Safer, Smarter & More Sustainable Atlin's Hydro Opportunity

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Dear Community Member,

On behalf of Tlingit Homeland Energy Limited, we are happy to share more information about what the community can expect post-construction of the Atlin Hydro Opportunity Project. In our last letter, we discussed how we plan to protect the environment and traditional uses throughout operations. If you missed this update, please check out a copy on our website.

Protecting Recreational Uses

We understand this area is important to visitors and community members who enjoy hiking, camping, boating, quadding, hunting, and fishing. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting recreational activities throughout the Project. Below are some of the potential changes you may notice in the long run:

- The water levels at Surprise Lake may be higher in late summer and fall. This could affect the current gravel boat launch with possible erosion. We are committed to mitigating any impacts and to the possibility of improving the launch.
- There may be opportunities to create new trails along the 18.5 km of the penstock (pipe) route from Surprise Lake to Atlin Lake. We will also restore existing trails near the powerhouse and add new interpretive signs.
- Significant efforts have been made to reduce impacts to the view including burying portions of the transmission line, and where possible, reducing clearing by placing infrastructure in areas that have already been disturbed.

Providing Economic Opportunities

The Atlin Hydro Opportunity will bring several economic benefits to the community in the short and long term. We are excited to offer new full-time and part-time jobs during the construction and operation of the Project. We are also pleased to provide training to TRTFN citizens and residents. Some job opportunities include:

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- Approximately 225 full-time construction workers over the estimated 3-year construction period.
- An additional 3-5 full-time operators to manage the new generation facilities.
- We are considering other positions such as a plant manager, environment/safety monitors, and possibly a resident lineman for the transmission line.

If you are interested in working on the Project, please contact <u>darlene.mcgill@takucorp.ca</u>. We are also looking to create a list of local businesses that can provide goods and services to the Project. If you or someone you know fits this description, please reach out to <u>stuart.simpson@takucorp.ca</u>.

In addition to jobs directly related to the Project, expanding TRTFN's Group of Companies will enhance the local contracting services' capabilities for future construction, mining, and infrastructure projects. This will create more employment opportunities in the future.

What's Next

We are excited for upcoming engagement opportunities in early July. The events will give you a chance to meet the team, learn more about the Project, and ask any questions you may have. Events will include a JCM (tentatively scheduled for July 15/16), for the final review by the TRTFN following completion of the Project Review Group (PRG) development phase. Keep an eye out for future newsletters that will provide details about these upcoming events.

Stay Involved

There are several ways to stay involved:

- SUBMIT COMMENTS & QUESTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE. We are answering these and have posted answers to frequently asked questions on our website.
- FOLLOW UPDATES. Stay tuned for our next newsletter that will share details about our upcoming events. Sign up for e-newsletters through atlinhydro.ca/stay-engaged.

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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