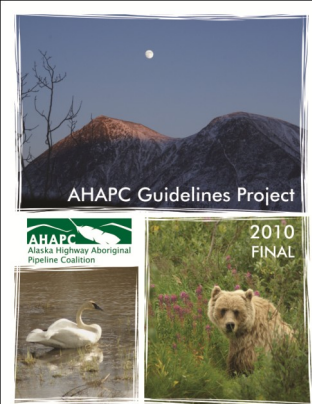


* Ajanatth'a! * 'Listen' in Southern Tutchone

GUIDELINES TRAINING & INFORMATION WORKSHOP March 1-3, 2011



Ben Franklin said "By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail."..and Football Hall of Famer, Roger Staubach said "In business or in football, it takes a lot of unspectacular preparation to produce spectacular results."

But no matter how you cut it, being prepared for large-

scale projects such as the looming Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline is a daunting and critical task for all concerned. That is why 'The 'Guidelines Project' is a valuable document to help Yukon First Nations make informed decisions when dealing with large resource-based projects. But it's not an easy read, and may be too technical or too difficult for some readers to understand.

With that in mind, the AHAPC has scheduled a workshop to help participants understand how to apply the recommendations contained in the document. The workshop will also give those who have not read the document a chance to evaluate it as a resource for their own purposes.

The workshop is made possible by a grant from the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor), who recently announced the investment of \$110,272 to assist First Nations participation in the Workshop.

"A thorough understanding of these guidelines is essential as a tool for First Nations and we look forward to everyone's active participation at the upcoming Workshop," said Ruth Massie, Former Chair of the Alaska Highway Aboriginal Pipeline Coalition.

Details of the workshop are available on the AHAPC website at www.ahapc.ca. You can also register on-line at <http://ahapc.leafsolutions.ca>

From the Editor:

OK...here's the 2nd issue of our 'new-look' newsletter with AHAPC updates and all things 'Pipeliney'..(I'm the editor...I can make this stuff up).

Time marches on as we look forward early in 2011 to the completion of our Guidelines Information Workshop and an announcement from TCP and Denali on the results of their Open Season.

So will the pipeline proceed?...Good question..and not one we have an answer for. Both proponents are keeping that information tight to their vests but emphasize the final decision will be based on a sound business case. Our advice is to read the article to the left and heed Ben Franklin's quote.

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

OPEN SEASONS COMPLETED

The proponents bidding on building a natural gas pipeline from Alaska's North Slope, through the Yukon, have concluded their open seasons with both claiming significant interest from potential shippers. Both open seasons were conducted for 90 days.

Denali-(The Alaska Gas Pipeline) and TransCanada-(The Alaska Pipeline Project) have

both spent astronomical amounts of time and money preparing their plan that some say will be the largest and most expensive project in North American history. As expected, interest from gas owners comes with conditions which means we most likely won't see the results of the proposals until a careful (and confidential) evaluation of the bids and their conditions and

subsequent negotiations with potential shippers are completed.

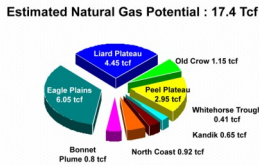
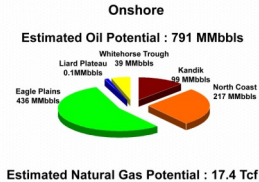
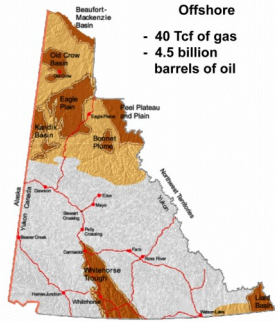
It is estimated this could take as long as 6 months to complete.

More information regarding open season can be found on the following websites: www.denalipipeline.com www.transcanada.com



...the 'Other' Gas....

Background - Yukon's Oil & Gas Potential



With all the talk about potential pipelines tapping into gas reserves in Alaska and in the NWT, there's been little focus on our own significant gas reserves here in the Yukon. Most are untapped due to their remoteness from market but this could change with the construction of both the Alaska Highway Pipeline Project (AHPP) and the Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP).

six basins in north Yukon is estimated at 12.7 Tcf, and the MGP and the AHPP have the potential to move this gas to market.

In addition, over the past few years, nearly \$2.5 billion was bid for offshore rights in the Beaufort Sea, largely by BP Exploration, Imperial Oil/ExxonMobil and Conoco-Phillips.

Thanks to Yukon Government for the stats and map detailing Yukon Oil and Gas.

The natural gas potential of

"The courts appear to have little patience for the capacity problems which First Nations are facing in responding to the myriad of consultation requests they receive"

Duty of Crown to Consult - 'What Does it all Mean?'

The Yukon government did not breach its duty to consult a First Nation about an agricultural land lease six years ago, Canada's top court has ruled.

In a decision released recently, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed the appeal and cross-appeal from the Yukon government and the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation, which were in a court battle over the granting of a lease to a prospective farmer in 2004.

The territorial government was accused of not properly

consulting the First Nation, which has a signed land-claim and self-government agreement, before granting the lease to the farmer.

But the top court ruled the First Nation "received ample notice" and information about the lease application and was invited to take part in consultations.

Had the court ruled in the First Nation's favour, it could have influenced future relations between governments and First Nations with signed land claims on important matters such as land-use applications.

So what does all this mean for First Nations as it relates to the Pipeline Project?

We wondered the same thing so asked our legal advisor to put together his take on the decision.

We've since posted that information on our website at www.ahapc.ca.

Select 'Consultation' in the 'Category' drop-list and enter 'Beckman' as the keyword.



Youth Outreach Project-FINAL REPORT

This project is now complete. During the course of the project, Chantal Rondeau travelled to all the on-line communities and attended youth events and GA's gathering input on what

young people thought about an Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline. We wish to thank Denali for the \$48,000 to carry out this important project to gain the youth perspective and opportunities

available to them through training.

The final report has been posted on the website and copies are available at our office.



AHAPC in Action

Staffing - There have been a few changes in the office recently. Phil Bastien, who recently held the Office Manager position has been



moved to the Communications Lead/Researcher position formerly held by James Allen. James has moved on and is now the new Chief of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nation. I'm sure he is using the same calm, cool approach to leading his people that he displayed during his time here. The Office Manager position will be filled sometime in the new year..pending funding.

Board Movement - We wish to give enormous thanks to former Chair, Ruth Massie for her dedication and hard work on behalf of the AHAPC. Ruth had a knack for solving problems regardless of their size or complexity. Replacing her as chair, is Rick O'Brien, recently appointed as the KDFN representative. Rick brings considerable experience in First Nations governance and a wealth of knowledge as the former Vice-Chief for AFN.

Ruth's position as the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council representative has been filled by Tiffany Eckert-Maret. Tiffany sits on as a Ta'an Board Member and is a Worker Advocate for the WCB.

The election of a new Chief and Council for the Kluane First Nation has resulted in the appointment of a new (and probably the youngest) AHAPC Board Member in Luke Johnson...welcome aboard Luke!

Travel - Here a some of the events AHAPC attended recently.

- Oil & Gas Symposium in Anchorage, Sept. 28-29, 2010.
- AHAPC Board meeting on November 30, 2010-11-18
- Participated and presented to the Liard Resources Summit, October 20-21.
- Toured the UA Local 170 Office and Training Centre in Vancouver, November 9.
- KFN General Assembly in Burwash. Jan 14-15.

For detailed information on our recent activities see our Final Report for 2009-10 on our website at www.ahapc.ca

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trategic Planning Workshop—

Tentatively planned for February 22 with a follow-up Board Meeting on the 23. Member FN and Observers are invited. Stay tuned for details.

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- We now have new office equipment thanks to a generous donation by TransCanada. Purchases include a new trade-show/conference exhibit, new computers, a network storage solution, conference telephone, boardroom table with power grommet and chairs.



Board Table and Display donated by TransCanada



Pearl Callaghan, Operations Leader showing off our new Display at the Liard First Nations Resource Conference



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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.

We're on the Web:
www.ahapc.com

The current Board of Directors and Member First Nations are:

- Rick O'Brien (Board Chair) Ta'an Kwach'an Council
- Mary Jane Jim - Councillor, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations
- George Shepherd - Councillor, Carcross/Tagish First Nation
- Luke Johnson - Councillor, Kluane First Nation
- Tiffany Eckert-Maret - Councillor, Ta'an Kwach'an First Nation

*PIPELINE FACTS

The Pipeline – Prudhoe Bay to Alberta

Total Length	1,750 miles
Alaska Length	730 miles
Canada Length	1,020 miles
Gravel Requirements	26 million cubic yards

Compressor Stations

Alaska	6
Canada	9

Approximate Number of Crossings

Road/Railroad	900
Major Rivers & Lakes	77
Other Rivers & Streams	2,381

Estimated Construction Workforce

3,035	Equipment Operators
1,475	Welders/helpers
1,750	Laborers
1,953	Teamsters
330	Inspectors
270	Foremen
160	Surveyors
510	Technicians/Subcontractors

5,200 Direct pipeline jobs per construction season

>40 million Construction man-hour total

Estimated Construction Equipment

Trenchers	15
Backhoes/Trackhoes	375
Dozers	600
Loaders/Graders	300
Sidebooms	650
Pickups/trucks/buses	3,325
Gravel Trucks	1,055
Trailers	1,040
Generators/pumps/etc	1,025
Crushers/batch plants	60

*courtesy of Denali—The Alaska Gas Pipeline



***It is estimated that approximately 75 to 100 pipe haul trailers will be required during the pipe delivery period in northern Alberta, BC and Yukon to move about 35,000 loads of pipe.**

*information courtesy of TransCanada—1983 Bulletin