

Is There a Role for Resource Communities?



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The transition fuel to a Clean Future



Do Resource Communities Need a Voice?

What are we doing?

- We are doing cumulative resource planning for Northeastern BC
 - We are collaborating with local businesses, colleges, universities, the Province and industry
 - We are advocating a regional approach to all aspects of resource development impacts and planning
- We are promoting awareness and education on the realities of resource development
- We are advocating for timely Federal and Provincial Governments decision making on all projects that require access to world markets

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GIVING VOICE TO THE SILENT MAJORITY



- Citizen surveys indicate majority support for resource development and specific projects – pipelines and plants

A Potential Charter Objective

Respect for the Rule of Law

All decisions related to our resources and access to world markets should be made on the basis of what is in the best public interest.

Federal and Provincial Governments must make evidence-based resource development policies and decisions in order to protect the overall health of the economy

- Decision making is overly influenced by competing ideologies and special interests.
- Government decision making should be evidenced-based utilizing the expert advice and resources of BC's and Canada's world-class regulatory and environmental review processes

A Potential Charter Objective Respecting Rights

Acknowledge and respect First Nations rights in Resource Development in BC and Canada

- First Nations constitutionally protected rights are recognized and respected in resource development planning and approval processes.
- Ensure that resource development decisions made by the Federal and Provincial Governments takes into consideration the broader public interest and the overall health of the economy.
- Ensure that resource development decisions are made in a timely, orderly and transparent manner.

A Potential Charter Objective

Respecting the Environment

Acknowledge and respect the Environment in Resource Development in BC and Canada

- The environment must be protected and respected in resource development planning and approval processes.
- Protection of the environment is the highest priority for Resource Communities and their citizens



A Potential Charter Objective

Priority be given to the Ongoing Viability of Resource Communities

Federal and Provincial Governments policy and resource development decisions must give priority to Resource Communities and First Nation Communities

- Resource Communities and First Nation Communities provide essential services that are integral to the success of resource development
- Federal and Provincial governments must ensure that all communities are healthy, vibrant and have the capacity to provide quality services and attract a stable, skilled workforce
- The impacts associated with resource developments must be fully mitigated giving special consideration to local sourcing of goods and services and the impact of industrial workforces and camps

Cumulative Resource Planning

Cumulative Resource Planning for major resource development must be given priority by Provincial and Federal Governments

- Plans should address the cumulative effects of resource development addressing required investments in community services and infrastructure, future land use, economic development and diversification, protection of the environment and ensuring the sustainability of communities.
- Plans should engage Resource Communities and First Nations impacted by resource development



The Charter's Potential Call to Action Commitment to Action

If a Charter campaign is initiated signatories would commit:

- To support responsible resource development
- To taking ongoing action to advance the Charter's Objectives to the Federal and Provincial government and their agencies
- To inform and advise resource industries that the Charter will govern plans, decisions and actions in regards to future resource development.

Potential Next Steps

- Based on input and feedback the Coalition will determine if there is adequate interest and support for the introduction for a Charter on Responsible Resource Development.
- Any and all ideas and comments are welcomed and should be addressed to any member of the Coalition.
- The Coalition will be making a final decision on the Charter in the first quarter of 2017.