



Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project Newsletter #08

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Message from the President - Michael Gray



It's been an exciting year of development milestones for the Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project. After many years of comprehensive technical studies, the draft Environmental Impact Study for the project was completed and submitted to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada to commence the review process. In parallel, the project has transitioned to the 2018 Environmental Assessment Act process in British Columbia.

NWP Coal has sought to design and progress development of the project to represent a new benchmark for environmental management of steelmaking coal projects. We look forward to the commencement of public and technical review of the

EIS and EA in 2023 and the opportunity to continue to meet with Indigenous Nations, community members, regulators and stakeholders to discuss and identify further opportunities to avoid or manage any potential adverse impacts or concerns regarding the project.

In July, NWP Coal Canada's Chair, Nicole Hollows visited the Elk Valley. Nicole is a leading coal industry figure in Australia and has been instrumental in seeking to establish NWP Coal's strategy of becoming an ESG leader amongst steelmaking coal developers. It was Nicole's first visit to the Rockies and was a great opportunity for her to see firsthand the unique features of the Crown Mountain site and meet with many community and Indigenous Nations representatives.

During the year, we have taken many opportunities to further build our relationships with Indigenous Nations through traditional consultation processes as well as numerous opportunities to meet informally at Nation festivals, cultural events and regional forums.

I look forward to a busy year in 2023 working with the community as we progress the review of the Project environmental assessment.





Project Spotlight – Summer Site Visits

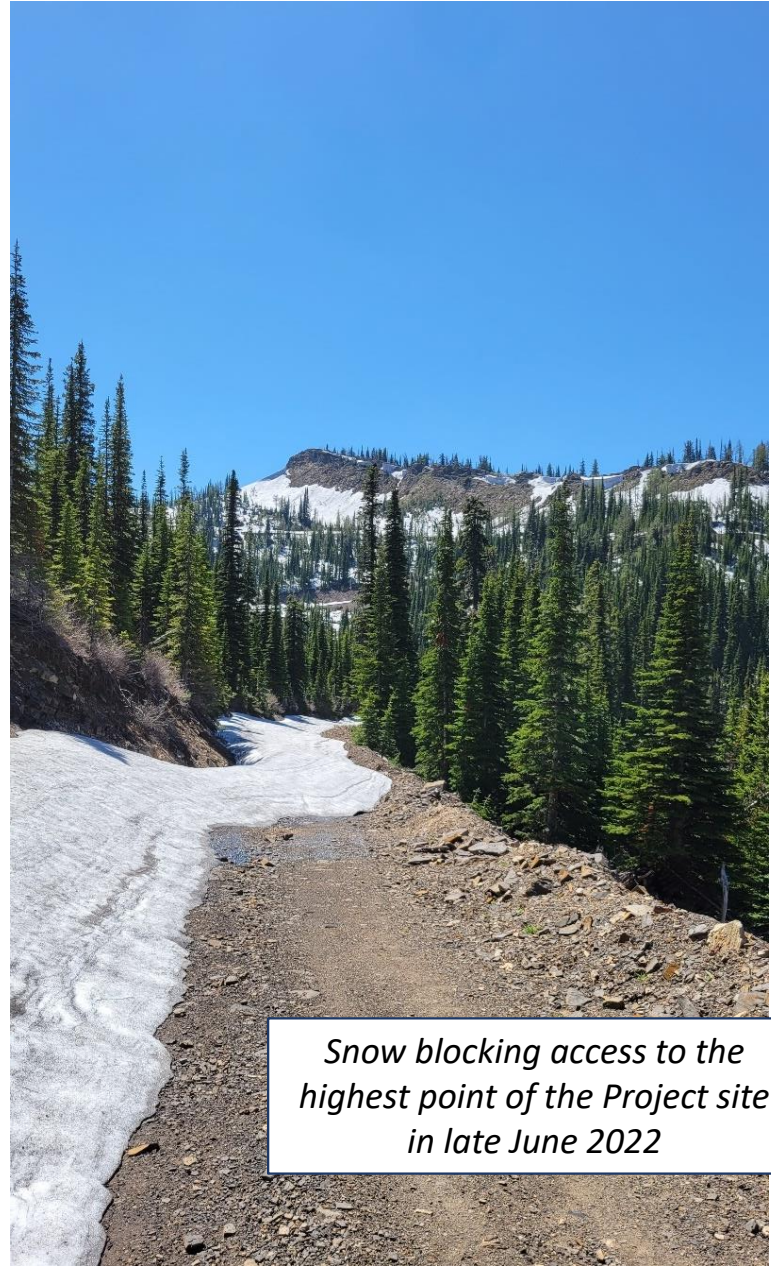
Summer 2022

Content is king, but context is the kingdom

The best way to understand the content and context of NWP's plans for the Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project is to see it in person. Through 2022, we had site visits by the Chair of our Board, a potential investor, and representatives of the Elk Valley Métis Nation, the Piikani, and the Stoney Nakoda Nations. Several other Indigenous nations re-scheduled their planned 2022 visit into 2023. Similarly, representatives from the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) had tentatively booked a site visit in 2022 but decided to postpone their visit until 2023.

Access to our proposed mine site is tough. The roads are steep and rough. The area is high up in the mountains and can have snow drifts blocking access from October to June each year. In 2022 we had snow blocking access to the site until mid-July and then completed road repairs by early August.

There are also regulatory restrictions that limit motorized vehicle use in the Project site. In fact, without a permit under the *Wildlife Act*, there is no legal way to traverse the Project site by road. That being said it is crown land, and anyone could walk, pedal or horseback ride throughout the entire site. You can also ride a snowmobile anywhere on the Project site. For information on the restrictions, refer to the [Alexander Creek Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulation map](#).



*Snow blocking access to the
highest point of the Project site
in late June 2022*





Project Spotlight – Summer Site Visits

Summer 2023

NWP has heard from a few members of the public, as well as from local recreation groups, that they would be interested in seeing our site. Next summer (2023), NWP plans to run three tours open to anyone. Please contact us at info@nwpccoal.com to reserve a spot!

NWP also expects to have a busy summer of site visits by Indigenous nations, elected officials (municipal, regional, provincial, and federal), BC Environmental Assessment Office, the Canadian Impact Assessment Agency, and other regulators.



Discussing Project layout with representatives from the Piikani Nation during a September 2022 site visit



Survey Update

Upcoming new survey *AND PRIZES*

NWP Coal Canada is excited to gather information about how we are communicating with you! We will be releasing our latest online survey, titled 'How are we doing', early in 2023. We will accept responses to the survey for eight weeks.

NWP will use this survey to understand what you know about us and how our communication efforts are working so far. That will tell us what we can improve on to help you understand our Project better.

Everyone that completes the survey will be entered into a draw for a \$100 Visa gift card. NWP will draw a name from the first 20 entries, the next 50 entries, and every 100 entries after that. Complete the survey early to increase your chance of winning!

**Take Our Survey
In 2023 And
Be Entered To Win A
\$100 Visa Gift Card!**

Regulatory Progress Report

Transition Order

NWP chose to transition to the 2018 BC Environmental Assessment Act (EAA 2018) in April 2022 rather than wait to automatically transition on December 16, 2022.

The BC EAO needs to publish a Transition Order that describes how the Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project assessment will now proceed and highlight information requirements that were not part of the [Section 11 Order](#) (May 27, 2015), [Application Information Requirements](#) (April 26, 2018), or the [Section 13 Order](#) (October 30, 2020).

The BC EAO anticipates issuing the Transition Order in December 2023.





NWP in the News

Recent NWP Presentation to the Coal Association of Canada Annual conference

NWP spoke in Vancouver this past September during the Coal Producers and Developers session at the Coal Association of Canada's annual conference. The conference brought together companies from both inside and outside Canada, and areas of specialization that touch every aspect of the coal and mining industries. Other presenters spoke about the likelihood of a global shortfall of metallurgical coal production and the increasing government scrutiny of new Projects. NWP's presentation focused on some Project highlights, hurdles, and wins.

The conference, and NWP's presentation, received some great press coverage including:
<https://biv.com/article/2022/09/demand-coking-coal-high-and-so-are-government-demands>



Dave Baines, Director Project Development, presenting to the Coal Association of Canada on September 23, 2022.



Ongoing Presentations to Local Municipalities

NWP provides regular updates to all the towns near our Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project including:

- Elkford BC,
- Sparwood BC,
- Fernie BC, and
- Crowsnest Pass AB

NWP also provides regular updates to the Regional District of East Kootenay.

The District of Sparwood posts videos of all their council meetings to the web. You can review prior NWP presentations in the links below or on their website: <https://vimeo.com/sparwood>.

- [May 17, 2022 Presentation](#) starting at 13:49
- [October 19, 2021 Presentation](#) starting at 28:02
- [June 1, 2021 Presentation](#) starting at 1:29
- [January 19, 2021 Presentation](#) starting at 2:20

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