

**Alaska Highway Aboriginal Pipeline Coalition
Introductory Workshop - Whitehorse, Yukon
April 12 – 13, 2007
Recommendations for APC Work Planning**

1. General Points:

- a) Take action now to be better prepared for environmental assessment and regulatory reviews and processes. It may involve an element of financial risk given project uncertainties, but should be pursued. The negative consequences of delaying the work outweigh those of proceeding with planning work.
- b) Affected First Nations along corridor should network directly with First Nation communities having comparable experience.
- c) Timing?
- d) Establish community liaison function to facilitate discussions and information sharing between First Nations' communities, Industry and Governments.
- e) Initiate community information sessions as appropriate.
- f) Establish working committees, as appropriate, to prepare and follow-up on workshops.
- g) Prepare reports, "templates", background information on each of the workshop topics.
- h) Additional funding required, in this pipeline preparedness phase, to further the discussions resulting from the workshop discussions and community information sessions.

2. Regulatory Matters:

- a) Convene multi-day workshop(s) with First Nations, Federal and Territorial governments, and Industry to address the following:
 - i. environmental assessment, process scenarios, fundamentals and requirements including:
 - o applicable legislation (YESEA) and noteworthy provisions;
 - o scope of matters to be addressed;
 - o information requirements;
 - o key issues and interests;
 - o coordination and efficiency;
 - o roles and responsibilities; and
 - o role and incorporation of traditional knowledge.
- b) Regulatory authorizations, permitting and associated processes:
 - i. First Nations' preparedness and requirements as regulators (e.g. access provisions, applicable land rules, etc.);
 - ii. process requirements of all regulators and related regulatory "road map" and affected organizations;
 - iii. legal and process requirements to conduct field work programs and studies;
 - iv. information requirements;
 - v. roles and responsibilities; and
 - vi. role and responsibility of traditional knowledge.

3. Environmental (Biophysical) Matters:

- a) Convene multi-day workshop(s) with First Nations, Federal/Territorial Governments, and Industry to discuss and address:
 - i. linkages between environmental features – project design options – potential impacts – mitigation;
 - ii. study program:
 - o scope;

- design;
- First Nations participation;
- required approvals;
- traditional knowledge studies – design, implementation and application;
- iii. compensation;
- iv. environmental monitoring arrangements, participation and training; and
- v. models for reclamation and restoration.

4. Socio-economic Matters:

- a) Convene multi-day workshop(s) with First Nations, Federal/Territorial Governments, and Industry to discuss and address:
 - i. consultation requirements;
 - ii. valued components (key issues and interests) of the socio-economic environment;
 - iii. study program:
 - scope;
 - information requirements;
- b) traditional use studies;
- c) relevant industry programs and policies (hunting access);
- d) shared responsibility of governments and industry;
- e) enhancement and mitigation agreements:
 - i. socio-economic agreement;
 - ii. participation/cooperation agreements;
 - iii. impacts and benefits agreements/access and benefits agreements;
- f) range, type and sustainability of potential project benefits; and
- g) appropriate comparative case studies.

5. Employment, Training and Business Opportunities:

- a) Convene multi-day workshop(s) with First Nations, Federal/Territorial Governments, and Industry to discuss and address:
 - i. skills and interests of the community members in pipeline study and construction work;
 - ii. employment and business opportunities in study work phase and during inspection
 - iii. community plan for the purpose of developing a workforce and business ventures that are sustainable beyond pipeline construction;
 - iv. current and future programming for training;
 - v. instruments for capturing opportunities (preferential options):
 - joint venture development;
 - impact benefit agreements;
 - other possibilities;
 - vi. mobility of First Nation workforce;
 - vii. industry requirements/standards for entering into contracts:
 - health and safety;
 - environmental protection program;
 - quality control – in consideration of timeliness and cost;
 - viii. First Nations interests/initiatives in economic development;
 - ix. spin-off (collateral) business opportunities of a long-term nature;
 - x. company experience with service providers for potential partnering with First Nations; and
 - xi. barriers to First Nations businesses.