

Welcome to the first issue of the NaiKun Community Update

Community Updates will be 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 encourage communication and look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you to all those who took part in our recent community consultation.

Participant feedback has been compiled, together with a summary of all consultation activities and participation, in a Consultation Summary Report, which is available at NaiKun's project website at www.naikun.ca.

Between June and October 2008, NaiKun conducted stakeholder meetings and open houses to gather input on project designs to date and environmental studies currently underway, in order to improve the quality and completeness of our application for an environmental assessment certificate.

Community feedback was collected through the following key activities:

- 4 Open Houses
- 41 Stakeholder Meetings
- Local Government Presentations
- Haida Gwaii Energy Centre
- Feedback Forms
- Submissions by email, fax and mail
- Information Line

Key Results include:

- 445 participants
- General support for clean energy, particularly related to clean energy for Haida Gwaii to replace existing diesel generation
- General support of NaiKun's consultation program and a desire for ongoing contact
- High level of interest in employment and training opportunities
- Interest in potential noise effects, particularly during construction, as well as visual effects
- Comments about HaidaLink, particularly the process through which BC Hydro will determine whether the project proceeds as well as where landfall will be sited
- Comments about potential effects of EMF
- Comments about potential effects to the local crab industry, risk of bird-turbine collisions and cable entanglement for boats and fish

The full consultation summary report can be viewed on NaiKun's website at http://www.naikun.ca/information/community_consultation.php



Skidegate Open House – October 9, 2008

Next Steps:

NaiKun will review the results of this consultation process to identify opportunities to:

- Refine the project design
- Supplement ongoing environmental studies
- Develop the proposed environmental assessment consultation plan for Application Review
- Continue with and improve community engagement, including provision of ongoing project updates and increased presence in local communities

Project refinements will be reflected in our Application, which will include a summary of public input to date and how we have considered this input in developing the project and the environmental assessment application.

NaiKun will host consultation activities in Spring 2009 to provide opportunities for stakeholders, First Nations and the broader public to review and comment on the findings contained in our Application. Activities include open houses, small group meetings, online information and other events.

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NaiKun Submits Bid to BC Hydro

NaiKun recently submitted its proposal into BC Hydro's Clean Power Call to supply up to 396 megawatts of clean, renewable electricity, enough to power 130,000 British Columbia homes. The proposal includes HaidaLink, developed based on community input, which will connect Haida Gwaii to British Columbia's main electricity grid. BC Hydro's Clean Power Call seeks 5,000 gigawatt hours of clean, renewable energy per year as part of its effort to attain the goal of energy self-sufficiency by 2016. BC Hydro has indicated they expect to contract awards in the second quarter of 2009.

The NaiKun Community Foundation

The NaiKun Community Foundation was established in 2008 to provide funding to local groups and projects which support and benefit the communities of Haida Gwaii. Two rounds of funding are complete, resulting in the allocation of resources to the following community groups:

- Haida Heritage and Repatriation Society
- Laskeek Bay Conservation Society
- Naanii Jaadaa Group
- Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace
- Ngystle Society
- Gwaii United Soccer Club
- School District 50
- Masset/Port Clements Canadian Rangers
- Chief Matthews School
- Sk'aadga Naay School
- Christmas Classic Fund
- Xaad Kihlgaa Hl Suu.u Society
- Operation Ocean

The foundation is governed by a community board known as the Haida Gwaii Community Grants Committee. The Community Grants Committee meets four times a year to allocate funding to various groups, projects and initiatives that benefit the greater community.

For more information on the NaiKun Community Foundation, please email communityfoundation@naikun.ca



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Haida Gwaii Energy Centre – One Year Anniversary

The Haida Gwaii Energy Centre recently celebrated its one year anniversary. Over 75 people attended the event. Thank you to all those who came out to celebrate with us and who continue to visit the centre. If you have any ideas for how we can improve the centre and the information that's available, please drop in and let us know.



Haida Gwaii Energy Centre – one year anniversary

Sign-Up to Learn More

If you would like to learn more about the project, provide input or have your name added to our information update list to receive community updates like this one and information about future consultation activities, please contact us.

For more information:

If you are interested in learning more about our project and upcoming opportunities to provide input, please visit the Haida Gwaii Energy Centre or our website.

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