



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT

**PUBLIC HEARING**

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor	P. Germuth
Present:	Councillors: (All Via WebEx)	E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff L. Gibson, R. Goffinet
Absent:	Councillors:	T. Marleau, M. Zielinski
Present:	Staff:	
		W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
	Via WebEx	E. Anderson, Director of Corporate Administration
	Via WebEx	M. Dewar, Director of Economic Development
	Via WebEx	D. Rutsatz, Director of Finance
	Via WebEx	M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
	Via WebEx	C. McCulley, Director of Public Works
	Via WebEx	T. Bossence, Fire Chief
		A. Hansen, Information Systems Coordinator
		K. Enders, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
	Via WebEx	C. Brown, Planner

The Public Hearing is being held pursuant to the Local Government Act to consider the Coastal GasLink Meter Station Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1983, 2020.

The Corporate Officer introduced Bylaw No. 1983, 2020 and stated that the Bylaw had been given 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings on June 22, 2020.

Written submissions were received from:

Shonagh Baillie, 28 Pintail Street, Kitimat, BC dated July 20, 2020 which was read in by the Corporate Officer and is attached hereto to the minutes as Attachment "A".

The Mayor introduced Jessica Stephens, Public Affairs Advisor, TC Energy for the applicant Coastal GasLink to answer questions of Council.

In response to the questions raised in Shonagh Baillie's July 20, 2020 email, Jessica Stephens, Public Affairs Advisory, TC Energy read out their responses. A copy of which is attached hereto to the minutes as Attachment "B".

Councillor Gibson queried:

- Whether the metering station was approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act*;
- If there was recourse through this approval if Coastal GasLink was not complying with the requirements imposed through the assessment; and
- The scope of information the Environmental Assessment would have required about the site and the extent the project would have been reviewed.

In response to a query, Jessica Stephens, Public Affairs Advisor, TC Energy, advised that the metering station was approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

In response to her query, Matthew Shanks, Project Manager, TC Energy advised that all the information would have been required by the Oil & Gas Commission (OGC) as part of the original application. Once the permit was received from the OGC they are completely responsible for adhering to all the commitments made. They have a very detailed environmental management plan that the contractors in the field are contractually obligated to follow and adhere to. They have a host of environmental inspectors that are in the field all the way across the Coastal GasLink project working with all the contractors to ensure that we are in compliance with all the commitments

Mayor Germuth called for public input.

Mayor Germuth called for public input a second time.

Shonagh Baillie, 28 Pintail Street, Kitimat, queried:

- Regarding the remote operation and communications. How does the station communicate and how often; and
- There are no private residences within 800 meters so does that mean that at 850 meters there is a private residence? Could you give a more specific answer to where the closest residence would be to that metering station?

In response to her query, Jessica Stephens, Public Affairs Advisor, TC Energy, clarified that the question was how they communicate out from the metering station? Shonagh Baillie confirmed.

In response to her query, Matthew Shanks, Project Manager, TC Energy advised that as set out in their response, there is an approximately 30 foot tall mast consisting of about 2 inch rigid conduit. It is mounted to the side of the instrument building on the site. It comes in 10 foot increments so the telecom group, depending on the signal that's in the area, will put it up to whatever height is required on the side of the building to get the best signal. It's strictly going to use the LTE service for data. This system is remotely monitored but all it does is monitor the status of the system. It is not remotely operable via that. That's part of the security for the system we have. No cell towers just this up to 30 foot mast on the side of the building.

In response to her query, Jessica Stephens, Public Affairs Advisory, TC Energy advised that there are no residences within 1,800 meters, not 800 meters of the metering station.

Shonagh Baillie, 28 Pintail Street, Kitimat, queried:

- With respect to Haisla involvement. I understand you have them in agreeance. How often are they brought into meetings and explained each phase of the project and the things that Coastal GasLink are doing?

In response to her query, Jessica Stephens, Public Affairs Advisor, TC Energy, advised that as she is not part of the Indigenous Relations Group she cannot comment on how much engagement there is directly with the Haisla Nation. On the public affairs side, they do communicate with stakeholders on a monthly basis through the construction notification process and multiple other channels. She provided her contact information to provide more detailed information and/or connect Shonagh with one of the Indigenous Relations team members to further answer the question.

Mayor Germuth called for public input three more times. No other input was offered.

Mayor Germuth requested input from Council on whether to close the meeting or have it adjourned to another night.

Councillor Gibson queried whether Shonagh Baillie had any further concerns or anything she would like to say to Council.

In response to her query, Shonagh Baillie advised she is generally satisfied. She further noted that there was reference to the Environmental application that was submitted and it is difficult to gauge as she hasn't read it. But the proponent has answered the questions she asked.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer

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**Date:** July-20-20 8:51:04 AM

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FYI -

-----Original Message-----

From: noreply@kitimat.ca <noreply@kitimat.ca> On Behalf Of Shonagh Baillie  
Sent: July 20, 2020 8:31 AM  
To: districtofkitimat <district@kitimat.ca>  
Subject: Bylaw amendment for CGL metering station

I was unable to review the submission documents for this amendment to zoning bylaw and would appreciate information and or questions to be answered during the public hearing regarding CGL zoning bylaw amendment for the proposed gas metering station.

Distance to nearest residence?

Will the metering station provided with hard line data connections for transmission of signals to control centre(s)? If not, what measures (if any) are in place regarding the installation of cellular towers? What frequency will they operate? (3G, 5G) What height will they be? How many will be installed?

Who will own and control the network?

What is the level of noise the station will exhibit to the surrounding region? How will this be minimized?

Where will the natural gas relief stack be located? How tall will it be and how many will there be?

Has an environmental assessment been conducted in the area mimicking the actual noise and environmental conditions the site will exhibit?

Is/has the proposed site plan been reviewed by provincial and federal government agencies such as ministry of environment, fisheries and or ministry of forests?

What is the Haisla opinion of this station?

Is the Haisla council in favour to this bylaw amendment, and do they understand what will be built on this site?

I oppose the construction of this station until more information is provided to the public regarding the site plan and future developments If this bylaw were ammended.

Take into consideration:

If there were to be a security breach to cellular networks in Canada, what measures are in place to shut down the station and/or manually override the operation of the station?

What effect will the station have on surrounding waters and wildlife?

Will the station be occupied and monitored by on-site personnel 24/7 during operation?

how will this amendment benefit the community?

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This email was sent to you by Shonagh Baillie [REDACTED] through <https://www.kitimat.ca>.



**memo**    Date                    July 20, 2020  
                  Attention            District of Kitimat, Krysten Hogan, Planner  
                  Location                Kitimat Meter Station  
                  From                    Candace Mackenzie, Land Representative  
                  Subject                Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1983 – CGL  
    Meter Station (District File 7.5.3.152)

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Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. (CGL) is providing the below information in response to questions raised by the public today as provided in "FW\_Bylaw amendment for CGL metering station" email dated July 20, 2020 (attached).

**Questions Raised July 20, 2020**

No.	Question	Answer
1	Distance to nearest residence?	Nearest building is at 2234 Forest Ave which is 1300m from the site boundary. This is a commercial building. No private residence located within 1800m notification radius.
2a	Will the metering station provided with hard line data connections for transmission of signals to control centre(s)?	Yes, the meter station utilizes a dedicated fiber optic line as the primary connection to the gas control center, with a cellular connection as the secondary connection and VSAT as the tertiary connection.
2b	If not, what measures (if any) are in place regarding the installation of cellular towers?	No cell towers will be constructed. A mast (rigid conduit) will be mounted on the side of the instrument building.
2c	What frequency will they operate? (3G, 5G)	The service will use LTE for data, using existing service in the area.
2d	What height will they be?	The mast will be at a maximum height of approximately 30' from grade.
2e	How many will be installed?	One mast only.
2f	Who will own and control the network?	The cellular service will be with one of the public cellular carriers in the area, who would own and control the network.
3a	What is the level of noise the station will exhibit to the surrounding region?	As per section 6.5.3 of the Environmental Application under "potential adverse effects and mitigation" related to noise from pipeline operations: "[A]ll valve stations and metering stations are designed to reduce and eliminate flow restrictions and the associated losses. This also results in minimal noise generation from such installations and, in general, noise from pipeline operation is inaudible outside the compressor station fence lines...Because there are no noise sources associated with typical pipeline operation, the potential adverse effect of pipeline operation was not carried forward through the assessment.."  During operation Coastal GasLink will comply with the BC

No.	Question	Answer
		OGC “Noise Control Best Practices Guideline” document which outlines the sound levels during both daytime and nighttime that a facility must meet.
3b	How will this be minimized?	Please see above.
4a	Where will the natural gas relief stack be located?	There is no natural gas relief stack at the station.
4b	How tall will it be and how many will there be?	N/A
5a	Has an environmental assessment been conducted in the area mimicking the actual noise and environmental conditions the site will exhibit?	Results of the Environmental Application show that a meter station produces minimal noise while in operation, and “because there are no noise sources associated with typical pipeline operation, the potential adverse effect of pipeline operation was not carried forward through the assessment”. Therefore, an environmental assessment to mimic the noise produced was not conducted.
5b	Is/has the proposed site plan been reviewed by provincial and federal government agencies such as ministry of environment, fisheries and or ministry of forests?	<p>CGL is using the Kitimat Meter Station site as approved by the B.C. Oil &amp; Gas Commission (OGC) under Application Determination No. 100084217 (Legacy # 9708600) included as attachment F BCOGC Permit within the information package provided to support this amendment application.</p> <p>For more information on Coastal GasLink’s regulatory process, please visit <a href="http://www.coastalgaslink.com/about/regulatory/">www.coastalgaslink.com/about/regulatory/</a></p>
6a	What is the Haisla opinion of this station?	Haisla Nation is a strong supporter of Coastal GasLink. Our Indigenous Relations team has worked closely with Haisla Nation Council staff to understand this project and its potential impacts, including the Kitimat Meter Station. Haisla Nation has no concerns with the Kitimat Meter Station or proposed activity in this area.
6b	Is the Haisla council in favour to this bylaw amendment, and do they understand what will be built on this site?	Please see above.

**Raised as items to take into consideration:**

No.	Question	Answer
A	If there were to be a security breach to cellular networks in Canada, what measures are in place to shut down the station and/or manually override the operation of the station?	The station is monitored remotely with no remote operation capability. The station is designed to operate autonomously based on its control system programming, with Operations staff locally operating as required. The cellular connection is via a private network circuit with the carrier, with no internet access or public visibility of the network. CGL complies with all cybersecurity recommendations for meter stations.
B	What effect will the station have on surrounding waters and wildlife?	The Kitimat Meter Station will have no effect on surrounding waters or wildlife. For more information on how Coastal GasLink works to reduce our footprint, please visit <a href="http://www.coastalgaslink.com/sustainability/environment/">www.coastalgaslink.com/sustainability/environment/</a>

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C	Will the station be occupied and monitored by on-site personnel 24/7 during operation?	Operations staff may be on site for operations and maintenance, with the frequency, shifts and numbers still being determined. The gas control center monitors the station 24/7, including the security system in place.
D	how will this amendment benefit the community?	<p>The Kitimat Meter Station plays an integral role in ensuring that the natural gas that flows through the 670km pipeline connects to the LNG Canada facility. The meter station is also where permanent employees will be stationed who are living and working in the area to operate this site.</p> <p>Coastal GasLink and TC Energy have spent over \$8.5 million in Community Investments &amp; Sponsorships in Northern B.C. supporting local and Indigenous communities along the route.</p>