Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Steelhead LNG Opportunity Development Agreement

… Exploring the Opportunity
… Informing and Engaging Citizens



Background Presentation for Huu-ay-aht Community Meetings
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Opportunity Development Agreement

Building a Relationship

Exploring the Opportunity





Exploring a Partnership based on values

Steelhead and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations recognize that incorporating the traditional values of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations will be integral to the Project, and will ensure that Iisaak, Hish-uk tsa-wak and Uu-a-thluk are also core

"Opportunity Development Agreement"

What it IS:

Step 1 – Exploring an opportunity

An agreement to explore the idea of LNG development on Huu-ay-aht territory together

What it is NOT: A commitment to LNG or a facility

Overseeing the Agreement

Project Development Panel:

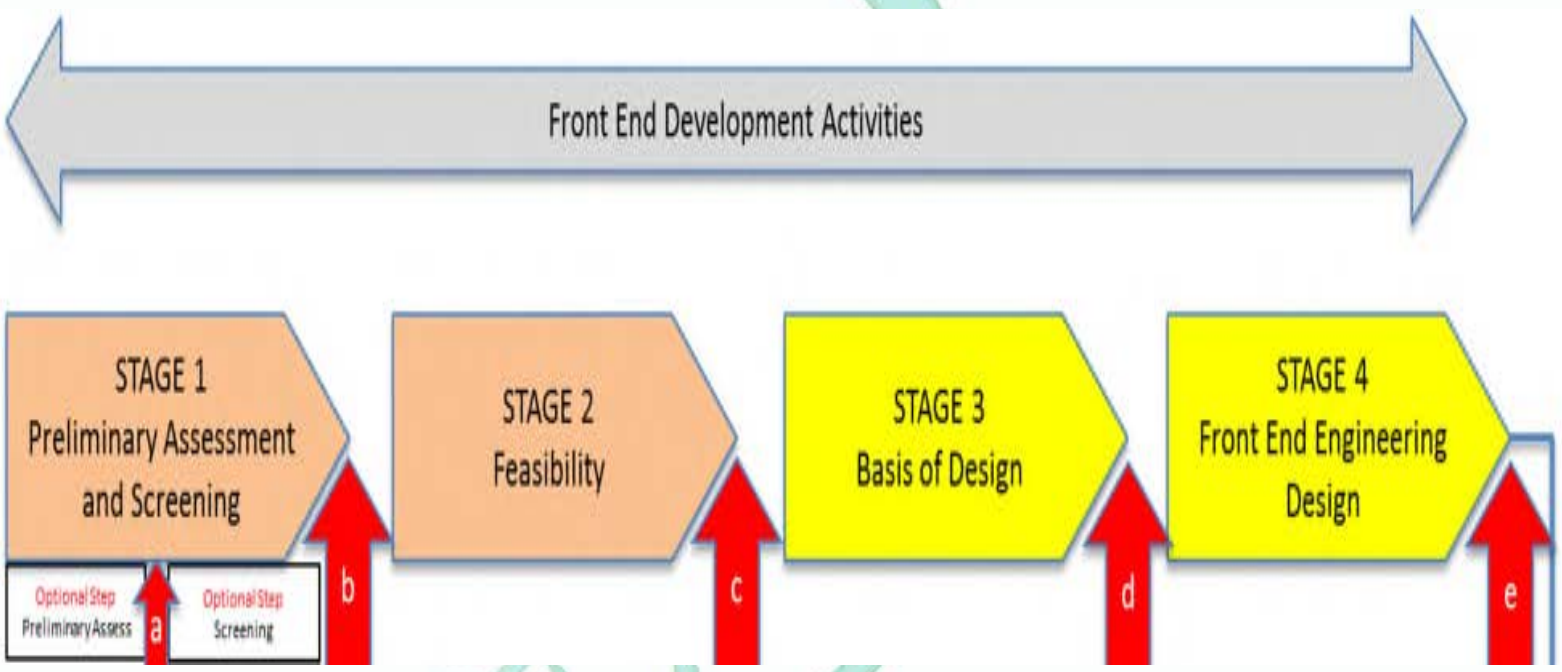
- 2 Huu-ay-aht (Council members Tom Happynook and John Jack)
- 2 Steelhead LNG reps
- Chair

Purposes:

- review and assess options and opportunities for development of the Project
- provide guidance to the parties in respect of the activities to be undertaken
- review information and return advice and recommendations at various milestones and decision points throughout the exploration stages

Phases of Initial Exploration

Before any development or operation



- 1. Stage 1, Preliminary Assessment and Screening
- 2. Stage 2, Feasibility
- 3. Stage 3, Basis of Design
- 4. Stage 4, Front End Engineering Design (FEED)



Studies and more studies…

- Numerous studies will be undertaken at Steelhead LNG expense to explore all aspects of feasibility of project and impacts of project

- Funding will be provided for Huu-ay-aht to select and hire the experts we need … and to communicate with our citizens

Studies and more studies…

- A study ("socio-economic gap analysis") to look at:
  - how an LNG project would impact the communities and people of Anacla, Bamfield and Port Alberni
  - what facilities or services do our communities need
  - what skills do we have to offer
  - what jobs would be available for us in a LNG project (note: every 1 job at a plant typically supports 10 jobs in local communities)
  - what training could we get to fill skilled positions
  - what opportunities will we have to start businesses that support a project like this (food, security, restaurants, marine services, etc)

Some of the Benefits for Huu-ay-aht in the Exploration Stages

- Financial and in-kind assistance - Kiix?in
- Financial contribution towards Anacla-Bamfield bike/walking path
- Financing for the purchase of the Sarita South lands
- Employment: one HFN citizen to be hired right away
- Future benefits:
  - a salmonoid enhancement program
  - trades and other education for Huu-ay-aht citizens

Moving Forward - First Steps

Informing ourselves

Informing and engaging our citizens





Informed Decision Making

- We need to have the best information possible to informed decisions about what's best for our land, our people and our future

- Funding will be provided for us to:
  - hire the companies, people and experts we need
  - carry out the environmental and technical assessments we need, and
  - answer every question we have
  - communicate with our citizens

Lots of questions!

Among the many issues we will look at are:

- What effect do LNG projects have on the environment? At home, along a pipeline route and where they drill to get the gas
- How would an LNG facility affect our lands, waters, marine habitats and wildlife?
- How would a project like this affect our neighbours?
- How would a project like this affect First Nations here on Vancouver Island, along the pipeline route and where the gas is extracted?
- What is the environmental and safety record of people involved in this project?
- What's in it for us?
- What are the risks for us?
- How would the construction and operation of an LNG facility on our territory affect our lives?
- How will this project affect our children and the Huu-ay-aht people that will live on our land and live with our decision long after we are gone?

… and many more!!

INFORMING AND COMMUNICATING WITH OUR CITIZENS AND OTHERS

- Comprehensive communications - at home and away from home
- (Communications funding to be provided by Steelhead)
- Hearing and responding to questions and concerns of our citizens
- Discussions with our First Nations neighbours and key people in Port Alberni area and elsewhere
- The decision about what we do on our land is ours … let`s make that decision together based on the information we need to make a wise decision for generations of today and tomorrow
- The project doesn't go forward unless we provide our approval
- In the coming months, let's take a close look at LNG and see if it's right for Huu-ay-aht of today and tomorrow

The Huu-ay-aht envision a strong, self-governing and self-reliant Nation. Iisaak will guide us as we work together to foster a safe, healthy and sustainable community where our culture, language , spirituality and economy flourish for all.



Chuu, Klecko!

Thank you for listening