



NaiKun Offshore Wind Project

Consultation and Community Engagement Summary Report

Summary of Consultation and Ongoing Community Engagement Activities in the Prince Rupert Area and on Haida Gwaii

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Executive Summary

The NaiKun Offshore Wind Energy Project (the Project), proposed by NaiKun Wind Development Inc. (NaiKun) requires review under the *British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act* (BCEAA) and is currently in the “pre-Application” phase of this process. It is expected that the project will also be reviewable under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

NaiKun’s information initiative is based on a two-pronged approach to public communications to ensure that First Nations, government, and stakeholders are well informed and appropriately consulted about the NaiKun Offshore Wind Project. This involves the implementation of both a formal public consultation program for the development of an Application for an Environmental Certificate and ongoing community engagement activities.

Formal Consultation Program for the draft Terms of Reference Review

The B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) invited the public to comment on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Project. The first 30-day public comment period began March 30, 2007 and ended April 28, 2007. Under the direction of the EAO, NaiKun undertook an additional draft TOR public comment period from June 21, 2007 to July 21, 2007, to allow comment on the HaidaLink component of the revised draft TOR.

Notification for the EAO public comment period for the NaiKun Offshore Wind Project was undertaken in accordance with requirements set out by the EAO. The EAO requires seven days notice to the public prior to commencement of the public comment period.

NaiKun’s notification for both of the public comment periods included:

- 24 public notices in regional and community papers
- Public notices placed in post offices and community boards
- Twenty thirty-second ads announced on regional radio station

During both reviews, interested parties were encouraged to view the current version of the draft TOR online at the EAO website (www.eao.gov.bc.ca) and in public libraries in Prince Rupert, Masset, Port Clements, Queen Charlotte City and Sandspit, and submit comments to the EAO.

Approximately twenty individuals (including representation from local government and stakeholder groups) provided comments on the draft TOR either through email or written correspondence to the EAO.

Key theme summary from all public comments include:

- Concern for the potential impacts to the local fishing and crabbing industries.

- Potential impacts to marine wildlife and birds.
- Interest in Haida Gwaii obtaining power from the wind project.¹
- Lack of communication between the proponent and the local community.
- Some submissions commented on the need for more details on the project (i.e. description, cable routing, timeframe for construction, etc.).

Ongoing Community Engagement Activities

Concurrent to the formal public consultation activities for the draft TOR noted above, NaiKun has taken a proactive approach to community and stakeholder engagement. Engagement and consultation activities to-date include:

- Stakeholder Engagement Meetings
- Haida Gwaii Energy Centre
- Open Houses
- Community Outreach
- Public Information Sessions
- Education and Training
- Informative Advertisements
- Visual Education Campaign
- Community Involvement

Community engagement in the Prince Rupert area and on Haida Gwaii will continue throughout the course of the environmental assessment review and the development of the proposed project and will inform the environmental study design and development of the Application.

¹ In response to public feedback, on May 10, 2007, NaiKun announced HaidaLink – a transmission solution for Haida Gwaii. The Terms of Reference has been revised to indicate the proposed transmission line which would connect Haida Gwaii to the NaiKun project, therefore delivering clean wind energy to Haida Gwaii as well as connecting Haida Gwaii to the provincial electricity grid.

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1.0 Introduction

The NaiKun Offshore Wind Project (the Project), proposed by NaiKun Wind Development Inc., will provide a cost-effective, environmentally sound, renewable energy source to serve the electricity market in British Columbia.

The proposed project consists of 64 to 110 wind turbine towers fixed into the seabed in shallow water off the north-eastern shores of Haida Gwaii, British Columbia. Strong winds in Hecate Strait will turn the wind-turbine blades to produce electricity that will be gathered offshore and transmitted to a BC Hydro substation via sea-cable and a land-based transmission line.

The HaidaLink transmission proposal, jointly developed with the Haida Nation and NaiKun, will deliver clean wind energy to Haida Gwaii via sea-cable reaching landfall in the Tlell area. This will displace the diesel which is currently burned to service the electricity demand on Haida Gwaii and connect the island to the provincial electricity grid.

The Project requires review under the *British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act* (BCEAA) and is currently in the "pre-Application" phase of this process. It is expected that the project will also be reviewable under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

The purpose of this document is to provide the EAO with a summary of consultation and community engagement activities undertaken by the proponent.

2.0 Public Consultation and Community Engagement Program

As part of the Environmental Assessment Review process, NaiKun will consult with the public by holding open houses, workshops, public meetings and stakeholder meetings in communities within the vicinity of the project.

NaiKun has planned the following 3-stage consultation program for the formal Environmental Review of the NaiKun Offshore Wind Project:

STAGE 1 - Pre-Consultation (February/March 2007 *COMPLETE*)

STAGE 2 - Public Comment Period

- Draft EA Terms of Reference (March 30 - April 28, 2007 *COMPLETE*)
- Additional Public Comment Period on the revised draft EA Terms of Reference including HaidaLink component (June 21 – July 21, 2007 *COMPLETE*)

STAGE 3 - Public Comment Period on the Environmental Assessment Application (early 2009)

In addition to the formal EA review program, NaiKun has implemented a multi-layered community engagement plan to increase community awareness and support of the proposed NaiKun Offshore Wind Project.

In keeping with NaiKun's desire to produce an environmentally sound, cost-effective, renewable energy source, communications goals will ensure that:

- The public is notified about opportunities to provide input and feedback as part of the environmental assessment review process.
- The public is provided with timely, accurate information about the project.
- The public is invited to identify issues, concerns and benefits and provide feedback regarding impacts and mitigation plans.
- The results of the community engagement initiative and consultation program are shared with the public.

NaiKun has been engaging and consulting with First Nations, fishing groups, community groups, environmental groups and the public in planning for the Project since as early as 2002. NaiKun is committed to ongoing community engagement with the public, First Nations, government and stakeholders during "pre-Application". Strategic communications and engagement activities are required to maintain a two-way communication with the public.

3.0 Summary of Consultation and Community Engagement Activities to Date

3.1 Pre-Consultation

Pre-consultation ensures that the local community has an opportunity to influence the design of many aspects of a consultation program. This approach is consistent with *best practices* in public consultation and generally results in stronger support for the consultation process.

Pre-Consultation Interviews

As part of the pre-consultation stage, interviews were held with representatives of key stakeholder groups to seek advice on how best to consult with stakeholders and the public in local communities. In addition, general feedback on the project was sought.

A total of 15 interviews were conducted between February 23rd and March 21st, 2007. Eight telephone interviews were conducted with representatives in the Prince Rupert area and six interviews were conducted with representatives on Haida Gwaii. The following is a list of stakeholder groups interviewed:

Prince Rupert Area

1. Rotary Club of Prince Rupert
2. Prince Rupert Port Authority
3. Northern BC Tourism Association
4. Tourism Prince Rupert
5. Prince Rupert and Port Edward Economic Development Corporation (Jim Rushton)
6. Prince Rupert and Port Edward Economic Development Corporation (Chris Colussi)
7. Prince Rupert Airport Authority
8. World Wildlife Fund Canada
9. Community Futures Development Corporation

Haida Gwaii

1. Village of Port Clements
2. Area A Crab Fisherman's Association
3. Tow Hill Road Advisory Committee
4. Old Masset Village Council
5. Village of Queen Charlotte
6. Village of Masset

Stakeholder Engagement

In addition to soliciting input from First Nations, government and stakeholders on methods of consultation, NaiKun conducted project update meetings with key stakeholder, government and First Nations groups, provided information and answered questions upon request and set up a general inquiry email at info@naikun.ca.

Key Findings on the Proposed Consultation Program

As part of the pre-consultation interviews, stakeholders on Haida Gwaii and in the Prince Rupert area were told about NaiKun's plans for public consultation and were asked to provide feedback on its adequacy and efficacy in obtaining local community input into the environmental review process. The following was provided:

Haida Gwaii

- Overall, many felt that planned consultation activities such as small group meetings, public open houses, on-line information and feedback forms are very thorough and represent a broad range of methods to obtain public feedback on the proposed project.
- A few respondents stressed the importance of advertising on radio as well as in the Queen Charlotte Observer. One respondent suggested posting public notices at the Trout House Restaurant.
- One respondent commented on the importance of establishing an immediate presence in the area in order to garner support.

Prince Rupert

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- Some respondents suggested having hard copies of the Application available in libraries and local government offices.
- Some respondents stressed the importance of advertising on radio as well as in local newspapers, which include The Prince Rupert Daily News, The Northern Connector and The Northern View.
- It was suggested that an information office should be set up in Prince Rupert in addition to the information office on Haida Gwaii.

Stakeholder Feedback on the Project

As part of the pre-consultation interviews, stakeholders were also asked about the project, level of knowledge, and any benefits or impacts they might be aware of. The following was provided:

Haida Gwaii

- A majority of respondents were somewhat familiar with the Project. Most cited the local newspaper (The Observer) as their primary source of information on the proposed project.
- Common concerns raised by respondents included potential disturbances to the crab fishing economy and to bird migration.
- One respondent expressed opposition to the project due to distrust of big corporations and uncertainty of how the project would benefit the local community.
- Those that were neither supportive nor opposed to the project felt that they didn't have enough information to make an informed decision.

Prince Rupert

- A majority of respondents were somewhat familiar with the Project. Most cited the local newspapers (The Northern Connector and The Northern View) as their primary source of information on the proposed project.
- Several respondents from the Prince Rupert area did not see any potential issues arising from the project. Several respondents identified green energy, employment and economic growth as potential benefits arising from the project.
- When asked if they supported or opposed the project, some respondents expressed support for the project citing clean energy as the primary benefit.
- Several respondents indicated that they did not have enough information to make an informed decision for or against the project.
- One respondent suggested that NaiKun go above and beyond the standard best practices that have been applied to other wind farms in Canada.

It was also suggested that NaiKun inform the local community on the economic benefits associated with the project, such as skill training and employment.

3.2 Draft Terms of Reference Public Comment Period Consultation

The EAO invited the public to comment on the draft TOR for the Project. The first 30-day public comment period began March 30, 2007 and ended April 28, 2007. Under the direction of the EAO, a second public comment period took place between June 21, 2007 and July 21, 2007, to allow for comments on the HaidaLink component of the revised draft Terms of Reference.

Public Notification

Consistent with EAO requirements and in consideration of stakeholder feedback during pre-consultation, public notice for the review of the draft Terms of Reference was advertised in the following media outlets:

Media Outlet	Draft TOR Public Comment Period 1	Draft TOR Public Comment Period 2
Prince Rupert		
The Northern Connector (Regional)	Friday March 30 th	Friday June 15 th Friday June 22 nd
The Northern View	Wednesday March 28 th	
The Northern Connector Daily	Monday March 26 th to Friday March 30 th Monday April 2 nd to Thursday April 5 th	Monday June 18 th – Friday June 22 nd
Haida Gwaii		
The Queen Charlotte Observer	Thursday March 29 th Thursday April 5 th	Thursday June 21 st
Masset – Post Office, Tow Hill Community Kiosk, Co-Op Grocery Store community board Port Clements – Post Office Queen Charlotte City – Office of the Mayor and Community Board	Friday March 23 rd	
Regional Radio		
Standard Radio – CJFW	20 x 30 second ads the week of April 2 nd to April 6 th	n/a

Tracking Table for Comments made by the Public and Key Comments

In response to comments made by the public during both public comment periods on the draft TOR, and as a required component of BCEAA process, NaiKun prepared a Tracking Table for Comments made by the Public to submit to the EAO following each review period. These are posted on the EAO website. Following each review period, several sections of the draft TOR were revised as a result of input and feedback received from the public.

Approximately 20 individuals/stakeholder groups participated in the consultation program either through email or written correspondence to the EAO. The following provides a summary of key themes from most frequent comments received through public submission to the EAO during both public comment periods on the draft TOR. Further detail is provided in the tracking tables of comments from the public.

Subject Area	Key Themes
Marine Birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project impact on birds • Potential construction and operational impacts • Methodology for acquiring data
Assessment Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised over methodology for acquiring data • Involvement of local communities in collection and reviewing data
Aquatic Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts of cabling on sea bed ecology • Impacts of project structures on migration of marine species
Crabbing and fishing industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project impacts on the crabbing and fishing industry • Impacts of structures, cabling on crab eco-system
Project Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project should provide energy to Haida Gwaii • Lack of detailed information available on the project
Project Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions raised regarding project design and lack of detail provided to public • Desire to have project provide energy to Haida Gwaii
Public Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of communication between the proponent and the community
Life of Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected lifetime of units, durability in stormy conditions and earthquakes
Marine Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project impacts on marine wildlife • Concerns were raised regarding and methodology for acquiring data
Socio-economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for project-related employment opportunities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of communication between the proponent and the fishing industry • Concern regarding potential impacts to industries, including fisheries, crab, recreational
Public Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of communication between the proponent and the public/communities • Provide additional technical information
Transportation Safety/Marine Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential effect on marine transportation in the wind farm area.

Letters have been issued to members of the public who provided comments on the draft TOR, thanking them for their feedback and drawing their attention to certain parts of the Approved TOR which were refined in consideration of input provided.

Finalizing the Terms of Reference

Following two public comment periods on the draft TOR the NaiKun project team continued to work with the EAO and agencies to address comments and issues in revising and finalizing the TOR.

On December 13, 2007 the Environmental Assessment Office approved the TOR for NaiKun's Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate. The approved TOR (available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca) identifies the issues to be assessed, and the information to be provided, by NaiKun in the Application.

3.3 Ongoing Community Engagement Activities

NaiKun has been engaging and consulting with First Nations, fishing groups, community groups, environmental groups and the public in planning for the Project since as early as 2002.

Given the variety of audiences and stakeholders, the range of awareness levels and the differences in desire for involvement, NaiKun's communications activities have focused on increasing public awareness of the proposed project through a broad range of opportunities for involvement. A comprehensive community engagement plan was developed to ensure that local First Nations, government and stakeholders are well informed about the proposed Project and that they have their inquiries dealt with in an effective, timely way.

To date, NaiKun has been involved in the following communications activities, in addition to those discussed above:

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Haida Gwaii Energy Centre
- Open Houses
- Community Outreach
- Public Information Sessions
- Education and Training
- Informative Advertisements
- Visual Education Campaign
- Community Involvement

Stakeholder Engagement

NaiKun has been engaging and consulting with First Nations, government, stakeholders, community groups, environmental groups and the public in planning for the Project since as early as 2002. With input from these groups regarding their concerns, issues and needs, the draft Terms of Reference, project design, proposed studies and community engagement process have been developed and refined. Some of these groups include:

- Council of the Haida Nation
- Haida Power Authority
- Moresby Island Management Committee
- Queen Charlotte Management Committee
- Masset Council and Economic Development Committee
- Old Masset Village Council
- Tow Hill Road Advisory Committee
- Port Clements Council and Economic Development Committee
- Village of Queen Charlotte
- NaiKoon Park Advisory Committee
- Skidegate Band Council

- Village of Port Clements
- City of Prince Rupert
- Groundfish Trawl Advisory Committee
- Groundfish Research and Conservation Society
- Area "A" Crab Fisherman's Association
- Prince Rupert & Port Edward Economic Development Corporation
- Prince Rupert Port Authority
- North Coast MLA
- District of Port Edward
- Delkatla Sanctuary Society
- Prince Rupert & District Chamber of Commerce
- Lax Kw'alaams Council
- Metlakatla Band Council
- Kitkatla Band Council
- Gitxaala Environmental Monitoring
- Tsimshian Executive Association

Haida Gwaii Energy Centre

NaiKun opened the Haida Gwaii Energy Centre (HGEC) jointly with the Haida Power Authority on August 11, 2007, in Masset. Local concern about lack of proponent communications and information on the Project proposal prompted the opening.

Establishing a physical location has created an on-island presence for NaiKun and provides a local resource for easy access to information materials, Environmental Assessment documentation, and opportunities to provide feedback. Weekly advertisements in local media notify residents of the HGEC's location, business hours and upcoming events. A comment box is set up for residents to provide input on the project confidentially. Visitors can also comment in the HGEC's guest book and receive the most up to date information on the project by joining NaiKun's email database.

The HGEC is equipped with teleconference and presentation equipment, a public computer with internet access, a research and resource room, large group meeting space, and office space. Two knowledgeable local staff are available to answer questions and provide information during business hours; Tuesday to Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.

In addition, the HGEC provides sustainable energy information and services, increasing local awareness of power generation issues, clean power technologies and demand side management. NaiKun has teamed up with local sustainable energy company Spark! Sustainable Energy Solutions to green the HGEC, installing solar panels and a wind anemometer – the first of its kind in downtown Masset, in order to educate the public on sustainable energy technologies.

In excess of 130 people have visited the HGEC in the seven months it has been open. This includes a diverse group of First Nations, government and stakeholders ranging in age from children to seniors. Comments provided include:

- Support for the project because they want to see the islands replace diesel power
- Would rather see wind turbines than diesel or coal generation facilities
- Interest in employment opportunities
- Questions about site location
- Questions about potential synergies with telecommunication cabling to the island
- Concern for conflict with crab industry
- Concern of transmission lines crossing "Stephen's Island" which is pristine
- Unsure about impacts to seabed geology, site conditions, erosion patterns
- Concerned about migratory birds
- Concerned that jobs will not go to locals
- Concerned that having one corporation in Hecate Strait will open up the area to exploration by other corporations looking to exploit natural resources such as the oil and gas industry.

Haida Gwaii Energy Centre Open Houses

NaiKun has hosted open houses at the HGEC on two separate occasions where locals were invited to discuss the project and meet key NaiKun executives.

On August 11, 2007 NaiKun Chairman Michael Burns, NaiKun Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Sara MacIntyre, and NaiKun Community Relations Manager, Lucy Shaw attended the HGEC opening barbeque to discuss the proposed project and answer questions. In excess of two hundred community members attended the event.

On December 12, 2007 the entire NaiKun Board of Directors, as well as key team members hosted a community meet and greet at the HGEC. The purpose of the event was to provide local residents an opportunity to comment on the project and ask questions of the experts in a more casual, personal setting. In excess of sixty people attended the event.

Community Outreach

Given the variety of individuals and groups, the differences in desire for involvement, and the remote geographical location of many of the audiences, NaiKun travels to remote communities in order to ensure that everyone has equal access to information and resources about the Project.

To date NaiKun has had information booths in the communities of Skidegate and Sandspit. Materials included information display boards, summary information sheets and HGEC staff on hand to respond to questions and comments. A total of twenty-five residents have attended the information booths, fifteen of which took literature and information material. Further visits are planned for other communities.

Public Information Sessions

NaiKun hosts public information sessions to increase local awareness about the project and address key issues and areas of concern. Topics are designed to address key issues and areas of uncertainty and will vary.

i. Offshore Wind Turbines and Birds

On December 16, 2007 NaiKun hosted a public information session featuring Dr. Mark Desholm at the Haida Heritage Centre in Skidegate. Dr. Desholm is a leading Danish biologist whose research specializes on offshore wind turbine and sea bird interactions. The session was advertised in the local newspaper (the Queen Charlotte Islands Observer) one week prior to the event. The information session was attended by approximately 30 people.

Dr. Desholm gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the audience. Examples of questions asked at the session included:

- How is the climate and biodiversity different in Denmark than Haida Gwaii?
- Do birds perch on the Nacelle of a wind turbine?
- How far is the distance between displacement in post and pre construction?
- What is the typical distance between wind turbines?
- What are the mortality differences between other human activity and wind turbines?
- In terms of energetics, what have the effects of avoidance behavior been?

ii. Climate for Change Teleconference Series

On February 22, 2008 the Hecate Energy Institute invited NaiKun to speak about the project and answer questions during a noon hour teleconference call. Thirty local residents participated in the conference. NaiKun provided a project update and answered questions. The session was advertised on February 14th and 21st in the local newspaper (the Queen Charlotte Islands Observer) by both NaiKun and the Hecate Energy Institute for two weeks prior to the event. Examples of questions asked at the session included:

- How big are typical offshore wind turbines?
- Is the technology currently available to install wind turbines at sea?
- What will happen to commercial traffic if the wind project is built?
- What stage of the environmental assessment process is the project at?
- How deep will the marine cables be buried in the sea bed?
- How has the project design reflected the strong wave and currents in Hecate Strait?
- Will the impact of a Tsunami be addressed in the EA?
- Is the transmission cable AC or DC power?
- How are the turbines anchored?

iii. EA Review Process

NaiKun is hosting public information sessions on the environmental assessment review process to address a lack of understanding of the process, timelines and review. Sessions were advertised in the Queen Charlotte Islands Observer on February 21st and 28th and March 6th, 2008. These will be held March 5 and 6, 2008 in Skidegate and Masset, respectively. At these sessions, the EAO will provide information and answer questions about the EA process while NaiKun and consultants will provide information on how the project fits into the process, studies underway and what changes are being made based on public comment to date. The EAO, NaiKun and consultants will address any questions posed by attendees.

Education and Training

In response to input received from First Nations during stakeholder engagement meetings and at the HGEC, NaiKun developed an education program to engage local youth about energy issues, demand side management and the Project. NaiKun has sponsored educational visits to four schools at the high school and elementary levels, two high school science classes from George M. Dawson Secondary in Masset, Skadganaay elementary school in Skidegate, and a Haida/Social Studies class at Queen Charlotte Secondary School in Queen Charlotte City.

The program takes a hands-on approach to learning. Children are introduced to the HGEC purpose and staff, play online interactive games such as "Green Home Makeover" and "Wind with Miller" and are updated on the proposed Project. The session ends with a Q&A period. Examples of questions asked at the sessions are:

- Will wind power be good for our local environment?
- Will this energy source be reliable?
- What is the effect of wind turbine towers on the crabbing industry in the strait?
- Will sea life and fishing industry be impacted?
- How many wind mills will there be in the strait?
- Is it necessary to have so many wind turbines?
- What is the total expected cost of the project?
- How much energy will the project make?
- What will happen if a really big wave or tsunami hits the towers?

A separate training and employment strategy has been developed as a result of local interest in potential employment opportunities if the project is built. NaiKun will provide information to the public about potential employment opportunities by participating in community job fairs, distributing materials and meeting with First Nations, government and stakeholders. Financial support will also be provided to students who are interested in pursuing a career in wind turbine maintenance.

Informative Advertisements

To further broaden communications from the proponent, NaiKun developed a series of informative advertisements aimed to address key issues and inform the public about

the proposed project and opportunities to provide feedback. Every week, starting in November 2007, NaiKun creates a full page public information notice called "Energy Facts" in the Queen Charlotte Islands Observer. Topics vary based on key issues, and have included; energy supply, offshore wind energy, diesel generation, wind turbine technology, global warming and the environmental assessment review process.

Visual Education Campaign

To diversify methods of community engagement and to ensure that all First Nations and stakeholders have equal opportunity for information gathering, since November 2007, NaiKun has been hosting weekly screenings of educational films that address issues about energy, the environment and more specific topics like offshore wind project construction. Every month a new film is showcased, and there are four Saturday afternoon screenings of each. HGEC staff host the screening and are available to facilitate discussion after the film, if there is an interest from the audience.

Community Involvement

In order to maintain a presence in the community and a pro-active approach to information sharing, NaiKun frequently sends representatives to community events. This provides further access for residents and another avenue for questions and input on the proposed the Project.

NaiKun representatives attended Harbour Days in Masset in May, 2007, Skidegate Days in July, 2007 in Skidegate and the Land Use Planning Celebration Lunch on the 31st of January, 2008. Participation in community events will continue throughout the environmental assessment review and development of the proposed project.

4.0 Next Steps

Ongoing community engagement in the Prince Rupert area and on Haida Gwaii will continue throughout the course of the environmental assessment “pre-Application” stage. A project base is planned for the Prince Rupert area to mirror initiatives launched on Haida Gwaii. Comments raised by the public and stakeholders will be used to further refine the content of the EA Application report.

Once the Application is submitted and accepted by the EAO (early 2009), a formal public comment period will be held to give the public an opportunity to review and comment on the Application. Once feedback has been received, NaiKun will address the comments made by the public during this period. NaiKun understands that these comments and responses will be taken into consideration by the EAO during preparation of their recommendation to Ministers on a decision for project approval.