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Atlin's Hydro Opportunity

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Community Member,

On behalf of Tlingit Homeland Energy Limited, we are happy to share more information about the Project's early investigatory work. In our last letter, we discussed what the community can expect post-construction of the Atlin Hydro Opportunity Project. If you missed this update, please check out a copy on our website.

Early Work On-Site

Over the past eight years, we have spent over \$11 million on studies, engineering, and surveys to make sure the Project is safer, smarter, and more sustainable. These studies range from design, archeology to fisheries and wildlife, to water quality, geotechnical, and more.

From late-May, our teams have been at the Project site conducting bird nest surveys, flagging the proposed penstock (pipe) route, watering the area to prevent fires, digging test pits (holes) to ensure the ground conditions are suitable for construction, conducting archeological studies, and creating access points for investigatory works where needed.

Through community feedback, we have heard questions and concerns about the recent work on-site. These include:

- **Access trails** – We have created access paths where necessary, but it is important to note these are *not* roads. The trails are considered temporary and can grow back over time as we have not removed the ground vegetation.
- **Equipment use** – To prevent fires and minimize dust, we used a water truck to water the area. We also used an excavator to dig test pits. While using the equipment, we avoided removing trees and disturbing the ground as much as possible. Test pits were also filled in once completed.
- **Bird habitat** – Before any equipment use, we completed bird nesting sweeps along the proposed penstock (pipe) route. No nests were found.



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What's Next

We have completed our work on-site for now but will be coming back as early as later this summer to finish investigatory works. This will mainly involve drilling boreholes in the Project area to continue sampling the ground conditions. Drilling will be completed by a CTFN contractor, supported by DENT Construction. The team will use the same access points as before and ensure that holes are filled for regrowth. Please stay tuned for a more detailed notice that will be circulated before this work starts.

In our last newsletter, we shared a tentative TRTFN Joint Clan Meeting in mid-July. This meeting is now tentatively rescheduled for late August or September to take into consideration peak harvest season. We look forward to sharing more information once a date is set.

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.** We will be pausing our regular community letters for peak summer season. In the meantime, stay connected on social media for Project updates by liking and following our Facebook page @Tlingit Homeland Energy Limited.

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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