



**Smithers *District* Chamber of Commerce**  
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Rick Gateman, President  
Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project  
760 Kinsmen Place  
Prince George, BC V2M 0A8

Dean Patry, President  
Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project  
760 Kinsmen Place  
Prince George, BC V2M 0A8

Dear Mr. Gateman and Mr. Patry,

The Smithers District Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to speak in support of economic development that affects our members and our community. Regarding your project we are confident that provincial and federal institutions establish strict environmental regulations and development standards to ensure our values and environment are protected. The Smithers Chamber supports the development of businesses in compliance with regulatory bodies and permitting agencies and supports the provision that industry provides extensive public consultation and community engagement.

We support businesses that ensure high-quality jobs; business opportunities; local spending; community investment and future prosperity for our area. As we are in service to our members we support the benefits that large industrial investors provide that strengthen our local businesses opportunity to grow and prosper.

The Smithers District Chamber of Commerce is pro-business and appreciates TransCanada's commitment to the process to ensure environmental standards are met, that the public and aboriginal groups have been consulted and that community groups have had the opportunity to take part in the engagement process. We appreciate TransCanada's decision to open a community office in Smithers as a base for your activities in northwest B.C. and wish TransCanada success moving forward.

Sincerely,

*Heather Gallagher*

Heather Gallagher, Manager

*Colin Bateman*

Colin Bateman, President

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