



TELKWA COAL LIMITED

COMMUNITY UPDATE

In 2022, Telkwa Coal donated over \$13,000 to local non-profit organizations. Telkwa Coal is looking forward to again hosting the Family Day Skating Event in February and the Welcome to Summer BBQ at the end of June 2023 after a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19.

We hope you can join us at these events to interact the Telkwa Coal team and other members of the community.



Telkwa Coal is pleased to partner with the Back Country Horsemen (Northwest Chapter)

EVENTS & SPONSORSHIP

At Telkwa Coal, we remain deeply committed to supporting local non-profit organizations that are working hard to provide services and much-needed support to the communities of the Bulkley Valley.

To date, we have contributed over \$11 million to the regional economy with spending on local contractors as well as government payments.



Houston Friendship Center staff at TCL office

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) PROCESS

This past year has been pivotal for the Tenas Project, and we are excited to share our progress with the community.

In May, we celebrated the key milestone of filing the Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) Application after years of hard work, care, and preparation by our team. The report can be found online at our Telkwa Coal website, the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) EPIC website, or in hard copies at the Smithers Library.

The EAC Application process so far has included an EAO-led open house in June and a public comment period. We would like to thank those who attended the open house held at the Telkwa Community Hall and the virtual open house, and those who submitted comments on our EAC Application.

Attendees of the in-person open house viewed 25 poster boards that described results of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposed mitigation measures. Also on display was a 3-D model that illustrated how the Tenas Project and landscape will look during the different time frames of the Project.

As of the end of 2022, the status of the EAO process is between Application Development and Review Stage and the Effects Assessment Stage. We continue to work with the EAO on values that we strongly hold such as having water quality that is safe for aquatic life and fish, and protecting the Telkwa caribou herd by minimizing our effects on the natural environment and supporting caribou recovery efforts.

Our team at Telkwa Coal will be hosting another open house for the public in 2023. Details regarding the time and place will be released later in 2023 via the newspaper, radio, mailbox flyers, and local bulletin boards. In addition, another EAO-led open house will be held during the summer or early fall on the results of their Assessment Report.

For those who took the time to provide comments during the public comment period, Telkwa Coal has provided responses which can be viewed on the EAO EPIC website. There will be another chance for the public to submit comments to the EAO on the Tenas Project during the Effects Assessment and Recommendation Stage of the EAC Application process. As always, we welcome constructive dialogue and questions can be posed directly to us through our website, in person, by mail, or by phone, as well we welcome any expression of interest in the Project.



Read the Environmental Assessment Certificate Application on the EPIC website

We continue to monitor Four Creek water quality and quantity as part of our baseline data collection, and we have an exploration program tentatively scheduled for the winter of 2024. Further information will be provided as we approach closer to the beginning of the exploration program.

Local Contractor/Employee Spotlight

CODY CAMERON B. Sc., P. Geo.

Cody graduated from the University of Saskatchewan and has 20 years of experience in various types of geologic disciplines such as exploration, hydrogeology, geoexchange, and geotechnical.

Cody has been working on the Tenas Project since 2017 conducting baseline hydrogeology field programs. This work involves sampling and monitoring of groundwater within the study area. He has also been involved in winter drilling programs, and geotechnical monitoring.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

TCL's Public Consultation Report can be found on our website.

The main concerns remain consistent from the community focusing on water quality, noise, dust and GHG emissions and potential effects on water quality.



HISTORY OF COAL MINING IN TELKWA

For more than 100 years, coal mining has been one of the major industries in the Telkwa area -- from the optimistic days of mineral exploration in the early 1900s, to the peak of coal exporting with Bulkley Valley Collieries in the late 1950s, and ongoing exploration throughout the 1980s and 1990s. The industry has provided full-time work to some and critical seasonal work to many. Today, the coal industry's rich history is embedded in the Telkwa community.

The first bridge built across the Bulkley River was completed in 1909. It replaced a cable ferry and vastly improved access to the coal mines. Today, if one crosses the Bulkley River and follows Telkwa and Aveling Coalmine Roads, they will be following the pathways of the sleighs, pack horse trains, and trucks that hauled coal to the rail line from Goathorn Creek and Telkwa River coal mines into the 1970s.

Read the entire article A History of Coal Mining in Telkwa on our website.

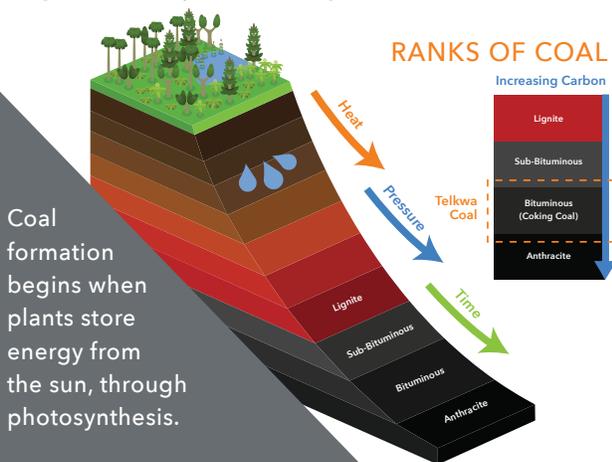


ABOUT METALLURGICAL COAL

Coal is the result of ancient, buried peat bogs and swamps. Over time, the buried peat bogs and swamps can undergo tectonic events that increase temperatures and pressures, with very little oxygen present, and the plant matter can transform into coal.

Coal can be ranked into different categories based on the temperatures, pressures, and time it has experienced.

The coal at the Tenas Project is a bituminous coal deposit which is the type of coal used to make steel, also called metallurgical, or coking coal.



Coal formation begins when plants store energy from the sun, through photosynthesis.