



**ALBERTA TO ALASKA RAILWAY:
FIRST NATIONS INFORMATION SHARING AND ENGAGEMENT**

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NOTE: The views expressed in this portion of the Study are those of the authors, G7G, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Van Horne Institute or the Government of Alberta as funders of this study.



1. RAILWAY PROPOSAL

i) The Concept

G7G and their engineering partner, AECOM, approached Alberta Energy with a funding request to study the feasibility of building a railway capable of carrying bitumen and petroleum products between northern Alberta (Fort McMurray) and Pacific Tidewater at the Port of Valdez in Alaska. This project was inspired, in part, by a 2006 study undertaken by the State of Alaska and the Yukon Government to connect the Alaska railroad from the eastern terminus at Delta Junction, Alaska to the North American rail network at Fort Nelson, BC.

In consultation with the Van Horne Institute, the Government of Alberta provided a grant in March 2013 to the Van Horne Institute to do a prefeasibility study of the concept of a railway from the oil sands to the Port of Valdez using the G7G proposal as its basis.

The particular proposed project being studied is a “purpose-built” unconventional railway designed to move all commodities to and from the Pacific Tidewater. This important infrastructure project is a G7G / First Nations initiative and is intended to be privately funded, owned and operated.

ii) G7G’s ROLE

G7G’s deliverables for this study can be broken into three parts:

- Review and provide feedback with respect to the initial route selection development prior to meeting with the directly impacted Aboriginal Group for that segment.
- Prepare a summary of the results obtained from each of the information sharing sessions held with the directly affected Aboriginal Groups.
- Sharing of the content of this final report with the directly affected Aboriginal Groups prior to the finalization of the report with the Government of Alberta.

iii) Social Acceptance

G7G is ensuring that the original stewards of the land are involved right from the beginning of the proposal. The importance of recognition, respect and relationship with the First Nations in Canada and the Tribes in Alaska are the mainstays of G7G’s values and mandate.

The key to G7G’s success with social license will be the open, transparent and continuous information sharing with the First Nations and Tribes as the proposal progresses from the concept, through the approval stages and eventually becoming the Nation Changing project. This information has to be logical and acceptable from the point of view of traditional, cultural, economic and environmental concerns and needs. G7G has contacted all of the elected Leadership of the First Nations and Tribes that will be directly affected by this project.



What differentiates the G7G proposal from others currently being considered for gaining access to Pacific tidewater markets is this continual information sharing and inclusion of the First Nations and Tribes.

G7G Railway is the only viable alternative solution to the contentious and socially unacceptable concerns and socio-environmental risks of having supertankers laden with oil plying the waters off of British Columbia's pristine west coast. This will be achieved by utilizing a dedicated and experienced petroleum port ... the Port of Valdez.

Valdez, the coastal town where the 800-mile Trans Alaska Pipeline ends and the Exxon Valdez supertanker began its ill-fated journey, is now a model of spill preparedness.

In 1989, there were only five miles of spill-containment boom available to control what was then the largest oil spill in U.S. history. Today, the region has more than 49 miles of boom, and the Sound is crawling with spill response barges. There are more than 300 people employed by the Ship Escort/Response Vessel System, or SERVS, which operates out of a warehouse at Valdez Harbour with a \$60 million annual budget. Hundreds of local fishers participate in regular drills and are ready to respond in the event of a spill.

iv) Duty to Consult and Accommodate

Where a government decision may affect Aboriginal and treaty rights, the Crown is required to consult with potentially affected First Nations, minimize infringement on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and address the potential effects through accommodation, as interpreted by Canadian courts.

The Benefits of this proposed project for First Nations

- Recognition – Rights and Title have been acknowledged
- Respect – early engagement from the very concept
- Relationship – personally informed ... continuously
- Partnership – 50% equity/profit sharing
- Employment Opportunities
 - training
 - construction
 - operation
 - maintenance
 - management
- Meaningful participation in Canada's Economic Future



2. THE FIRST NATIONS / TRIBES

i) FIRST NATION / TRIBE INVOLVEMENT

G7G is dedicated to “making a difference” for the general population and for Mother Earth. The best way to achieve this is to collaborate with the original stewards of the land since time immemorial the First Nations and Tribes. G7G has the traditional and cultural knowledge to adequately meet and inform the First Nations of Canada and the Tribes of Alaska that will be directly affected by the Project. G7G has also included those that will be indirectly affected by the Project. In the spirit of true accommodation, the First Nations of Alberta, BC, the Yukon and Alaska will hold a fifty percent (50%) equity/profit position in the Project. Once all debt is retired, it is intended that there will be an offer for additional equity consideration.

G7G will be securing the financial ability, on behalf of the First Nations and Tribes, for the purchase of this equity position that will be held by an entity such as a Development Corporation, LLP or Aboriginal Trust.

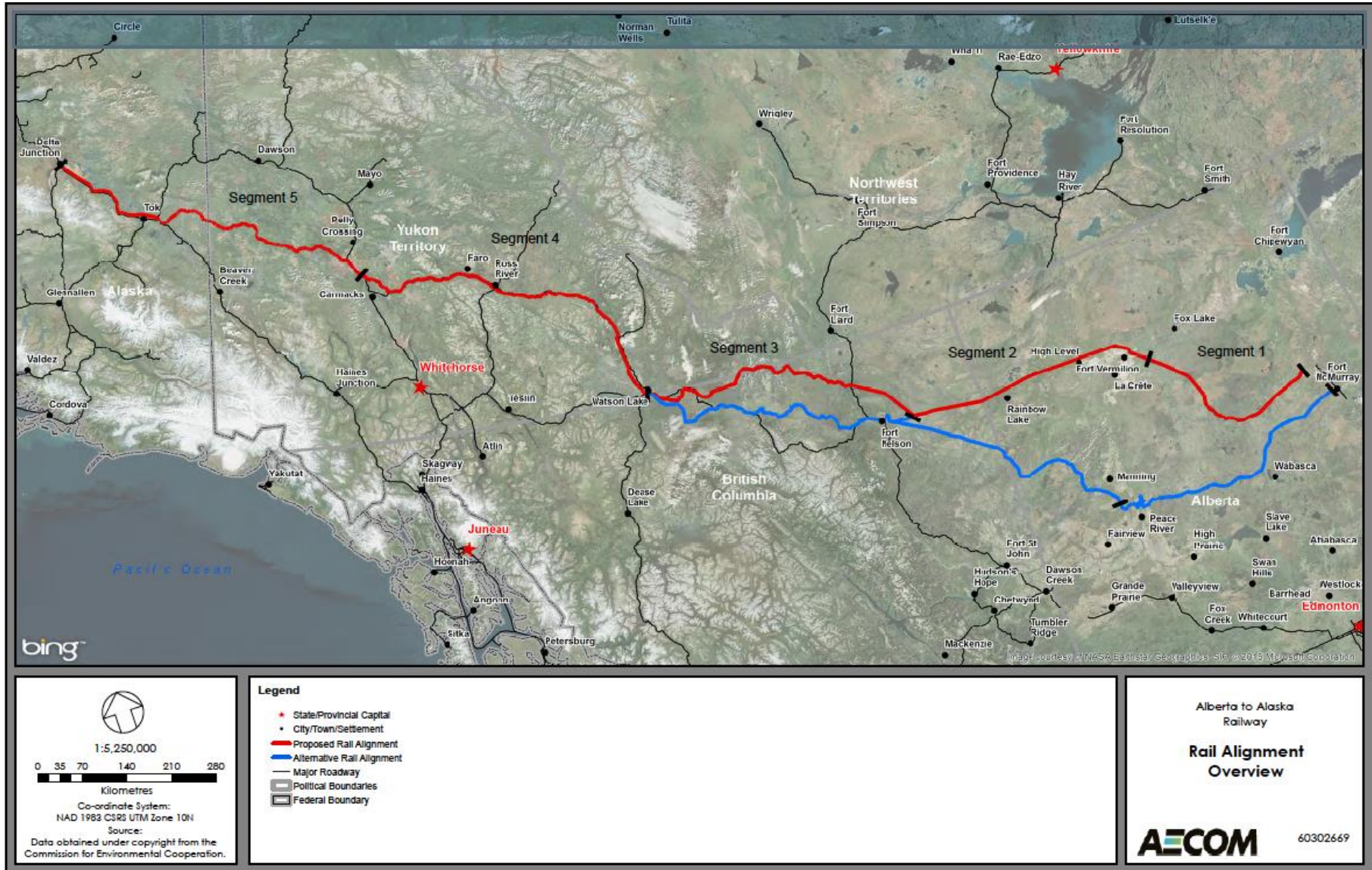
It is important to clarify that this stake offer does not preclude the need for fulfilling a meaningful “Duty to Consult and Accommodate”.

Just as important as the financial stake, the First Nations and Tribes are positioned to participate in every aspect of this project from the Feasibility Study, through the Environmental Approval Process, on to Construction, Operation and Maintenance, as well as Management.

AECOM Canada Ltd. is capable and committed to set up training programs for the First Nations and Tribes to qualify for each and every employment opportunity of this project.

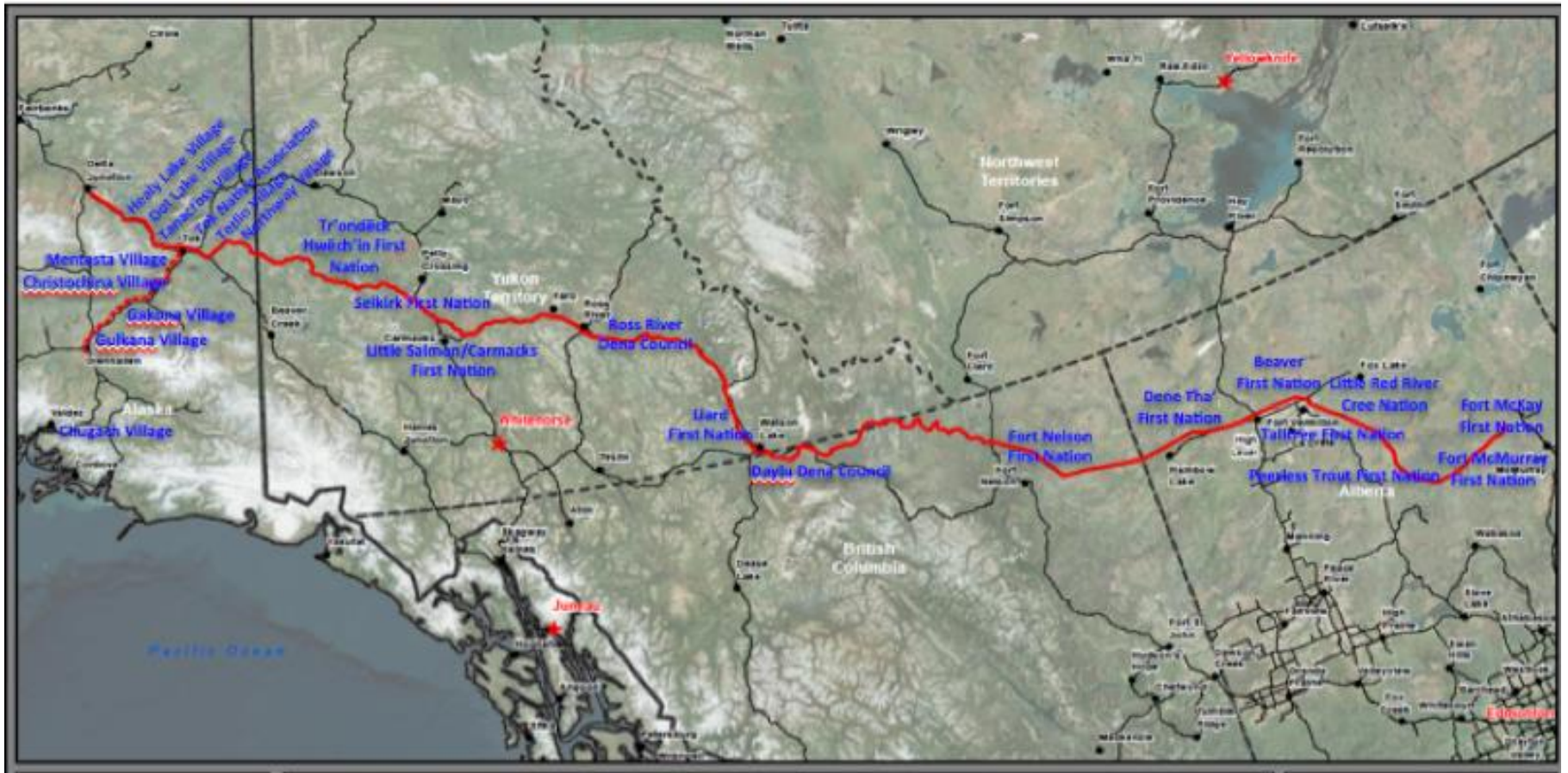
ii) FIRST NATIONS/TRIBES DIRECTLY AFFECTED

The First Nations in Canada and the Tribes in Alaska that will potentially be directly affected by this proposed project, according to the pre-feasibility study proposed route(s), consist of up to twenty-five (25) communities. There are seven (7) in Alberta, two (2) in British Columbia, five (5) in Yukon and a possibility of eleven (11) or more in Alaska. The uncertainty in Alaska will be addressed once the final route(s) are confirmed during the next stage of the process, the comprehensive feasibility study.





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iii) FIRST NATION/TRIBE INFORMATION SHARING (LAST UPDATED July 24, 2014)

The following “on going” summary documents the visitations to the First Nations, Tribes, Traditional Leadership, Tribal Councils and Governments affected by this proposed project commencing from the start date of the Government of Alberta / Van Horne Institute pre-feasibility study. G7G had made contact with all entities over a three-year period previous to this start date. It is noticeable that a very respectful approach is used to build a relationship convenient for the First Nation/Tribe’s capacity constraints as they juggle the many issues faced on an ongoing basis as Stewards of their prospective Traditional Territories.

Last Updated on JULY 28, 2014					
IMPORTANT: The Entities that have been contacted discussed support of G7G proceeding with the <i>FEASIBILITY STUDY ONLY</i> : This <i>does not</i> , in any manner, indicate that Consultation has been started or that there is support for the <i>PROJECT!</i>					
LOCATION	DIRECTLY AFFECTED (25) "COMMUNITIES"	Native Corporations and Traditional Leadership - Tribal Councils (11)	CONTACT MADE AS REQUESTED		
			Leadership	Executive	Community
CANADA Alberta	1. Fort McKay First Nation	1) Assembly of First Nations	Presentation		
	2. Fort McMurray First Nation		Email/phone	Presentation	
	3. Peerless Trout First Nation		Presentation		
	4. Tallcree First Nation		Email/phone		
	5. Little Red River Cree Nation		Presentation		
	6. Beaver First Nation		Presentation		
	7. Dene Tha' First Nation		Presentation		
British Columbia		1) Treaty 8 First Nations of AB	Presentation		
		2) Athabasca Tribal Association	Presentation		
		3) North Peace Tribal Association	Presentation		
	1. Fort Nelson First Nation		Presentation		
	2. Daylu Dena Council		Presentation		Presentation
Yukon Territory		1) Kaska Tribal Council	Presentation		
		2) Treaty 8 Tribal Association	Presentation		
	1. Liard First Nation		Presentation		Presentation
	2. Ross River Dena Council		Presentation		Presentation
	3. Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation		Presentation		
Alaska	4. Selkirk First Nation		Presentation		
	5. Tr'ondëck Hwëch'in First Nation		Presentation		
		1) Council of Yukon First Nations	Presentation		
	1. Northway Village		Presentation		
	2. Tetlin Village		Presentation		
	3. Tok Native Association		Presentation		
	4. Tanacross Village (Option A only)		Presentation		
	5. Dot Lake Village (Option A only)		Presentation		
	6. Healy Lake Village (Option A only)		Presentation		
	7. Mentasta Village (Option B only)		Presentation		
	8. Christochina Village (Option B only)		see explanation		
9. Gakona Village (Option B only)		see explanation			
10. Gulkana Village (Option B only)		see explanation			
11. Chugach Village		see explanation			
		1) Tanana Chiefs Conference	Presentation		
		2) TCC Upper Tanana Sub-Region	Presentation		
		3) Ahtna, Incorporated	Presentation		
		4) Chugachmiut, Inc.	Presentation		
		5) Tanacross, Incorporated	Presentation		
Explanation Alaska	: Option A is the Route from Tok to Delta Junction : Option B is the Route from Tok to Glennallen : Option B was just added recently so Villages 8., 9. and 10. have not been contacted as yet. : Villages 7., 8., 9. and 10. are represented by 3) Ahtna, Incorporated for Business Ventures. : Village 11. has been represented, at this point, by Chugachmiut, Inc.				
Explanation BC	: Fort Nelson First Nation have collective concerns with what is happening to their Traditional Territory. : This is specific to, but not limited to, the natural gas extraction and transportation (pipelines, fracking, water, waste, etc., etc.). : G7G will continue to update Fort Nelson First Nation of our progress and make decisions according to response received. : G7G can reroute the project around Fort Nelson First Nation Territory if necessary, but, at great economic loss to both parties.				
Explanation Yukon	: Selkirk First Nation have collective concerns with what is happening to their Traditional Territory. : Little Simon/Carmacks First Nation have collective concerns with what is happening to their Traditional Territory. : This is specific to, but not limited to, the Casino Mine process : Both Selkirk and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nations have indicated the need for Community information sharing sessions				



ALASKA

Entity	Date	Contact(s)
Chugach Corp.	July 22, 2013	Gabriel Kompkoff , CEO
Chugachmiut Traditional Council	July 22, 2013	Charlie Sink , Director Enterprises & Trust Division
Tetlin Village	July 24, 2013	Bentley Mark, Jr Counselor Donald Adams , President Kristie Charlie , Director of Special Projects
Northway Village	July 23, 2013	Belinda Thomas , Tribal Administrator
Tanacross Village	July 24, 2013	Ernest Arnold , Administrator & Counselor Roy Denny , President
Dot Lake Village	July 24, 2013	Karla Champagne , Administrator & Counselor
Healy Lake Village	July 24, 2013	Ann Polston , President - Cancelled
Mentasta Village	July 25, 2013	Charles David , Elder Rachel Sanford , Counselor
Ahtna Corp.	July 26, 2013	Kathryn Martin , VP Lands and Resources Joe Bovee , Manager of Lands
City of Valdez / Valdez Port Authority	July 26, 2013	Dave Cobb , Mayor of City and Chairman of Port
City of Valdez / Valdez Port Authority	July 27, 2013	Bill Walker , Valdez Legal Counsel (City & Port)
Healy Lake Village	July 27, 2013	Not available
Chugachmiut Traditional Council	Jan. 28, 2014	Charlie Sink , Director Enterprises & Trust Division
Chenega Native Corporation	Jan. 28, 2014	Lloyd Kompkoff , VP and Director
Ahtna Corp.	Jan. 29, 2014	Michelle Anderson , Pres/CEO Nicholas Jackson , Chairman Kathryn Martin , SVP Lands and Resources Joe Bovee , VP of Land and Resources
Alaska State Legislature, Juneau	Jan. 29-30, 2014	Legislature Representatives: Benjamin Nageak, Shelley Hughes, Peggy Wilson, Doug Isaacson and Eric Feige . Also Senator Bert Stedman and Senator Dennis Egan's Aide Dana Owen
Alaska State Legislature, Juneau	Jan. 29, 2014	Randy Ruaro , Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Parnell
Alaska State Legislature, Juneau	Jan. 30, 2014	Alaska Legislature Joint Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
Sea Alaska Corp.	Jan. 31, 2014	Rick Harris , Executive VP
Alaska Native Corporations	Keep Continual Communication	Chugach, Doyon, Ahtna & Ciri
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Jan 31 meeting cancelled (fog).	Tribal Consortium with 42 members representing 39 villages & 37 Federally Recognized Tribes
Fairbanks Borough	March 8, 2014	Mayor Luke Hopkins
TCC Upper Tanana Sub-Region	March 9, 2014	Membership meeting of Six Communities that will be directly affected by railway
Fairbanks	March 10, 2014	Chamber of Commerce
Tanana Chiefs Conference	March 11, 2014	TCC General Gathering of all Chiefs. Open to membership



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Entity	Date	Contact(s)
Assembly of First Nations, Yukon	Aug. 19, 2013	Regional Chief Mike Smith
Champagne / Aishihik Development Corp	Aug. 20, 2013	Brian MacDonald , Chair Paul Gruner , GM
Govt. of Yukon	Aug. 20, 2013	Terry Hayden , ADM of Economic Development & 2 Staff Members
Dease River First Nation	Aug. 21, 2013	Chief Cat Lee
Liard First Nation	Aug. 21, 2013	Chief Liard McMillan not available
Kaska Dena Council	Aug. 21, 2013	Corrine Porter , Executive Director
Ross River First Nation	Aug. 21, 2013	Chief Brian Ladue not available
Daylu Dena Council	Aug. 21, 2013	Rose Schwarze , Executive Director
Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation	Aug. 22, 2013	Chief Eddy Taylor
White River First Nation	Aug. 22, 2013	Chief Charlie Eikland Jr.
Council of Yukon First Nations	Aug. 22, 2013	Judy Gingell , CYFN Representative to G7G
		Chief Cat Lee , Dease River FN Deputy Chief Peter Stone , Daylu Dena Council Chief Donny Van Somer , Kwadacha FN Michelle Miller , Exec Dir George Miller , Chair Ruby Johnny , Vice Chair -Finance & Admin Danny Case , Vice Chair - Lands & Resources Dave Porter , Chief Negotiator
Kaska Dena Council	Sept. 11, 2013	
Dakwakada Development Corp	Nov. 13, 2013	Paul Gruner , General Manager
Government of YK	Nov. 13, 2013	Steve Rose , ADM Heinz Ter Voert , Sr. Business Dev Analyst
Council of Yukon First Nations	Nov. 26, 2013	Grand Chief Ruth Massie
		Grand Chief Ruth Massie , CYFN Mary Battaja , Elder on Council Bradley Joe-Malegana , Youth on Council Nona Whitehouse , Youth on Council Yukon Regional Chief Mike Smith , AFN Chief Danny Cresswell , Carcross Tagish FN Chief James Allen , Champagne and Aishihik FN Deputy Chief Dayle MacDonald Champagne and Aishihik FN Deputy Chief Jay Farr , Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Clara Van Bibber , Councillor Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief Kristina Kane , Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Emmie Fairclough , Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Chief Eric Fairclough , Little Salmon / Carmacks First Nation Chief Ed Champion , First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun Chief Carl Sidney , Teslin Tlingit Council Pearl Callaghan , Assistant to the Grand Chief CYFN Michelle Kolla , Exec Director CYFN
Council of Yukon First Nations	Feb 13, 2014	



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		James MacDonald , Boards and Committees CYFN Lori Duncan , Health and Social CYFN Chantal Genier , Justice CYFN Ingid Isaac , CYFN Bob Charlie , CYFN Sandra Jack , Self Government Secretariat Roseanna Goodman-McDonald , Self Government Secretariat Barb Joe , Self Government Secretariat Sophie Green , Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon Joseph O'Brien , Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon Tosh Southwick , Yukon College 2 Shannon K. Monk Payne , Assembly of First Nations Dave Joe , CYFN Legal Counsel Kent Mullinix , Sustainable Food Systems – via speakerphone Albert Peter Shelby Blackjack
Council of Yukon First Nations	Feb 13, 2014	
Daylu Dena Council	Nov 14, 2013	Deputy Chief Walter Carlick
Liard First Nation	Nov 14, 2013	George Morgan , Exec Director Tim Stewart , Cynthia Porter and Roy Dick Council Members
Ross River First Nation	Nov 14, 2013	Deputy Chief Verna Nukon
Govt of Yukon	Feb 28, 2014	Steve Rose , ADM Murray Arsenault , DM
		Deputy Chief Walter Carlick , Deylu Dena Council Denelle Spencer , Exec Director DDC Bobbi Moon , Admin Assistant DDC Chief Cat Lee , Dease River FN Deputy Chief Verna Nukon , Ross River Dena Council Yvonne Moon and James Dick , Councilors RRDC Chief Daniel Morris , Liard FN Timothy Stewart and Roy Dick , Councilor LFN Chief Donny Van Somer , Kwadacha FN dialed in
Kaska Tribal Council	Feb 28, 2014	
Council of Yukon First Nations	March 1, 2014	Grand Chief Ruth Massie
		Chief Cat Lee , Dease River FN Deputy Chief Walter Carlick , Daylu Dena Council Chief Daniel Morris , Liard FN Chief Brian Ladue , Ross River Dena Council Timothy Stewart and Don Magun , Councilors Liard FN
Kaska Tribal Council	March 20, 2014	
Council of Yukon First Nations	March 20, 2014	Judy Gingell , CYFN Representative to G7G
Daylu Dena Council	April 1, 2014	Deputy Chief Walter Carlick , Council and ~60 Members
Watson Lake	April 1, 2014	Mayor and Council
Dease River First Nation	April 3, 2014	Eight Community Members
Liard First Nation	April 4, 2014	Chief Daniel Morris , Council and ~80 Members
Little Salmon / Carmacks FN	April 7, 2014	Ed Schultz , Executive Director
Selkirk FN	April 7, 2014	Debbie Trudeau , Executive Assistant Sharon Nelson , Administration



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Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in FN	April 7, 2014	Chief Eddie Taylor
Ross River First Nation	April 8, 2014	Chief Brian Ladue, Council and ~50 Members
Liard First Nation	May 9, 2014	Chief Brian Ladue and Advisor's James Clarke and XXX in Vancouver
Council of Yukon First Nations	June 23-27, 2014	Annual General Assembly
		Deputy Chief Walter Carlick , Daylu Dena Council Chief Daniel Morris , Liard FN Chief Donny Van Somer Kwadacha First Nation Chief Ruby Jonny , Dease River FN – on phone Council , Dease River FN – on phone Duane Seymour , Councilor Kwadacha FN Timothy Stewart and Don Magun , Councilors Liard FN
Kaska Tribal Council	July 10, 2014	Denelle Spencer , Administration

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Entity	Date	
Fort Nelson First Nation	TBD	

ALBERTA

Entity	Date	Contact(s)
Fort McMurray FN	Oct 31, 2013	Chief Ron Kreutzer , Fort McMurray FN
Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta	Nov. 27, 2013	Joseph Jobin , CEO
Tallcree First Nation	Nov. 8, 2013	Chief Rupert Meneen
Dene Tha'	Nov. 8, 2013	Chief Joe Pastion
Little Red River Cree Nation	Nov. 8, 2013	Chief Leslie Joe Laboucan
Beaver First Nation	Nov. 8, 2013	Chief Trevor Mercredi
Little Red River Cree & Beaver FN	Nov. 8, 2013	Arthur Dumaine , Advisor
Athabasca Tribal Council	Nov. 21, 2013	Roy Vermillion , CEO
		Chief Joe Pastion , Dene Tha' FN Chief Trevor Mercredi , Beaver FN Bernie Meneen , proxy for Chief Rupert Meneen Tallcree FN Kieran Broderick , Beaver FN Land and Resources Advisor
North Peace Tribal Council	Feb 27, 2014	
Tallcree First Nation	March 5, 2014	Bernie Meneen , advisor
Beaver First Nation	March 12, 2014	Chief Trevor Mercredi and full Council
		Henry Grandjambe and Arthur Laboucan , Councilors Little Red River Cree Nation Matt Munson , Dene Tha' FN Chief Trevor Mercredi , Beaver FN
North Peace Tribal Council	March 18, 2014	



G7G shared the content of the final report, in the form of a “draft” Executive Summary supplied by Van Horne Institute, with the directly affected Aboriginal Groups prior to the finalization of the report with the Government of Alberta. This completed G7G’s contract with VHI in regard to the Alberta to Alaska Pre-feasibility Study.

FINAL Information Sharing

Draft Executive Summary of the Pre-Feasibility Study Report	Dec 5, 2015	Shared electronically with all affected Leaders. G7G received no return comments.
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3. APPENDIX

A. G SEVEN GENERATIONS LTD. (G7G)

i) THE COMPANY

Ward Kemerer is the founding partner of the Company. Ward, the company visionary, is the key researcher and his role and skill-set is looking for new ways of approaching difficult problems. Ward approached Len Wilson to be the Managing Director with the responsibility of daily corporate organization and operation, as well as confirming the project(s) are marketable. Len then sought out and introduced the project(s) to Matt Vickers to add his management consulting and financial experience to ensure all projects would follow the required protocols to ensure relevant First Nations participation targeted at a minimum of a 50% profit share/equity position. Matt immediately approached his friend/partner Tom Jackson to be our advisor in aspects of, but not limited to, humanity, business and politics.

The company now consisted of four like-minded and equal Partners each with their own unique and important expertise. Each Partner is capable and all issues are addressed collectively.

The first order of business was to come up with the company name, Generating for Seven Generations. The “Seven Generations” is derived from First Nation Leaders responsibility since time immemorial, as well as other Indigenous Leaders, to take into consideration the effect their decisions will have with respect to the next seven generations to come. The “Generating” prefix depicts the company’s desire to generate, which is to develop, alternative and creative solutions for the benefit of all.

On October 27, 2013 Tom enjoyed his 65th Birthday. On November 1st, 2013 Tom resigned as Director and Officer of G7G so he could pursue his artistic aspirations. Tom stated that he would remain as a silent minority shareholder and will always be available as an advisor to the Company.

ii) THE SHAREHOLDERS

Ward Kemerer

Ward is a successful renewable energy developer in British Columbia. Ward has an ability to understand contentious issues and research solutions that produce a viable alternative. Ward is the founding partner of many projects including the innovative, un-conventional G7G Railway concept.

Len Wilson

Len holds the distinction of being the only non-aboriginal to complete the necessary training at the Banff Centre needed to receive his Certificate of Aboriginal Leadership, Governance and Management Excellence. As a key member of the G7G team, Len provides an experienced strong leadership background in both business and project delivery.



Matt Vickers

Matt is entrenched in his own First Nation tradition and has been a business and financial leader assisting his people for close to 40 years. Matt led in the design and development of an economic development corporation model for a major accounting and management consulting firm that separates the political from the business decisions within the First Nation environment and this model is now being successfully implemented with First Nations across Canada.

Tom Jackson

Tom was born on the One Arrow Reserve near Batoche, Saskatchewan to a Cree mother and an English father. Appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2000, Tom is well known as an accomplished musician, actor and humanitarian dedicated to helping the less fortunate. As a member of the G7G team, Tom brings a strong commitment to his heritage and to the advancement of Indigenous People.