

# \* Ajanatth'a! \* 'Listen' in Southern Tutchone



## REGULATORY FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP

On November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, we hosted the Regulatory Framework Workshop at the Westmark Whitehorse. The goal of this workshop was to inform participants about the regulatory requirements and

processes for the entire lifecycle of the project (from development to abandonment). The workshop will create a structure, interactive environment involving a mix of presentations and discussion. There will be many great speakers; the

Northern Pipeline Agency has developed this workshop as a direct result of some questions and concerns certain Yukon First Nations have conveyed to the Agency. We have invited all of the 14 First Nations of the Yukon to have a representative to come and join in this workshop.

## BUSINESS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP

The Business and Training Opportunities Workshop was a great success. It was held at the Gold Rush Inn October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The 14 First Nations of the Yukon were invited to come to the workshop to learn about the socio-economic benefits of the proposed pipeline. AHAPC invited many speakers to attend the

event. There were speakers from CanNOR, TransCanada, Northern Pipeline Agency, Yukon Government, Pipeline Apprenticeship Board, United Association Local 170, Yukon Mine Training Association, Yukon College and AHAPC Youth Outreach. The goal of this workshop was to inform participants about the training and business development opportunities related to the pro-

ject, as well as the various means available to the public to obtain capacity for these opportunities. The workshop was made possible by Northern Pipeline Agency. The presentation and final report will be on our website soon at [ahapc.ca/calendar/](http://ahapc.ca/calendar/)



## 10th ANNUAL ABORIGINAL OIL AND GAS SYMPOSIUM

Pearl Callaghan, Phil Bastien, Alice McGuire and AHAPC Board Chair George Shepherd attended the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Aboriginal Oil and Gas symposium in Edmonton this year. The symposium included an in-depth program that covered key matters related to Aboriginal participation in the oil and gas industry. The goal was trying to build on the momentum of past programs covering new and important business and legal developments that impact oil and gas companies working with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities in Western and Northern Canada. Participants heard about how current oil and gas projects hinge on understanding the respective roles and obligations of governments, Aboriginal communities and industry.

For more information.: <http://www.insightinfo.com/aboriginaloilandgas>

### From the Editor:

OK...So we have a couple of new things to tell you. We have been working hard at creating two new workshops, the Business and Training Opportunities Workshop and the Regulatory Framework Workshop both made possible by the Northern Pipeline Agency.

And there is some new movements in the Oil and Gas industry with Shale Gas. Learn more about Shale Gas on page 2.

We also welcome in this issue, a new Chair and several new Directors as well as a shift in staff.



## NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THE ALASKA HIGHWAY PIPELINE

The Alaska Governor, Sean Parnell made headlines after he said that if the market demand for gas has truly shifted away from the Lower 48 to Pacific Rim markets, and that the State of Alaska must be willing to move with that. Due to an increase of Shale gas, the Alaskan Governor says that the rising demand in Pacific Rim countries mean that a better market for Alaska gas may be there.

This caused a lot of people to question what was going to happen to the Alaska Highway Pipeline. TransCanada responded saying its Alaska Pipeline project is still focused on feeding the Lower 48 U.S. states with natural gas, despite a push from the Alaska government to concentrate their efforts on future liquefied natural gas export projects.

TransCanada CEO Russ Girling made it clear that there's "only room for one project." And the pipeline to third-party LNG terminals would only be considered if Alaska gas producers call for it.

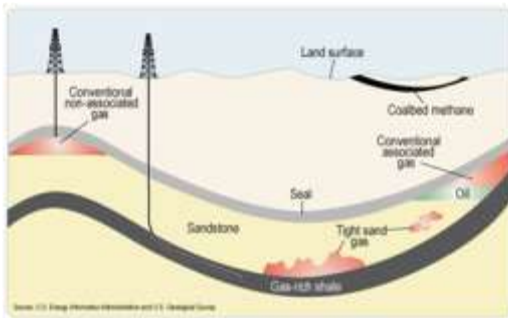
## SHALE GAS

With the production of Shale Gas making a splash into the markets, we want to ask:

### What is Shale Gas?

It is sedimentary rocks and is primarily composed of clay and fragments of other minerals such as quartz and calcite.

It requires stimulation techniques (such as fracturing) to economically



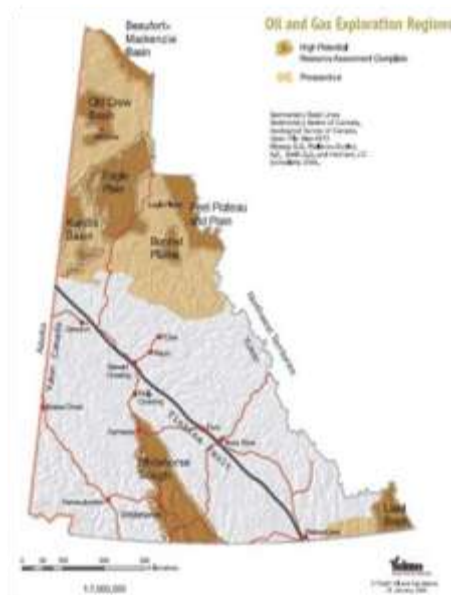
produce shale gas.

This technique is when water, chemicals, and sand are pumped into the well to unlock the

hydrocarbons trapped in shale formations by opening cracks (fractures) in the rock and allowing natural gas to flow from the shale into the well.

Is there Shale Gas in the Yukon?

**Yes!**



Reports of Shale in Eagle Plain and the Liard Basin

However, there are some potential environmental issues that are also associated with the production of shale gas. Shale gas drilling has significant water supply issues.

Drilling and fracturing also produce large amounts of wastewater, which may contain dissolved chemicals and other contaminants that require treatment before disposal or reuse. Because of the quantities of water used, and the complexities in treating some of the chemicals used, wastewater treatment and disposal is an important and challenging issue.

Information from the Yukon Government and Geology.com



## AHAPC in Action

### Staffing

There have been a few changes in the office recently. The Office



Manager Position has been filled by Temira Vance of Liard First Nation. She has worked with the Canada School of Public Service and Yukon Government-Public Service Commission. Chantal Rondeau is doing research work with the AHAPC team; she recently worked as the Youth Outreach Coordinator for the Youth Outreach Project and released two documents: The Youth Outreach Project and the Possible Jobs. She will be working with us on the Regulatory Framework Workshop.

### Board Update

There have been some changes to the AHAPC board. We wish to give thanks to Rick O'Brien who was our former board chair for his hard work and dedication on behalf of the AHAPC. Rick is now the Chief of Kwanlin Dun First Nation. Replacing him as Chair is George Shepherd from Carcross Tagish First Nation; he currently sits as councillor for CTFN and has been an AHAPC board member for 10 years. Patricia Joe for Kwanlin Dun First Nation and Harold Johnson for Champagne/Aishihik First Nation.

### Travel -

Here are some events that AHAPC attended recently:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Oil & Gas Symposium in Anchorage, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> -Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011
- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Oil and Gas Forum in Edmonton, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

For anymore information check out our website at: [www.ahapc.ca](http://www.ahapc.ca)

### Strategic Planning Workshop-

Dates to be announced



*A big turnout to the Guidelines Implementation Workshop*



*Rick O'Brien, Jessie Dawson and Alice McGuire speaking at the Business and Training Opportunities Workshop*



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The AHAPC is a central information and non-political resource centre that is neutral on the pipeline project. It does not speak or negotiate on behalf of First Nation governments. Through research and communication, the AHAPC helps Yukon First Nations make informed decisions on the project and prepare for meaningful engagement with the industry and governments of Yukon and Canada in matters pertaining to the regulatory framework, environmental and cultural impact assessment, and socio-economic impacts and benefits.

### The current Board of Directors and Member First Nations are:

- George Shepherd, Chair
- Harold Johnson
- Patricia Joe
- Luke Johnson
- Alice McGuire
- Councillor, Carcross/Tagish First Nation  
Alternate: Dan Cresswell
- Councillor, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations  
Alternate: Chief James Allen
- Kwanlin Dun First Nation  
Alternate: Judy Gingell
- Councillor, Kluane First Nation  
Alternate: Chief Math'ieya Alatini
- Alternate, Ta'an Kwach'an First Nation

**We're on the Web:**  
[www.ahapc.com](http://www.ahapc.com)

## \*YOUTH OPINIONS: MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS

***"What is in it for our future generations?"***-CAFN Youth

***"I want to know if the lake will still be healthy in 10 years."***- KFN Youth

***"I am concerned about the health and social impacts that will affect the Kaska Nation"***  
-LFN Youth

***Wants to know about "Engineering and underground pipeline through discontinuous/continuous permafrost"***- CTFN Youth

***"Here in my home we have a motto which is 'Part of the Land, Part of the Water'. Land and water is our way of life, our culture. And if we don't protect it, we are nothing."***-TTC Youth

***"When could you join the pipeline jobs?"***-KDFN Youth

***Interested in "new employment there would be if we had a pipeline"*** -TKC Youth

Check out our Youth Outreach Project Document for more youth opinions on our website!



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