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A Balanced Perspective

Dimensions and Diversity of Responsible Resource
Development

The Tension Between Globalization and Regional Development



"It would be a disservice to British Columbians, and particularly to those living in resource-based communities, if the energy sector in B.C. develops as a predominantly frontier industry, serviced by a temporary and itinerant skilled labour force, dependent on intellectual capital imported from other jurisdictions, and bringing little long-term benefit to the regions from which it derives its profits"

Charles Jago - President-UNBC

Impact of a Globalizing World

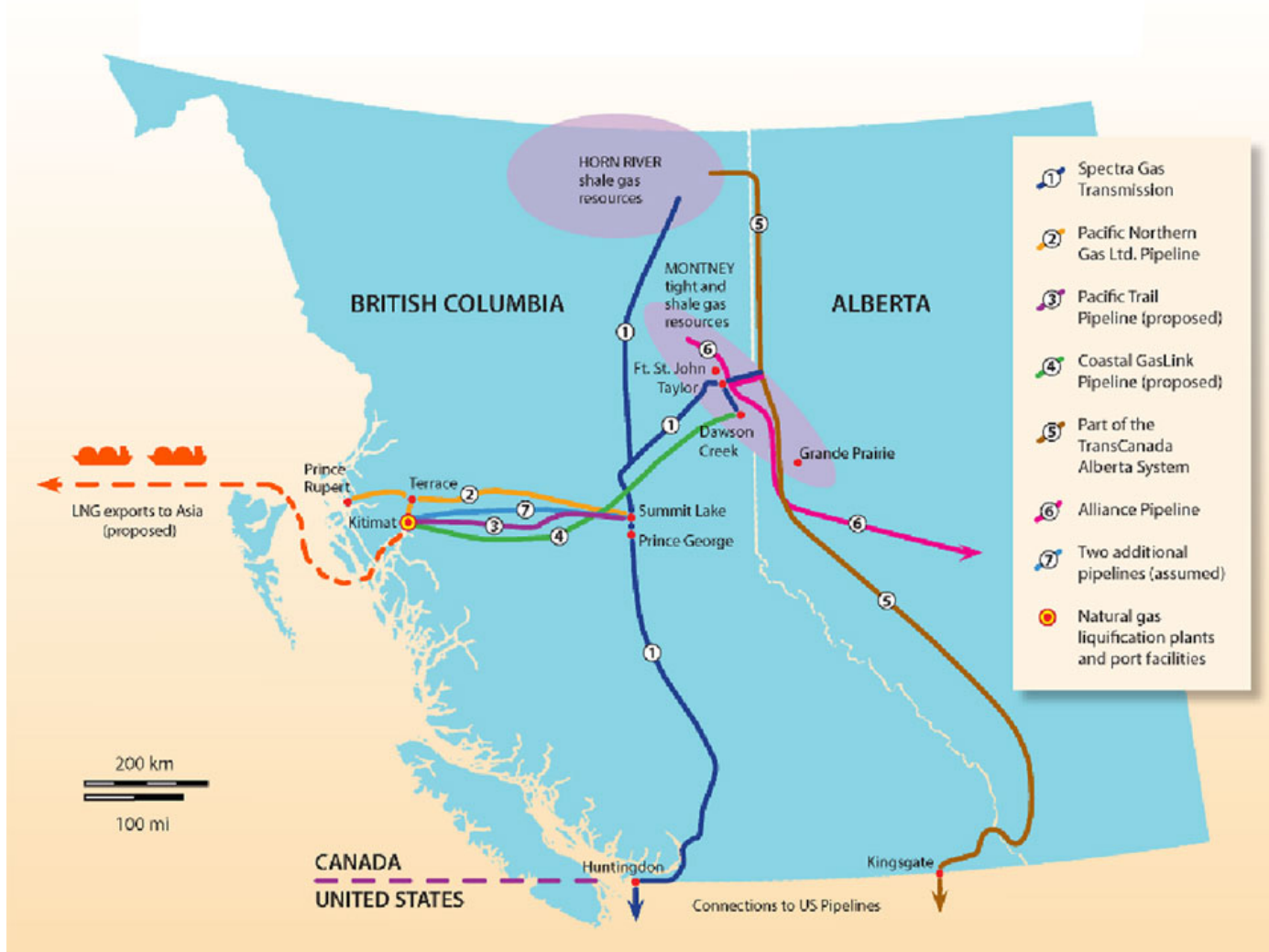
- *“That the economic trajectory of both growth and decline for northern BC has largely been determined by external forces with comparatively little control exercised by the people in the community and such control typically being limited and localized an incidental and un-sustained influence.*
- *The tension between economic globalization and regional development has been the central thread in the history of northern BC shaping its social system driving its political culture and influencing both the prosperity and life experiences of the people in the region.*
- *A review of the history of local economic development in the region illustrates the foundational importance of the global economy and international connectives in its development, underdevelopment and transformation. “*

Quotes from “Resource Communities in a Globalizing Region”

Capacity of Resource Communities to Plan for Resource Development

- Provincial and Federal Governments are not actively undertaking Socio Economic planning for resource development and the impacts on Resource Communities.
- Provincial and Federal Governments retain virtual control over resource development decisions and increasingly Resource Communities must deal directly with industry in terms of securing community benefits.

Resources in Northeastern BC



NEBC has the Majority of Canada's Natural Gas Reserves

Estimate of Ultimate Potential for Marketable Natural Gas in the WCSB Year-end 2014

Area	Gas Type	Tcf		
		Ultimate Potential	Cumulative Production	Remaining Reserves
Alberta	Conventional	221.5	163.2	240.1
	Unconventional	181.6		
	<i>CBM</i>	3.6		
	<i>Montney</i>	178		
	Alberta Total	403.1		
British Columbia	Conventional	51.6	27.2	547.2
	Unconventional	524.6		
	<i>Horn River</i>	77.6		
	<i>Montney</i>	271		
	<i>Cordova</i>	8.8		
	<i>Liard</i>	167.1		
British Columbia Total	576.2			
Saskatchewan	Conventional	10.5	7.9	2.6
	Unconventional	2.9		
	<i>Bakken</i>	2.9		
	Saskatchewan Total	13.4		



Notes:
 - Determined from reliable, published assessments by federal and provincial agencies.
 - For this table, "unconventional" is defined as natural gas produced from coal (CBM) or by the application of multi-stage hydraulic fracturing to horizontal wells.
 - The ultimate potential for natural gas should be considered an estimate that will evolve over time. Additional unconventional potential may be found in unassessed shales, such as the Duvernay Shale of Alberta.



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The Role of the NEBC Resource Municipalities Coalition



Downtown Taylor, B.C.

What Function Do Resource Communities Play in Resource Development?

- Support development
 - Health Services
 - Serviced land
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Utility systems
 - Education Services
 - Recreation
 - Cultural facilities
 - Policing
 - Other services
- Local citizens and businesses are the key to regional economic development.
- Future growth needs to be planned.
- We need to grow Resource Communities

Achieving Community and Regional Benefits

- The Coalition will advocate for government and corporate processes and policies that maximize community and regional benefits derived from resource development activities.
 - Locate operational maintenance employees in the region
 - Grow Resource Communities
 - Advocate for a level playing field for local businesses
 - Encouraging industry to utilize local labour goods and services



Creating Public Awareness and Support for Resource Development

- The Coalition will carry out activities to help inform the public on the relevance and significance of resource development to British Columbia.
 - Advocate and communicate the critical importance of resource development.
 - Provide information sessions, forums and update meetings with local Resource Communities, citizens and businesses
 - Advocate in conjunction with industry and the province public support for responsible development of BC Resources.

Is There an Role for Resource Communities in Canada's Energy Debates?

A Voice from Resource Communities

- The concept of a voice and a role from the resource communities, their citizens and businesses in the development of Canada's Natural Resources
- The question is - Is there an opportunity and a need for resource communities, their elected officials their citizens and businesses to become more fully engaged in actively participating in the policy debate on the future of the development of Canada's resources.