

Community Updates are produced regularly to keep local communities informed about the project, opportunities to participate in project activities and how to provide input. To find out how to receive these updates electronically please see page 2. We welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing from you. In this issue of NaiKun's Community Update, learn about NaiKun's Environmental Assessment Application, opportunities to provide input, the Skidegate office opening, NaiKun's Wind Training Award the extended summertime hours at the Energy Centre.

Environmental Assessment – Public Comment Period Underway

NaiKun's Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate was formally accepted by the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) on May 15, 2009. The 180-day Application Review stage is now underway and includes a 45-day public comment period. The purpose of the public comment period is to provide an opportunity for people to review the application and provide comments to the EAO. The public comment period is underway and concludes July 12, 2009. Comments must be received within the 45-day public comment period in order to be considered by the EAO and CEAA.

NaiKun, together with the EAO, is holding community open houses in Prince Rupert, Masset and the Village of Queen Charlotte. Each open house will include a 1-hour question and answer session. The proponent, EAO and specialists who conducted the environmental assessments will be available to respond to questions.

Public Open House Schedule

PRINCE RUPERT

The Crest Hotel

June 3, 2009 | 5:30pm-8:30pm

MASSET

Howard Phillips Hall

June 8, 2009 | 5:30pm-8:30pm

QUEEN CHARLOTTE

Queen Charlotte Community Centre

June 9, 2009 | 5:30pm-8:30pm

About NaiKun's Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate

Six years of detailed studies by scientists and area experts along with extensive consultations with First Nations and local communities contributed to NaiKun's 4000-page application. The application covers 10 study areas including marine aquatic ecology, marine mammals, marine birds, archaeological resources, socio-economics and terrestrial ecology.

With the implementation of the extensive environmental management, mitigation and monitoring activities committed to by NaiKun in its application, no significant adverse effects are expected.

The assessment also indicates notable positive effects for local communities and their economies through the creation of employment, education and training services, and clean energy.



Following the public comment period, the NaiKun will respond to all comments received and prepare a consultation summary report which will be posted to the EAO NaiKun websites.

The Environmental Assessment Application can be viewed on the EAO website (www.eao.bc.ca) and at the following locations:

- Haida Gwaii Energy Centre
- Village of Queen Charlotte Public Library
- Prince Rupert Public Library
- Sandspit Public Library
- Vancouver Public Library

How to Submit Comments to the EAO

You can submit comments on the Application directly to the EAO by attending an open house in your community or by contacting the Environmental Assessment Office:

Garry Alexander - Project Assessment Director

Environmental Assessment Office

PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt

Victoria, BC V8W 9V1

Fax: 250 356-6448

E-mail: eaoinfo@gov.bc.ca

Comments must be received by July 12, 2009.

Skidegate Office Opening

In February, 2009 NaiKun opened a community office in Skidegate. The community office is located at the business complex in Skidegate and provides an opportunity for community members to learn more about the project and provide feedback. Project information includes display boards, environmental assessment information and access to the internet for those who may want to send in a comment to the Environmental Assessment Office. If you would like to come and visit the office please call 250-559-6805 to make an appointment.



NaiKun Wind Training Award

In 2008 NaiKun initiated a scholarship program for high school students interested in pursuing a career in the trades. As part of the 2008 program, scholarships and bursaries were awarded to students at George M Dawson High School in Masset and Queen Charlotte Secondary School in Queen Charlotte City. We are now beginning to gear up our Training Program in anticipation of project construction and have expanded the training award program to include students from Prince Rupert high schools - Charles Hayes Secondary School and Prince Rupert Secondary School. To find out more about the NaiKun Wind Training Award as well as information about the Training and Employment program, please contact NaiKun or send your resume to jobs@naikun.ca

Energy Centre - Extended Hours

Please note, that beginning June 1, 2009 and through the summer, the Haida Gwaii Energy Centre will be open 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm. Please come in and visit us and learn more about the NaiKun Wind project

About NaiKun

NaiKun Wind Energy Group Inc. is a British Columbia-based renewable energy company with offices in Vancouver, Masset and Skidegate. NaiKun's offshore wind energy project in Hecate Strait will generate enough electricity to power 130,000 B.C. homes, help the province reach its goal of becoming electricity self-sufficient by 2016, and play a significant role in addressing climate change. The project will also create an estimated 200 jobs during construction and 50 permanent jobs for maintenance and operations.

For more information:

If you would like to learn more about the project, provide input, or receive community updates like this one, please contact us as follows:

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