



# NEWS

## #04 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### A NEW ERA OF GROWTH

We've partnered with the 100% Indigenous-owned Marwest Utility Services.

### LONG-TERM WORK FOR WITSET

Kyah Resources is now the local maintenance partner for Pacific Northern Gas.

### INVESTING IN HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Building equity, one machine at a time.

### HIRING SOON!

CONTACT US FOR THE  
OPPORTUNITY THAT'S  
RIGHT FOR YOU.

### CURRENTLY TRAINING:

MACHINE OPERATORS  
LABOURERS

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## Benefit to the community...

A Witset First Nation company, Kyah Resources invests in the community and returns 50% of its net profits, making it the largest revenue generator for the Nation.

### WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON:

#### *ROW Clearing - CGL*

*Completed right-of-way clearing and additional civil/earthworks.*

#### *Forestry*

*Working to more than double our current 80,000 m<sup>3</sup> volume and compete in road building/maintenance.*

#### *PNG Integrity Project*

*Eight natural gas pipeline integrity digs; with the potential for more to come.*

#### *BC Hydro*

*Slide mitigation on a transmission line relocation in Telkwa Pass.*

#### *Support Works - CGL*

*Planning to move from ROW clearing to a range of support works on Section Seven.*

# WORK THAT LASTS

How Kyah Resources is focusing on a long-term proposition: Pipeline Maintenance



Civil construction work has been a major area of growth for Kyah Resources. This growth is bringing significant new capacity. In the last few years, Kyah Resources has expanded its timber operation to perform a range of civil works such as right-of-way clearing, and even bridge and road construction.

Much of the construction work is on the CGL pipeline, which has helped us buy equipment and train workers. Yet, like all major project construction work, it is by nature temporary.

To meet Witset First Nation's need for sustainable, longer-term growth, Kyah Director Troy Young purchased a 50

percent stake in the Indigenous-owned pipeline maintenance and utility company, Marwest Utility Services. Marwest is working closely with Kyah Resources to keep people working after the construction boom slows down.

Troy, who is from Hagwilget Village First Nation and has deep ties to Witset First Nation, met with Pacific Northern Gas, and the Kyah team secured an important integrity dig contract that may see Kyah Resource conducting pipeline maintenance work for many years.

"PNG chose to work with Kyah Resources over outside companies because we have the community connection and ex-

## *PNG chose to work with Kyah Resources*

pertise that can maintain the natural gas line that travels through Wet'suwet'en Territory," said Young.

To start, PNG has hired Kyah Resources to project manage the first stage of its integrity dig program. In addition to bringing experts from Marwest, Kyah Resources will build local expertise including community employment, knowledge sharing, and equipment purchases to ensure Witset First Nation remains competitive in the long-term.



## NEW PARTNERS

**Kyah Resources is partnering with Marwest Utility Services for Pacific Northern Gas's 2022 Integrity Program**

Expect to see Kyah Resources and Marwest along Highway 16 for Pacific Northern Gas's integrity program.

PNG provides natural gas to homes and businesses along Highway 16. From time-to-time, the underground lines

need to be maintained, so gas can continue to arrive safely.

Mother nature can affect natural gas infrastructure over time. Kyah Resources is growing to handle the important periodic digging, stripping, re-coating, and burying needed.



## BUILDING WEALTH, AT HOME

**Kyah Resources is building community wealth through participation and ownership**

As a 100% Indigenous-owned company, Kyah Resources operates out of Witset First Nation, with a mission to ensure community members can exercise their right to work and benefit from their resources and their land.

The natural resource sector must be open to Indigenous participation. This is a fact that has been recognized by UN-DRIP, the courts, and all levels of government.

Since its founding in 2014, Kyah Resources has employed over 40 Witset First Nation members on projects, in addition to approximately 30 from other First Nation communities nearby. We ensure that community members can benefit from jobs, training, and new equipment that can be taken to other right-of-way clearings, civil construction, forestry, or even new ventures like pipeline maintenance projects.

To ensure Witset First Nation

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grows stronger, we are scaling up our forestry operations and working with new clients and industrial operators including BC Hydro and Pacific Northern Gas. This will help us continue to grow after pipeline construction work completes.

By the end of 2022, Kyah Resources also expects to expand work on CGL and double our forestry operation to over 400,000 cubic meters per year. This will include training a second logging crew and the purchase of new feller bunchers, processors, loaders and haulers.

These are valuable assets and skills that belong to Witset First Nation.

## IN THE FIELD WITH LUMBERJACK

**Philip "Lumberjack" Tait (pictured left), is a Witset First Nation Member who has been running heavy machinery**

*We sat down with Lumberjack in Witset to discuss working with Kyah Resources. Lumberjack was on seasonal on down-time from the Coastal GasLink pipeline project and hopes to get back to work soon running the rock truck, skidder or excavator.*

**First off, tell us about the name Lumberjack!**

As an infant, I was raised by my late Aunt Norah who lived down south. After I arrived, my family said "is that the boy from up north? He must be a Lumberjack!" and the name stuck. I think I had it before my real name, Philip.

**Was your nickname prophetic?**

It was 20 years before I even touched a power saw and entered silviculture [logging]. After I moved back north, me and my brother were the youngest fishers out of the Skeena River at 14 and 15. We paid off our boat in two years, but as an adult I decided it wasn't for me.

I worked other jobs including the sawmill at Witset until I needed to make money for my young family, and a buddy of mine helped set me up as a logger.

**How does logging compare to your work today?**

With logging, you get paid for how hard you work. Within a month-and-a-half I was the top guy because I'd get out there on time and ready: I'd sharpen, oil, and gas up on my own time. The only problem was when other people felt a need to rush and cut corners.

I like Kyah's focus on safety: They focus on training and don't take shortcuts or point fingers at workers.

**Any advice for new workers?**

Don't let efficiency get in the way of safety. Wherever you work there has to be a safety program on day one... but if you show up late and just want to go, you'll be tempted to rush. If you rush you are going to make a mistake.

In the rock truck the client sometimes wanted us to hurry, but Kyah always tells us "you don't get paid by the load, you get paid by the hour."

Responsible companies won't set unrealistic targets and new workers should remember that if **you** are running the machine, **you** are responsible.

**Tell us about Kyah's training program**

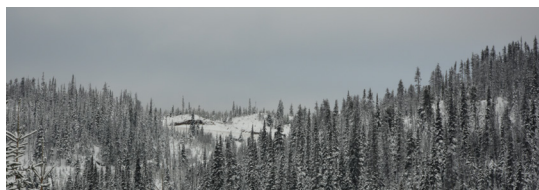
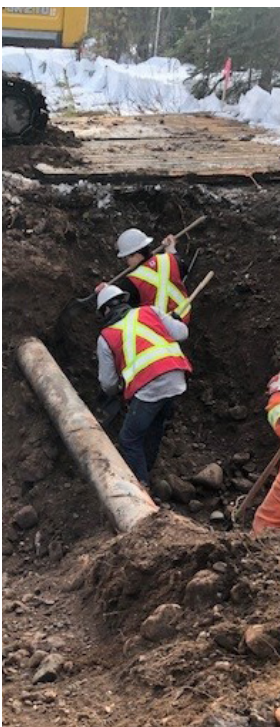
For training we have an experienced guy provide guidance, and I have also been able to go on the little excavator during down time to get used to running it and using the boom.

I ran a loader for 20 years, so have trained people on that. I have been running the rock truck and am hoping to get trained up on the large excavator.

**Would you pick up a power saw with Kyah's logging team?**

I was a lot younger when I was an actual lumberjack! These days I like to support my family by running the heavy machinery.





February 2022 Community Equity:  
Kyah Resources' Own Equipment

8

EIGHT  
ExcavatorsONE  
Processor

1

2

TWO Rock  
TrucksTWO Skid  
Steers

2

1

ONE All-Track  
SupportONE Hoe  
Chucker

1

4

FOUR Pickups

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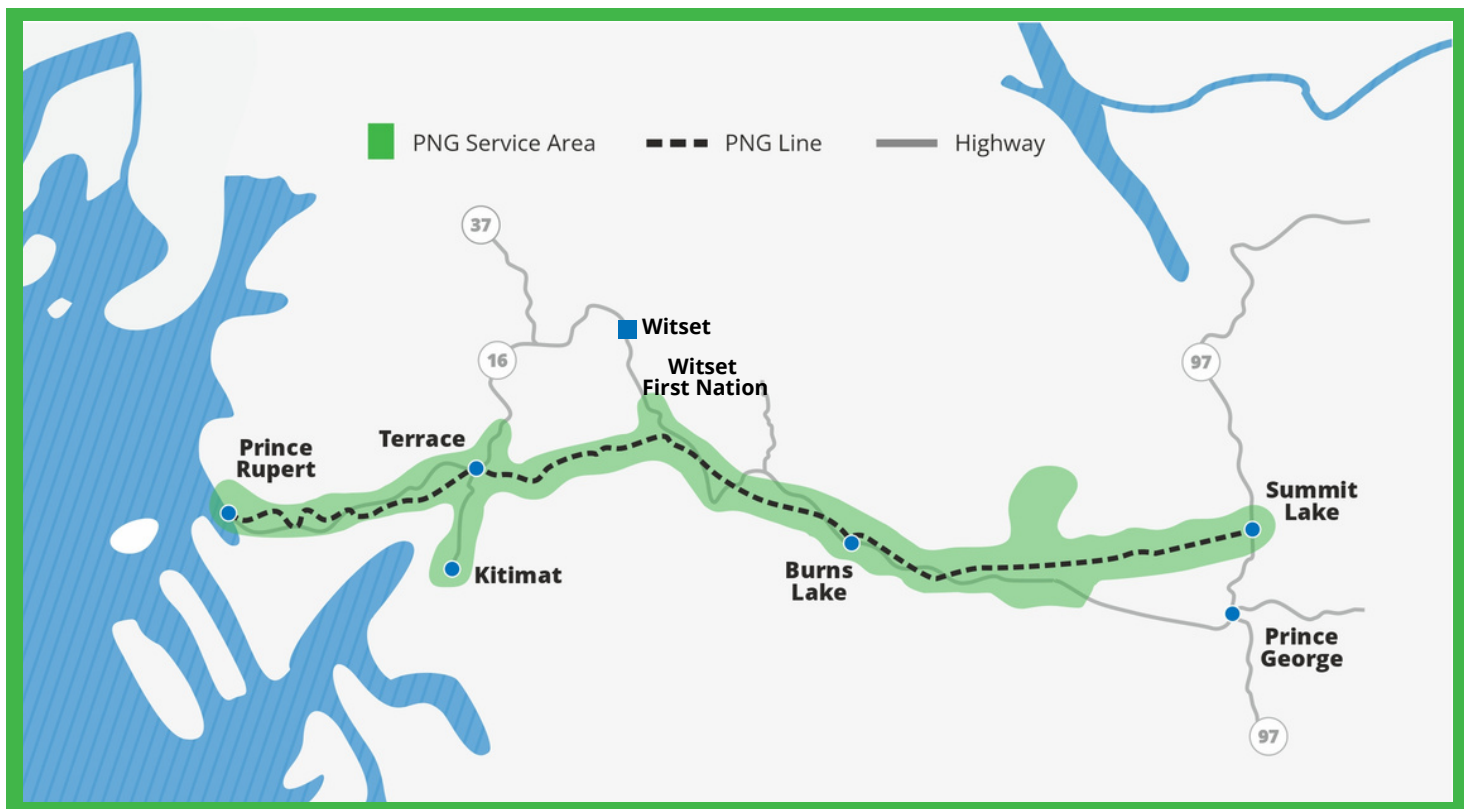


## PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS AND YOU

Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) is a small utility company dedicated to serving customers in northern British Columbia. For over 60 years, PNG has been keeping customers safe and warm in communities from Summit Lake near Prince George to Kitimat and Prince Rupert on the coast. We're proud of our record and honoured to continue to serve our customers along the route, including Witsset First Nation community members.

### What's a Utility Company?

Utility companies provide basic services such as gas, electricity and water. PNG is considered a utility company because our role is to deliver gas to heat and run homes and businesses in northern B.C. Utility companies are heavily regulated compared to most other companies. As a utility, PNG is regulated by both the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) and the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission (OGC). The BCUC oversees customer rates and safe gas delivery to customers while the OGC oversees pipeline safety.



## PNG PROJECTS

PNG is conducting two types of projects to ensure we continue to provide reliable service and keep our customers safe and warm throughout the year: Integrity projects and Improvement projects.



**Integrity Projects** – This work upholds the integrity of our system. It includes digging to uncover the pipeline, conducting tests, and repairing or replacing sections of the line. It also includes work to protect against events like landslides, avalanches, rockfalls and washouts. After crews secure the integrity of our system, they clean up and restore the site to preserve and protect the natural environment for the future.

**Improvement Projects** – PNG is working to improve the capacity of our system to serve growing customer demand and help keep rates down. Our Reactivate Capacity Project – known as RECAP – will re-start four existing compressor stations and add two new compressor stations at established industrial sites along the route. As well, parts of the pipe will be repaired and replaced to keep people and the environment safe. RECAP allows PNG to serve more customers, including businesses and commercial customers. Commercial agreements help keep rates stable for our residential customers while allowing PNG to continue to create jobs and economic activity in the region.



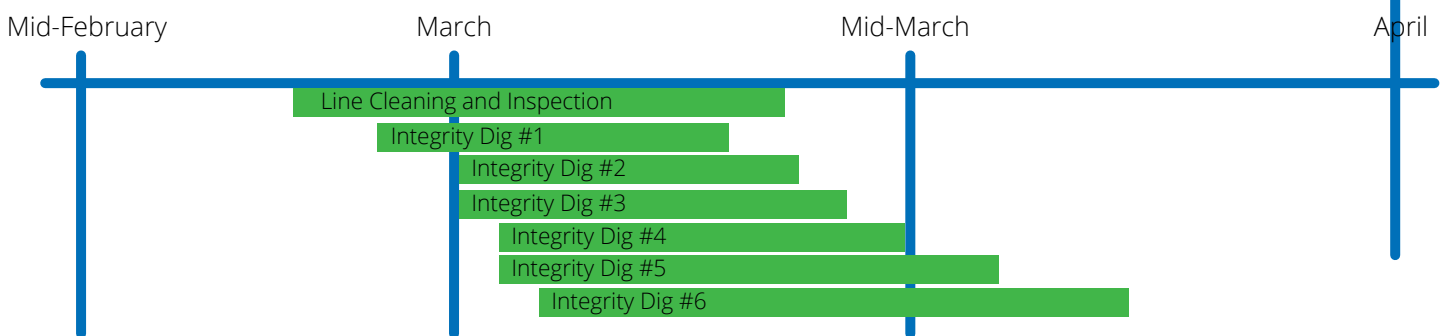
## What's happening near me?

Integrity Projects – PNG is conducting Integrity work in the region, including cleaning and inspecting our existing line between Burns Lake and Telkwa. We're also digging to maintain and upgrade our line near Telkwa. You may see us working roadside and in the region. Later, we'll be conducting integrity digs along the Houston to Burns Lake corridor.

## What's a Compressor Station?

Compressors maintain the flow and pressure of natural gas in the pipeline. Compressors are safe because they are engineered, built, operated and maintained in accordance with strict regulatory standards. Today's compressors are quiet - with about the same noise level as an air conditioner.

## Timeline Of Integrity Projects



Dates are subject to change

The contract for integrity work has been awarded to Kyah Resources, a 100 percent Indigenous-owned, Wet'suwet'en company.

### A Message from Ryan Franke, PNG Indigenous Relations Lead

As a new addition to the PNG team, I want to reach out and introduce myself. I'm from the Cheona (Wolf) Clan in the Tahltan Nation. I was born in Terrace, B.C. and I currently live here with my wife and two children. Being from the North has given me an appreciation of the land we live and work on. This directly impacts how I do my job because I care about what happens to the land and the people of our many First Nations communities. I'm committed to creating and maintaining long-term, positive relationships with all the communities connected to PNG. Over the coming months, I hope to get to know you better and talk about PNG activities, including exploring job and contract opportunities for Indigenous people and businesses.

Meduh (Thank you), Ryan



Ryan Franke  
Indigenous Relations Lead

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