

Chief Fred Sam  
Nak'azdli Band Council  
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October 6, 2014

Dear Chief Fred Sam,

**RE: TERA Reply to letter from Nak'azdli Band Council on August 28, 2014**

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 2014, regarding the archaeological field work undertaken in Nak'azdli Band Traditional Territory for the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project (the Project). Your letter noted specific concerns with the provision of heritage resource information and the participation of Nak'azdli members in the field work. Please find below responses to each concern outlined in your letter as understood by TERA, a CH2M Hill Company (TERA).

**Concern about following the Traditional Knowledge Protocol (TKP):**

- *The TKP is a confidential document between Coastal GasLink and Nak'azdli Indian Band, Nadleh Wh'uten and Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and as such TERA is not privy to that document.*

**Concern about what happens with artifacts found in Nak'azdli Traditional Territory:**

- *Regrettably neither TERA nor Coastal GasLink can commit to providing Aboriginal communities with artifacts found during the field studies for the Project. TERA is bound the terms of the permit for the Project, materials from the Interior Plateau Cultural Area will be deposited at the Fraser Fort George Museum, Prince George. Artifacts found within Nak'azdli Traditional Territory can be obtained by sending a letter directly to the Archaeology Branch informing them of the community's request and intention for their review and consideration.*

**Interest in receiving a copy of the Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA):**

- *TERA has provided a copy of the AOA under separate cover on October 3, 2014.*

**Interest in receiving heritage resource information and reports to review:**

- *Tables, maps and shape files of heritage resource sites identified during the CGL AIA and within Nak'azdli Traditional Territory were uploaded to Nak'azdli Band's SharePoint folder on September 26, 2014. Both TERA and Coastal GasLink welcome feedback or further dialogue on these finds.*

**Concern about participation on the field studies being documented as consultation:**

- *TERA understands that Nak'azdli field participants were directed not to share TEK with TERA for the purpose of the Project and respects that direction. For clarity, field studies are generally attended by participants from various communities. TERA records, in general terms, all such field studies undertaken on behalf of Coastal GasLink. TERA also records, in general terms, the broad topics that are discussed with the entire group in the field, including mitigation strategies. Accordingly, the fact that Nak'azdli members participated in any field studies will be noted in Coastal GasLink's engagement logs as part of our ordinary regulatory process. However, conversations will not be attributed directly to any individual participant or to Nak'azdli Indian Band, without permission from Nak'azdli Indian Band.*

**Concern about the Photo Consent form offered to participants prior to the start of a field study:**

- *As many photographs are taken during a field program, this form is part of the orientation to ensure prior informed consent with regards to photography and cannot be removed from the orientation. However, as outlined in our e-mails on August 19, 2014, signing the form does not count as approval for the Project and not signing the form does not prevent a participant from being able to work on the study. If a participant chooses not to sign the form, then no photographs will be taken of the participant during the field study.*

TERA understands that Nak'azdli has multiple pipeline projects proposed within your Traditional Territory and the added pressure that can put on community capacity and appreciates the effort and response that Nak'azdli has invested to ensure that your interests and concerns are identified and addressed.

TERA would be happy to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss any of these issues further and re-establish a positive working relationship. Please contact me by phone at (403) 930-8657 or via email ([carrie.dunn@ch2m.com](mailto:carrie.dunn@ch2m.com)). Thank you very much for your time, we look forward to continuing to work with Nak'azdli Band.

Sincerely,

**TERA, a CH2M HILL COMPANY**

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