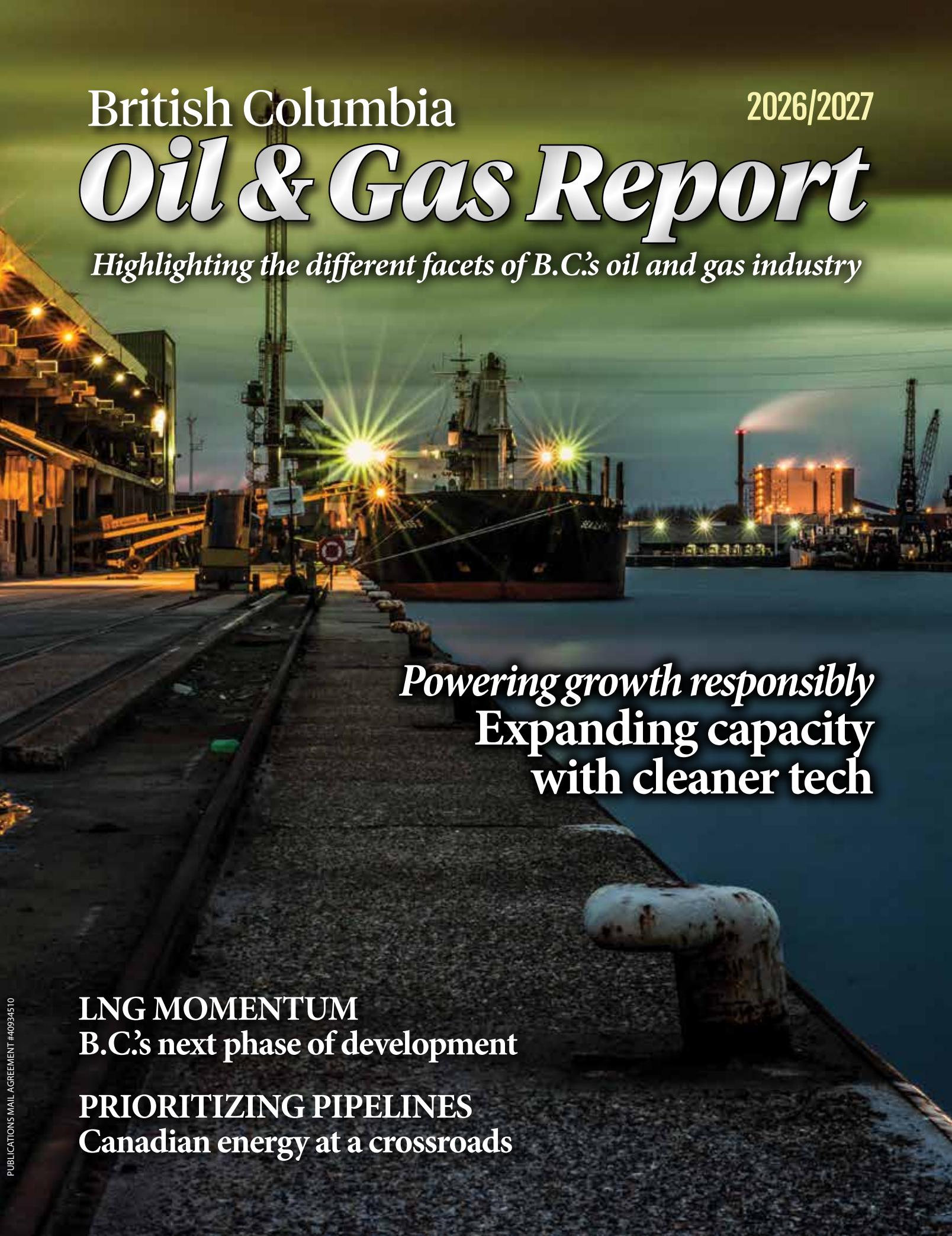




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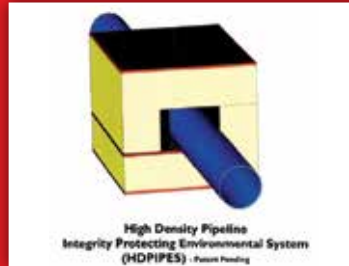
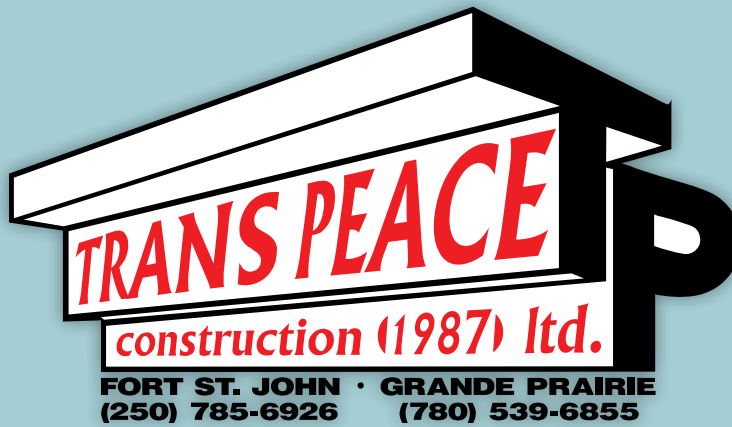
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Message from the editor

Welcome to the 2026/2027 edition of the *B.C. Oil & Gas Report*. As energy markets shift and regulatory expectations evolve, British Columbia's oil and gas sector continues to operate under sustained pressure and change. From upstream producers to midstream operators and the service companies that support them, the industry is navigating global price volatility, decarbonization pressures, and growing demand for responsibly produced energy.

There is a clear focus on efficiency improvements, emissions reduction, and long-term competitiveness—without losing sight of the communities and regions that depend on this industry for employment and economic stability.

This issue examines the forces shaping British Columbia's oil and gas sector, and the direction they are setting for the years ahead.

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First and foremost, the current conflict is directly impacting the lives tens of millions of people, and it is having a rippling effect around the world. It is positive to see IEA members from across the globe collaborate on a strategic release of oil storage to do what they can to mitigate the impact of having a significant portion of the world's energy supply stranded near the Strait of Hormuz.

Currently, Canada is doing whatever it can to deliver oil and natural gas to global markets. We are at record levels of oil and natural gas production and at record levels of exports, and that is because of our most recently completed export projects, the Trans Mountain Expansion Pipeline (TMEP) and LNG Canada.

As a result, there is minimal short-term ability for Canadian producers to further increase production in response to supply disruptions arising from the conflict in the Middle East. Any meaningful production growth would require additional pipeline and export capacity, which is not available today.

Canada does not have its own strategic oil reserve. Our country has one of the world's largest untapped oil and natural gas resources on the planet and a relatively small population, with significant capacity to maintain and potential to grow our energy exports while providing for the needs of Canadians. The creation of such a reserve would require significant consultation between the federal and provincial governments, along with industry.

The events in the Middle East reinforce Canada's longer-term position as a safe destination for energy investment and a reliable trading partner, while underscoring the need for Canada to play a much larger role in meeting the world's energy demand and strengthening global energy security.

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We regulate energy resources through the [Energy Resource Activities Act \(ERAA\)](#), the [Renewable Energy Projects \(Streamlined Permitting\) Act \(REPA\)](#) and other associated acts and regulations.

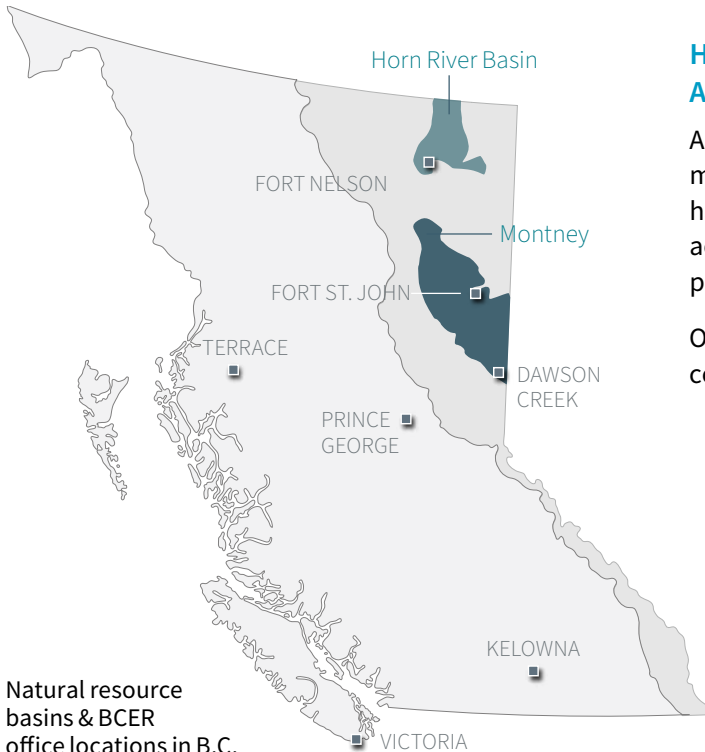
What Do We Do?

We oversee the full life cycle of energy resource activities from exploration and site planning to final site restoration. We ensure activities are undertaken in a manner that protects public safety and the environment, supports reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, conserves energy resources and fosters a sound economy and social well-being.

Our Vision

A resilient energy future where B.C.'s energy resource activities are safe, environmentally leading and socially responsible.

We work to ensure companies develop energy resources responsibly, the environment and public safety are protected and those with concerns have the opportunity to have their voice heard.



How Do We Effectively Oversee Energy Resource Activities?

Any company looking to explore, develop, produce and market energy resources in B.C. must apply to the BCER. We have the legislative authority to make decisions on proposed activities, and with our diverse expertise and experience, we provide critical insight at every level of development.

Over 300 highly skilled professionals across the province are committed to safe and responsible energy resource management.

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Key Priorities

Transparency

We are improving public understanding and trust in our role within the energy sector we regulate. We do this by being transparent and continually sharing information on how we proactively engage with [First Nations communities](#), industry, academia, stakeholders and governments in order to make responsible, progressive and informed decisions.

Meaningful Reconciliation & Partnerships

We are focused on advancing reconciliation and building trust with First Nations communities. We respect Indigenous knowledge as we collaborate and co-develop new processes in all facets of our work and decision-making. We work to honour Indigenous rights, titles and values as we enhance our Indigenous relations and capacity at the BCER.

Safety

We monitor, inspect, audit and enforce the life cycle of regulated activities, ensuring technical assessments, safety and stewardship measures are effective and reflect best practice. Our annual safety audits of pipelines and facilities are shared publicly to provide insight into operator performance and compliance.

Responsible Resource Development

We use trusted processes and embrace innovative technologies to ensure energy resource activities are developed, managed, maintained and restored in a manner that fully considers the province's resources, the environment, community well-being and the rights of land owners. We are building better processes that consider cumulative effects while accelerating stewardship and restoration activities.

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Canadian gas producers step up sustainability as demand and output surge



Tourmaline sets global first with independent methane certification

*Operations in the Montney play that straddles the B.C./Alberta border.
Photo courtesy Tourmaline Oil.*

BY GRADY SEMMENS, FOR THE CANADIAN ENERGY CENTRE

As a sustainability consultant in Canada's oil and gas industry, Jamie MacKenzie Eddy has the unique opportunity to get an up-close look at a wide range of energy production.

From wellheads and compressor stations to control rooms and corporate boardrooms, MacKenzie Eddy is able to gain a holistic understanding of how a company runs its operations.

From high-level priorities to the nitty-gritty details of daily maintenance and repairs, he sees how the rubber hits the road when it comes to responsible development.

And while every firm is different, he has found something common among all his clients:

"When I visit a site, I am always impressed by how much pride the field staff take in the work they are doing to do things better and become more efficient," said MacKenzie Eddy, a senior analyst of sustainability and emissions management for Calgary-based energy consulting firm GLJ Ltd.

"Having an outsider come in is a chance for operators to show off, and it is so rewarding because it is often our assessments that enable a company to truly see all the good work they are doing to improve their environmental performance."

Certification gains traction

Much of MacKenzie Eddy's work these days is focused on helping upstream oil and natural gas producers achieve certification for their sustainability practices from recognized international assessment agencies.

As demand for natural gas climbs in North America and globally — and Canadian production hits record highs — producers in Western Canada are pursuing voluntary certification to demonstrate their commitment to sustainability to investors, customers and local partners.

Photo courtesy ARC Resources.

Canada's largest natural gas producer sets global first

In February, the country's largest gas producer, Tourmaline, became the first company in the world to secure independent certification for its integrated natural gas production system under a methane emissions framework called MiQ.

The certification requires detailed measurement, monitoring and reporting of methane intensity, along with third-party validation.

Tourmaline's certification is notable not just for being first — but for its scope.

Rather than certifying isolated wells or facilities, the company achieved MiQ's Grade A certification across its fully integrated production system, spanning upstream production, gathering and boosting, and gas processing facilities.

The recognition reflects years of investment in technology and infrastructure to manage emissions across the company's extensive assets in Alberta and British Columbia, which supply 19 per cent of Canada's gas exports.

In the company's most recent sustainability report, Tourmaline reported a 25 per cent reduction in methane emissions intensity since 2020 and about \$50 million invested in environmental performance initiatives in 2024.

"Tourmaline is demonstrating the level of transparency and



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The LNG Canada marine terminal in Kitimat, B.C. in April 2026. Photo courtesy LNG Canada.

accountability that global gas markets are increasingly demanding," said Georges Tijbosch, CEO of London-based MiQ.

Rising demand, falling emissions

The achievement comes amid growing liquefied natural gas exports and record high Canadian natural gas production – reaching 20 billion cubic feet per day in late 2025 – underscoring both the scale and growing global relevance of the country's supply.

Exports from the LNG Canada project reached a reported one million tonnes for the first time in April, a milestone for the project, which began shipments last July.

New LNG projects including Cedar LNG and Woodfibre LNG are under construction, with the Ksi Lisims LNG terminal expected to reach a final investment decision this year.

Tourmaline's certification reflects industry-wide success in curbing emissions, as Alberta oil and gas companies beat the provincial government's goal of cutting methane emissions 45 per cent below 2014 levels by 2025, surpassing the target three years early in 2022.

"We know that countries around the world want more Canadian natural gas, and this certification reinforces Tourmaline and Canada as a trusted and reliable global energy supplier," said Tourmaline CEO Michael Rose.

Beyond markets: building trust

Beyond attracting international customers, Canadian oil and gas producers are using third-party validation to measure progress and build credibility with Indigenous groups, local communities and other key partners.

"Canadian companies are exceeding regulatory requirements and lead their global peers in environmental, ethical, governance and social principles such as free, prior and informed consent and human rights," says Pepita Elena McKee, CEO of Impact Resolutions, a firm specializing in cumulative impact assessment, performance assurance standards and diversity, equity, belonging and access services.

Impact Resolutions was not involved in Tourmaline's MiQ certification process, but it has led sustainability certifications for Canadian companies since 2019.

This includes a joint MiQ and Equitable Origin certification for Veren Inc. under Equitable Origin's EO100 standard — covering environmental performance, safety, Indigenous rights, labour relations and stakeholder engagement.

Canadian companies including Pacific Canbriam Energy, Vermilion Energy, ARC Resources, Pipestone Energy and Hammerhead Resources achieved EO100 certification through Impact Resolutions, representing a substantial share of the energy producers certified across North America.

Continuous improvement over ratings

"The EO standard is not a 'check the box exercise' but an effort on the part of the operator for continuous improvement," said McKee, whose company works with GLJ to assess environmental performance metrics.

Mackenzie Eddy agrees, adding that Canadian operators are less focused on ratings than on the tangible improvements identified through the certification process.

"It's rewarding to go to a control room and see the certification hanging on the wall, but the real value comes from all the opportunities you find and the continuous improvement that happens year after year," he said. ■

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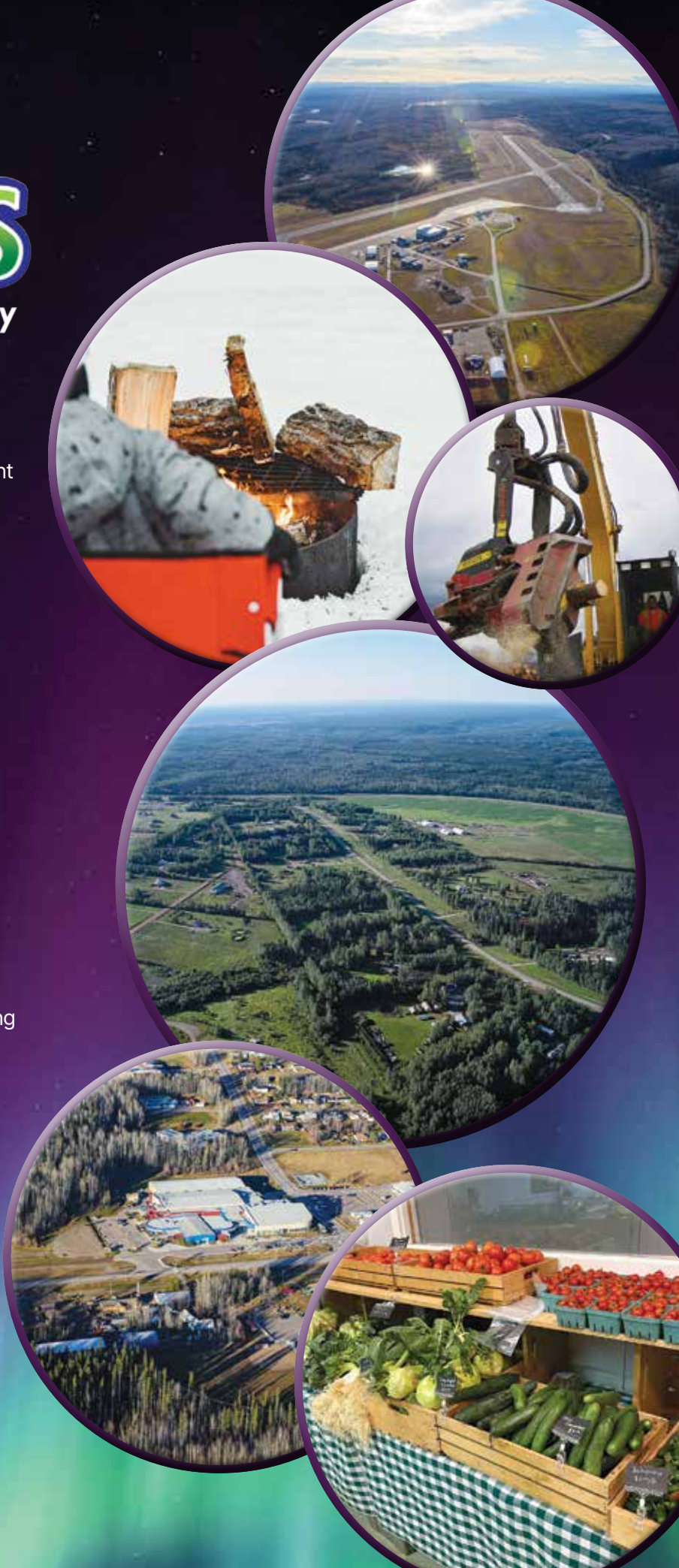
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The next wave of LNG development in British Columbia

British Columbia's LNG sector is moving through a period of rapid change in 2026, with one major export project now operating, two large Indigenous-led developments advancing, and several smaller facilities contributing to a more distributed industry footprint across the province.

At the centre is LNG Canada in Kitimat, which has established

Canada's first large-scale LNG export operation on the Pacific coast. The facility began exporting cargoes in 2025 and continues to ramp up production as additional processing capacity comes online. At full capacity, it is expected to produce about 14 million tonnes per year.

The project has changed gas flows across Western Canada by creating a direct export route to Asia. That

has reduced reliance on U.S. pricing hubs and shifted long-term supply patterns in northeastern B.C. and Alberta. Kitimat has also become a permanent industrial hub, with shipping, pipeline, and service infrastructure built around LNG exports. A potential Phase 2 expansion remains under discussion, depending on market conditions and investment decisions later in the decade.



It is being designed to use hydroelectric power through a planned transmission connection to the BC Hydro grid, which would reduce operational emissions. The project has also attracted interest from international buyers in Europe and Asia, although it has not yet reached a final investment decision.

conventional LNG facilities. Current construction work is focused on marine infrastructure, shoreline development, and pipeline connections along the Douglas Channel.

North of Kitimat, Ksi Lisims LNG remains in the development and permitting stage and is the largest proposed LNG project in British Columbia. The project is planned for Nisga'a Nation territory near the Nass River and is designed as a floating LNG facility with potential capacity of up to 12 million tonnes per year.

The project is led by the Nisga'a Nation in partnership with private sector developers and is structured around long-term Indigenous ownership. It is being designed to use hydroelectric power through a planned transmission connection to the BC Hydro grid, which would reduce operational emissions. The project has also attracted interest from international buyers in Europe and Asia, although it has not yet reached a final investment decision.

On the South Coast, Woodfibre LNG is the most advanced smaller-

scale export project. Located near Squamish, it has a planned capacity of about 2.1 million tonnes per year and is currently under construction. The project is designed to use electric-driven liquefaction rather than gas turbines, which reduces its emissions profile. It is one of the few LNG export projects located close to the Lower Mainland.

In Delta, FortisBC Tilbury LNG continues to operate as British Columbia's main LNG storage and distribution site. It is not a large export terminal but plays an important role in domestic supply, especially during peak winter demand. It also supports limited small-scale LNG activity, including marine fuelling and distribution services.

The sector remains tied to global LNG demand, long-term contracting, and shifting energy security priorities in key importing regions. In British Columbia, it also continues to sit alongside ongoing debate over emissions targets, infrastructure development, and the long-term role of natural gas in the province's economy. ■

Further south, Cedar LNG is now in active construction and is one of the most closely watched energy projects in the province. The facility is a partnership between the Haisla Nation and Pembina Pipeline Corporation and is designed as a floating LNG plant with a capacity of about three million tonnes per year.

Cedar LNG is structured differently from most LNG projects. It is majority Indigenous-owned and is designed to run on electricity supplied by BC Hydro rather than gas-fired turbines. That approach lowers its emissions compared to

FORT NELSON Opportunity at the top of B.C.

BY HILLARY SHEPPARD, NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY



Surrounded by sweeping boreal forest and perched on the edge of the Northern Rockies, Fort Nelson's humble beginnings have contributed to its identity as a small and mighty part of B.C.

Anchored by the world-famous Alaska Highway, this bustling resource town sits among abundant natural gas reserves, mixed boreal forest, agriculture, and tourism assets, the region is a treasure trove of opportunity for entrepreneurship, practical innovation, and creativity. An essential service hub in the northeastern corner of the province, Fort Nelson not only serves its residents, but neighbouring communities and over 300,000 travelers passing through each year.

Traveling north and cresting the hill above the Muskwa River Valley, the horizon unfolds in just the way you'd imagine when entering a little northern town. Fort Nelson's charm is found in its landscape and its people. Thick black coffee has been filling mugs long before sunrise and whether sipped from a thermos, poured in a hotel breakfast nook, or squeezed out of a gas station

carafe, the gurgle and hiss of the coffee machine is part of the morning soundtrack.

A mid-winter day will find little one's, dressed to the hilt with scarves pulled over noses and mittened hands poking from marshmallow parkas, trudging through snow on their way to playgroup or the arena. Once inside the process of shedding winter's gear reminds us that for kids, getting dressed for the outdoors is as much exercise as the activity itself. Fast forward a decade and teenagers with red-tipped ears and rosy cheeks cram icicle fingers into hoodie pockets as they hustle to part-time jobs across town.

Another generation later, and through the looking glass you'll find oldies meeting for soup and sandwiches at a rotation of local mom-and-pop cafés. They might be sitting across from someone they once watched play minor hockey — now in knee-high Dunlops with steel toes, trading pucks for pebbles shaken loose from northern clay. Families fill the town, from the newest baby to great-grandparents. Stronger together, generations remain close by, connected and eager to contribute.



If there is anything that loves northerners more than they love one other, it's Lady Winter. Extending her icy fingers, she holds us in her clutches, delivering another 15cm of fresh powder on day one of Spring Break. The old adage about long days and short years when raising kids comes to mind, only here swap in winters and summers.

When summer finally arrives, it's taken seriously. With the melt comes a collective sigh. A walk down any street reveals homeowners brushing winter's webs from quads and lawn mowers. Front porches brim with boots, raincoats, sun hats, and fishing gear. Toiletries, a deck of cards, and the odd crossword puzzle make their way into campers for the season's first trip – probably May long weekend, and almost certainly accompanied by a traditional helping of snow.

Shaped by trailblazers and problem-solvers, Fort Nelson's character was forged during the Second World War with construction of the Alaska Highway. While the community began as a fur-trading post, the decades that followed saw industry shape life in this remote northern region. The people who build their lives here understand that living in the North asks a little more of you, where hard work and a get-'er-done attitude are a shared language

What truly sets this place apart, however, is the quality of life — and the advantages that come with it. Short commutes, affordable housing, and accessible schools, healthcare, childcare, and recreation all contribute to a strong sense of community. Immediate access to world-class outdoor experiences means families build lasting roots here, creating a stable, engaged workforce and a place people are proud to call home. ■



FAST-TRACKING GROWTH

B.C.'s accelerated energy strategy aims to reshape the oil & gas sector



British Columbia's accelerated energy strategy is reshaping how the province approaches oil, gas and industrial development. While renewable power projects are receiving significant attention, the broader plan suggests that LNG, natural gas infrastructure, and industrial electrification remain central to B.C.'s long-term economic strategy.

Through its "Look West" plan, the province is targeting \$200 billion in major project investment by 2035. Much of that activity is expected to come from energy, mining, ports,

and transportation infrastructure as B.C. looks to strengthen trade relationships beyond the United States and expand exports into Asian markets.

For the oil and gas sector, the strategy is closely tied to LNG development already underway across northern B.C. and the coast. Projects such as Cedar LNG, LNG Canada Phase 2, Woodfibre LNG and Ksi Lisims LNG are all part of a broader push to increase export capacity while lowering the emissions intensity of operations through electrification and expanded hydro power access.

Electrification driving infrastructure expansion

The province continues to market B.C. LNG as having a lower emissions profile than many competing jurisdictions due to the province's hydroelectric grid, methane regulations, and relatively short shipping routes to Asia. That positioning has become increasingly important as global buyers place more attention on emissions performance alongside energy security.

A major part of the strategy involves speeding up approvals for large-scale industrial and energy projects. The province has introduced changes aimed at reducing permitting delays and coordinating reviews more efficiently in an effort to move projects into construction faster.

Supporting that growth will require a significant expansion of electrical infrastructure, particularly in northern B.C. The proposed North Coast Transmission Line is one of the largest pieces of the plan. The project would add more than 2,200 megawatts of transmission capacity between Prince George and Terrace, supplying electricity to mining operations, LNG facilities and other industrial developments planned for the region.

For energy producers, the transmission expansion

reflects broader movement already underway the sector. Electrification is becoming increasingly tied to future LNG development, both from an emissions standpoint and from investor expectations surrounding environmental performance.

Cedar LNG is one example frequently highlighted by the province. The floating LNG facility near Kitimat, led by Haisla Nation in partnership with Pembina Pipeline Corporation, is expected to rely largely on hydroelectric power during operations.

Energy growth and power demand

At the same time, the strategy reflects growing pressure to balance industrial growth with rising electricity demand. Expanding LNG production, mining activity and electrified operations will require large increases in generating and transmission capacity over the next decade.

For B.C.'s oil and gas sector, the province's accelerated energy strategy points to a different kind of growth than the industry has seen in past decades. LNG expansion is no longer being

planned in isolation. Transmission lines, hydroelectric capacity, Indigenous partnerships and emissions performance are now directly tied to how projects are financed, approved, and built.

Whether the strategy ultimately delivers on its economic promises will depend on execution — from permitting timelines and labour availability to power supply and market demand abroad. But across the sector, the next phase of energy development in British Columbia will be shaped as much by infrastructure and electrification as by the resource itself. ■

Copper surge signals shift in B.C.'s energy and resource investment sector

British Columbia's mining exploration sector posted a record year in 2025, with spending climbing to \$751 million as copper overtook gold as the province's leading exploration target for the first time.

According to the British Columbia Mineral and Coal Exploration Survey, exploration and evaluation spending rose 36 per cent year over year, even as activity softened in parts of Canada and remained relatively flat globally.

Copper exploration accounted for \$384 million — just over half of total provincial spending — reflecting growing investor confidence in long-term demand driven by electrification, industrial expansion and infrastructure development. Much of the activity remained concentrated in northwestern B.C., where large porphyry systems continue to attract sustained interest from junior and senior companies alike.

Industry observers note that the shift toward copper is also increasingly tied to broader energy system buildouts, including electrification projects, LNG development and other energy-sector infrastructure across Western Canada,

where metals demand is rising alongside long-term industrial growth.

Junior exploration companies were a key driver of the rebound, increasing spending by 47 per cent to \$479 million after several years of contraction. Improved financing conditions and stronger commodity outlooks helped revive early-stage exploration and project advancement across the province.

While Ontario and Quebec remain Canada's largest exploration jurisdictions, both saw declines in spending as more projects moved into development and production phases. B.C., by contrast, increased its share of national exploration investment, supported by renewed copper-focused activity and stronger participation from junior explorers.

The annual survey is produced through a partnership between B.C.'s Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals, the Association for Mineral Exploration, and EY Canada, drawing on company disclosures and financial data to track exploration trends across the province. ■

Energy at a crossroads

Why Canada must prioritize pipelines and local refining to secure our economic future and global relevance

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The U.S. recently rejected a pipeline from Alberta to be paid for by a Canadian pipeline company, along with Alberta tax dollars plus Canadian oil at a reduced rate. Now, the U.S. is asking American oil companies to spend \$100 billion in Venezuela instead.

This shift reveals a jarring irony in North American energy policy. While the U.S. shuns its closest ally, it has approved Russian oil for purchases for a 30-day window due to the latest war in the Middle East. We are overlooking a friend that prioritizes human rights and environmental regulations.

Global supply and the Strait of Hormuz

Geopolitical conflict has pushed the world to a breaking point. The Strait of Hormuz is currently shut down due to the bombing of Iran by the U.S. and Israel holding back 20 per cent of the world's daily use of oil, natural gas along with fertilizers and other many other ingredients that our civilization uses.

The price of a barrel of oil is approximately \$100 and the world is releasing 400 million barrels of oil from the reserves hoping it may reduce the pressure.

Just imagine how less pressure there would be on U.S. consumers if the Keystone XL pipeline was in operation. Oil from a friend that is produced with human rights and environmental regulations as a priority. Perhaps instead of running deficit budgets, we could balance them by selling products the world uses and needs.

The refined reality of the West Coast

Canada is the third-largest importer of oil from the U.S. Most of it is heavy oil from Canada that has been refined into a product that is used daily in this country. In British Columbia, about one-third of the lower

mainland's gasoline comes from Washington state. Why?

Now that the Russian oil is approved for purchase on the market will we see Russian oil and gas in the vehicles driven in B.C.? Russian oil coming to U.S. refineries before the war in Ukraine was widely reported. The practice was stopped because buying the oil supported the Russian war on the Ukrainian people.

For incoming Russian oil, the U.S. will reduce the Jones Act (also known as the Merchant Marine Act of 1920), a regulation that requires any product coming to the country be on an American-built vessel.

A vision for a wealthier Canada

Oil is the number one product we sell. Now, if Canada actually wanted Canadians to be richer, which they should be, we would have built more pipelines and modern refineries. These facilities could have used advanced emissions controls to serve both our needs and the world's needs.

We had 50 years to do it. Instead of managing deficit budgets, we could enjoy balanced books by selling the essential products that civilizations require.

How about Canada starts doing the job of improving the lives of all Canadians by not holding ourselves back? Let's get building, Canada.

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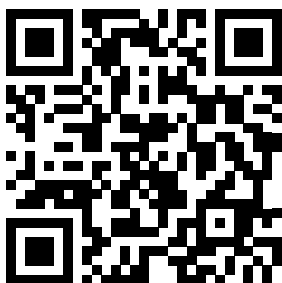
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