

Community Dialogue

Community Dialogue is a collaborative promotional venture by BG Group and the Northern View

Why Ridley Island? During meetings with community groups, one of the most frequently asked questions we receive is why we chose the Ridley Island location as the site for our Prince Rupert LNG Project? With so many proposed LNG projects in BC, we can appreciate that people have questions about our location and why it was chosen.

BG Group spent two years searching for the right location. The site we selected is located on the southwestern part of Ridley Island, on Federal Crown Land under the administration of the Prince Rupert Port Authority. Industrially zoned since the 1970s, the site features a deep water port and safe navigation access. An existing road, rail and utility infrastructure also influenced our choice.

We have a view that an industrial zoned site is more attractive for project development than a “greenfield” site that would be subject to substantially more site preparation and infrastructure development. Should we move forward with the project, we will certainly have industrial neighbors in the vicinity, including the Ridley Terminals coal trans-shipment facility, the Prince Rupert grain terminal and the Quickload container examination facility.

The former Skeena Cellulose pulp mill site is located on Watson Island to the east of our project, and the Canpotex potash export terminal is expected to be constructed just north of our site.

The bottom line is that Ridley Island has been preparing for industrial growth for some time. These preparations, along with the characteristics described above, make it ideal for LNG plant and export terminal development.

We are ever mindful that environmental considerations must be taken into planning and design. That is why we are engaging in local community consultation – to ensure that environmental considerations are well understood and mitigated during the planning and design phase.

While the taxes paid and employment opportunities created through our proposed project will make positive local contributions to both Prince Rupert and Port Edward, we know that a balance must be struck between economic development and environmental protection.

Community open house held on September 18 – As part of our environmental commitment, we recently hosted an open house in Prince Rupert (September 18 at Fisherman’s Hall) where we shared with

those present the core sediment sampling that was recently undertaken in an area just west of Ridley Island.

This testing, just one aspect of our ongoing baseline assessment work at Ridley Island, involved taking some 30 core samples to better understand the sub-sea materials where dredging may be required.

Our environmental consultants from AECOM led this testing, and our BG Canada representatives Herb Pond and Michelle Gilders were present at the open house to answer questions.

Going forward, we look forward to sharing more of our science. We also want to hear from you. You can reach us via email at <http://www.princerupertlng.ca/contact-us/> or a community telephone line which you can access at 1-855-683-6710. In addition, you can reach Herb at 250-624-9443. He ensures that your views are widely shared with our team.

Sincerely,



Steve Swaffield
Acting President, BG Canada

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