

Choosing To Lead: How One Region is Driving Community Benefits

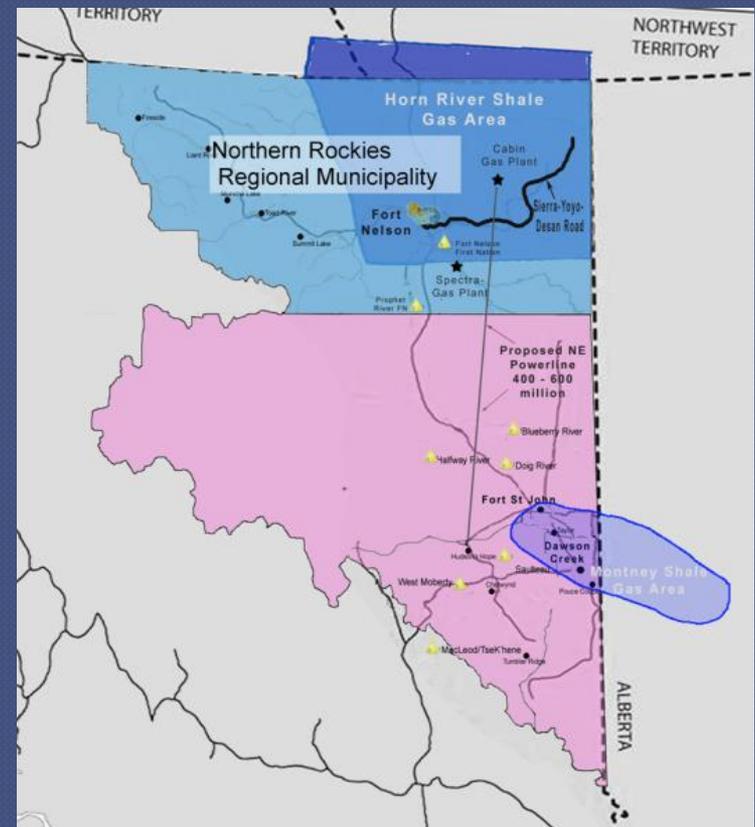


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Introduction

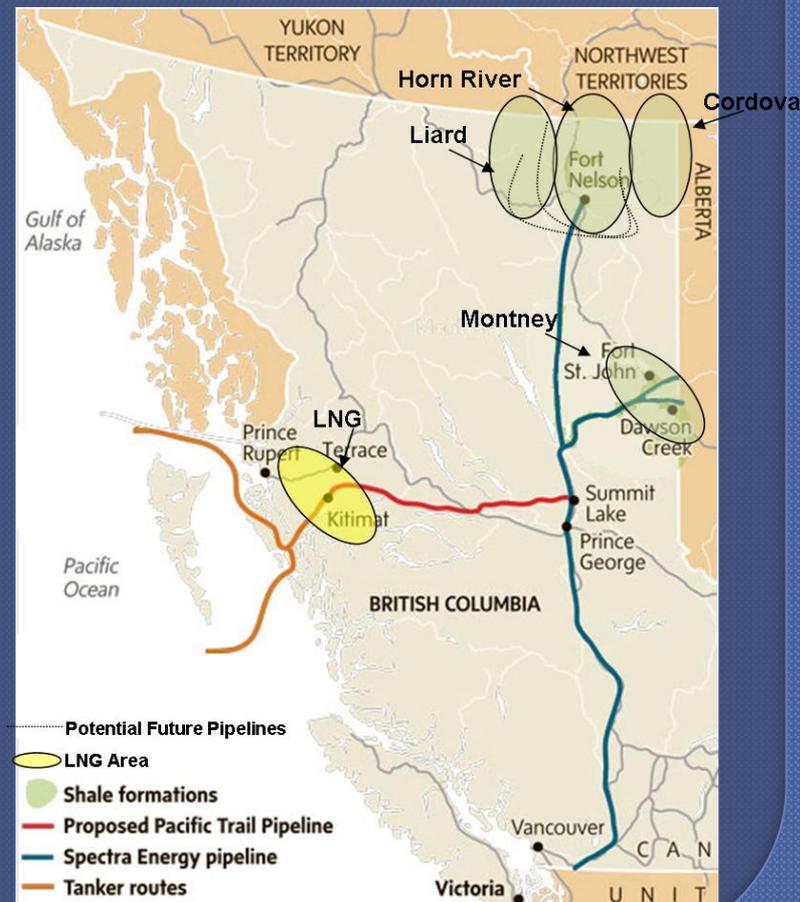
- Bill Streeper, Mayor, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Incorporated February 6th, 2009 combining Town of Fort Nelson and Regional District.
- Encompassing approx 10% of the provinces landmass (85,148.87 km² or 32,876.16 miles²; slightly smaller than Indiana)



Opportunity and Issues

The Opportunity: A Regional Municipal Perspective

- 3 Major Shale Gas Basins: Horn River, Liard, Cordova
- Horn River alone contains over 78 trillion cubic feet of gas
- Opportunity for planned, active, and coordinated approach to development
- Includes social, economic, and environmental



The Opportunity: A Regional Municipal Perspective

- Industry to invest 35.9 billion over the next 20 years
- Development of NRRM as a strong service centre
- Offer high quality of life; recreation, services, standard of living
- Contribute to local and provincial bottom line

The Issues: A Regional Municipal Perspective

- Large non-resident population = unsustainable over the long term
- Pressure on local infrastructure:
 - Emergency service
 - Utilities: water and sewer
 - Airport
 - Real Estate: residential and commercial
 - Recreation
- Small population; Limiting tax structure

Key Stakeholders

Horn River Producers Group

- An industry 1st; Enabled by shale development process
- The industry sector response was to create the Horn River Producer's Group
 - A consortium of the 11 major companies leading the Horn River industrial development
 - Dedicated to an integrated and comprehensive approach to the development of the Horn River
 - Economies of scale
 - Long term view

First Nation Neighbors

- 3 significant and influential Nations in the region
 - Fort Nelson First Nations
 - Prophet River
 - Liard River
- Looking to protect culture and heritage rights
- Looking for sustainability; environment and economic

Province of British Columbia

- **Maintain competitiveness**
- **Maximize the benefits of natural gas development**
- **Ensure environmentally responsible development**
- **Build partnerships to promote development**

Our Approach

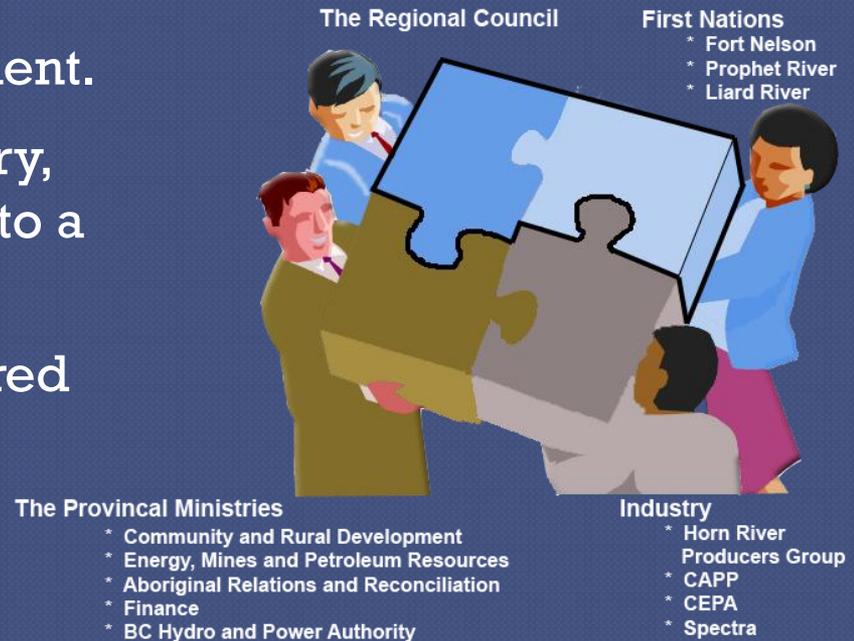
Choosing to Lead

- Taking a proactive approach
 - NRRM taking the long view:
 - Looking beyond exploration and construction to long term production of the resource
 - Finding common purpose locally and provincially
 - Collaboration is key; include input of willing stakeholders
 - Horn River Producers Group
 - First Nations
 - Provincial Government

A Potential Solution

A True Regional Approach to Economic Development in BC

- A collaborative approach to regional economic development.
- Bringing the Province, industry, First Nations and community to a common table.
- Facilitates joint action on shared concerns.



Conclusion

- ◉ Communities can be the catalyst that leads development.
 - Can be the facilitator for all interests
- ◉ Near term urgency with a long term view.
- ◉ Continue to lead and learn; keep communications open and build common ground.

Thank you

