allow the is Project to continue forward with early investigative works this summer. The Project will move into construction after permitting approval, estimated to begin in the Fall of 2023.

We are working extensively with environmental regulators and stakeholders to fulfill our permitting obligations. The Project is working closely with partner First Nations to maximize benefits and minimize impacts to the community and its citizens while ensuring a rigorous consultation process is followed. The Project is working hand in hand with the Taku River Tlingit, the Carcross Tagish First Nations and government regulators to address their concerns and ensure that stewardship of the land is maintained by the First Nations.

## Staying Involved & What's Next

There are several ways to stay involved:

SUBMIT COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS on our website. We will be answering these and posting answers to frequently asked questions.

FOLLOW UPDATES. We will share updates every couple of weeks. You can find these printed and posted around Atlin, as well as on Facebook and sent out to our email list. You can sign up for enewsletters through atlinhydro.ca.

Thank you for reading! We look forward to any feedback or questions you may have. If you would like to arrange a one-on-one meeting, please do not hesitate to email the contacts below.

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