



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako PRESS RELEASE

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako receives \$75,000 grant from Coastal GasLink to improve heavy equipment fleet

Burns Lake, B.C. – The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) is pleased to announce we have been awarded \$75,000 in legacy grant funding from TC Energy's Coastal GasLink project for the purchase of a skid steer for use in Waste Management Service. The new unit will replace an aging skid steer in the fleet with a new, more functional model. Additionally, this funding will allow the outdated machine to be repaired and used as a backup that can be deployed when other machines are in need of maintenance and repairs, so as not to disrupt service delivery.

"One of the most vital pieces of equipment at transfer stations are skid steers. Moving waste and recyclables safely and efficiently is a major part of our operation, and keeping the machines maintained while they are in constant use can be difficult. We are very grateful that Coastal GasLink has helped us with funding to update this essential aspect of our waste management operations," said Mark Parker, RDBN Board Chair.

Investing in the communities where they operate is a key pillar of community investment for Coastal GasLink and this funding for RDBN aligns with TC Energy's Build Strong program, to protect and enhance the communities for today and tomorrow.

"As Coastal GasLink's construction progresses closer to completion, it is important for our project to continue to live up to our commitment to leaving a legacy of safety and respect for all people, communities, and the environment. That includes investing in local initiatives that support sustainable and thriving communities and being good neighbours as we safely operate this infrastructure for decades to come" said Kiel Giddens, Project Director, Public Affairs, Coastal GasLink.

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