

SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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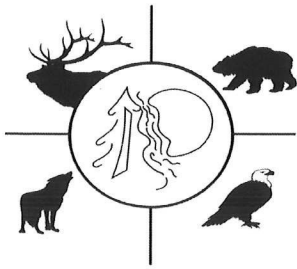
To enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture and to utilize and preserve all our resources for now and future generations.



Hunting Camp

Coldwater Indian Band Social Services Department is looking for experienced hunters and others to plan and run a Hunting Camp. The Purpose of the camp is to provide wild meat for our Elders and to teach our young people the basics of hunting and taking care of the meat. If you are interested in participating, we will meet outside at the church lean-to Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please call Diana at 250-378-6174 Ext. 107 or email dnorgaard@coldwaterband.org.



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Chief and Council (Executive Assistant), Finance, Social
Development

Chief and Council Virtual General Band Meeting **September 23, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Agenda

1. Trans Mountain Expansion Project Update
2. Council Updates
3. Community Safety Planning
4. Elections?

Invitations will be sent to those already registered
Any documentations will be provided for your review

For those with no Wi-Fi/internet access:

A phone number can be provided to you for dial in access

To participate please call Dale August at 250-378-6174 Ext 100 or send
email to daugust@coldwaterband.org

As this is a DRAFT Agenda for upcoming Virtual General Band meetings, the
topics are subject to change

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Coldwater Indian Band Membership

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES (NO COST TO MEMBERSHIP)



What?

The Coldwater Indian Band are applying for capacity training funds for opportunities for Coldwater Band Membership to work directly on the West Alternative Re-Route proposed by Transmountain.

The training options include these 4 courses:

- [Cultural Heritage Monitor Training \(3 days\)](#)
- [Archaeological & CMT Inventory Training \(5 days\)](#)
- [Environmental Monitoring Training \(3 days\)](#)
- [Water Quality Training \(2 days\)](#)

We would bring the instructor into Merritt so people can take the training locally. The training will be dependant on Covid protocols and guidance.

We need at least 8 people to run a training session and will need to have enough people to run shifts or multiple crews on site at a time during construction. Courses will only be held if there is enough membership registering.

When?

Training would be held in [October 2021](#). This is a call for interest. Once we have enough interest we will schedule the training dates and contact by email or phone.

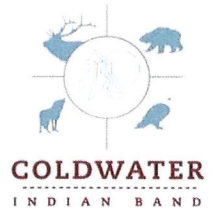
[Please let me know by September 24, 2021](#) in order to set up training dates and venues. The intent is to train community membership so we have trained representatives on site during construction of the West Alternative pipeline.

How?

Interested community members can contact Dorothy Spahan at [250-280-0377](tel:250-280-0377) or by email at cumulative_effects@pggroup.com

WEST ALTERNATIVE COMMITTEE

Community Handout for 21-22 SEPTEMBER 2021



WHAT?

The TransMountain (TM) Project has been approved and permitted by Canada. Coldwater's court challenge has not stopped the project but has meant that the new pipeline must go around the Coldwater Valley (instead of through) it to protect the aquifer. This route around Coldwater IR #1 is called the "West Alternative." Construction is planned to start in November 2021 for this new oil pipeline.

WHO?

Coldwater Councillors and our consultants, PGL Environmental, are leading this work as part of the West Alternative Committee:

- Councillors Michael Smithers, Corrina Manuel and Leah Collins.
- Bridget Dunne and Leslie Beckmann from PGL, hired by Coldwater.
- Dorothy Spahan hired through PGL, by Coldwater, on a contract basis.

WHY?

The purpose of these meetings is to identify specific locations and values that require protection or management along the West Alternative pipeline and define what those protections should be. **Coldwater Indian Band are inviting you to share what needs protection along the proposed Trans Mountain's West Alternative pipeline.**

WHEN and WHERE?

Due to covid concerns, Councillors advised us to hold these meetings online on the following dates (previous dates were postponed due to covid concerns and forest fires):

- **Thu Sep 9 at 5pm** - Introduction
- **Tue Sep 21 and Wed Sep 22 (10am-12pm and 6-8pm)** - Community meetings
- **Wed Sep 23 and Thu Sep 24** – Individual elder meetings
- **Mon Sep 27 at 5pm** - Debrief for community
- **Fri Sep 30** – Comments received by this date can be included in TM's construction planning.

Door prizes will be available!

All meetings will be on zoom using

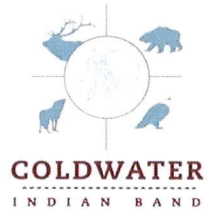
Meeting ID: 872 2678 9912, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87226789912>

FOR ELDERS

Elders and knowledge holders who would prefer to have individual meetings can contact Dorothy Spahan to arrange this for Sep 23 or 24.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

This will be an ongoing process throughout the Project and we invite your comments and questions at any time. However, the opportunity to provide input at these September meetings is crucial so that Trans Mountain can hear from the community before construction starts in November. We are asking for input by Sep 30 so we can provide concerns and questions to Trans Mountain in early October as part of construction planning and protection measures.

On the next few pages there is a list of questions and a map. We'll discuss these more during the meetings but you can answer the questions, and mark areas of importance on the map, beforehand if you like and share these with Dorothy or Bridget (see below).

You can provide input 5 ways:

1. Attend online meetings
2. Online survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DR8SV8X>
3. In writing by answering the questions on the next page, and marking areas on the map, then dropping your answers off at the Reserve office
4. Email to Dorothy or Bridget (see below)
5. 1 on 1 phone call or in socially-distant interviews

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please RSVP to be entered into the raffle for door prizes!

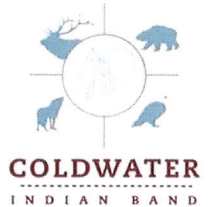
If you have questions, concerns or ideas to share, please contact:

- **Dorothy Spahan** at cumulative_effects@pgggroup.com / 250-280-0377
- **Bridget Dunne** at bdunne@pgggroup.com / 604-895-7659 (hired by Coldwater)

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Thank you from the West Alternative Committee

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QUESTIONS

***Note specific details on the use of a cultural site can be kept confidential so only the area to be protected is shared with Trans Mountain**

1. How do you spend time in the West Alternative pipeline area? Please circle your answer and mark the area on the attached map.

- a. Water use
- b. Fishing
- c. Hunting
- d. Berry picking
- e. Medicinal / traditional plant harvesting
- f. Cultural practices
- g. Other _____

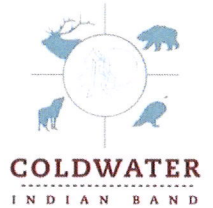
2. What should be done to protect the environment in these areas?

- a. A ceremony should be held before construction begins
- b. Medicinal plants should be harvested before clearing begins
- c. Traditional Knowledge could be incorporated into the project by flagging sensitive areas
- d. Coldwater Indigenous Monitors could be present on site during construction
- e. Weekly monitoring reports should be shared with Coldwater
- f. Wildlife cameras should be set up to monitor activity and ensure animals are not trapped or injured during construction
- g. Other _____

3. These are sensitive topics for consideration. Note the location can be shared with TM but the reason can be kept confidential. Are any of the following cultural sites located near the West Alternative pipeline? Please circle your answer and mark the area on the attached map.

- a. Trails
- b. Grandfather trees
- c. Ceremonial site
- d. Legendary being area
- e. Pit house
- f. Bathing areas
- g. Archaeology or paleontology site
- h. Other _____

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4. How can we protect cultural sites:

- a. Information could be kept confidential on how these areas are used
- b. Coldwater gives a cultural presentation to all TM employees and subcontractors
- c. A Coldwater Indigenous Monitor could be present during construction
- d. The timing of construction could be changed to avoid use of the site during sensitive times (e.g., day/night or seasonal)
- e. A buffer area could be used around a cultural site to protect it during construction. If so, what size would be appropriate? _____
- f. Other _____

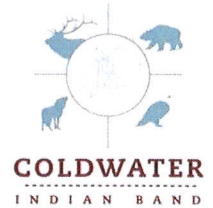
5. Circle what you are worried about during pipeline construction? Please rank them from 1 (most important) to 10 (lower importance):

- a. Changes to access Rank ____
- b. Changes to water quality and quantity Rank ____
- c. Changes to fish Rank ____
- d. Changes to wildlife Rank ____
- e. Changes to cultural and spiritual sites Rank ____
- f. Changes to trees and plants Rank ____
- g. Increased pollution Rank ____
- h. Health concerns Rank ____
- i. Pipeline emergency Rank ____
- j. Other _____ Rank ____

6. If we don't locate the areas for protection on a map, Trans Mountain are unable to make changes to their construction plans. Would you be willing to take us to the areas of concern you've identified so we can mark it with a GPS and discuss protection measures with Trans Mountain?

7. How should the pipeline area be replanted after construction (e.g., certain species of plants, or habitat for certain wildlife species)?

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8. Do you have any suggestions on how impacts from the project can be reduced?

9. What would you like the West Alternative Committee to focus their time and effort on?

10. Do you have any questions about the West Alternative pipeline?

11. Are you interested in taking Environmental Monitoring and/or Indigenous Monitoring training? If so, please let us know so we can contact you with the details _____

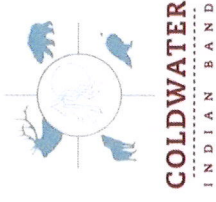
12. How would you like to find out more about this project? Please circle your answer.

- a. Coldwater newsletter
- b. Email
- c. Mailout
- d. Facebook
- e. Other _____

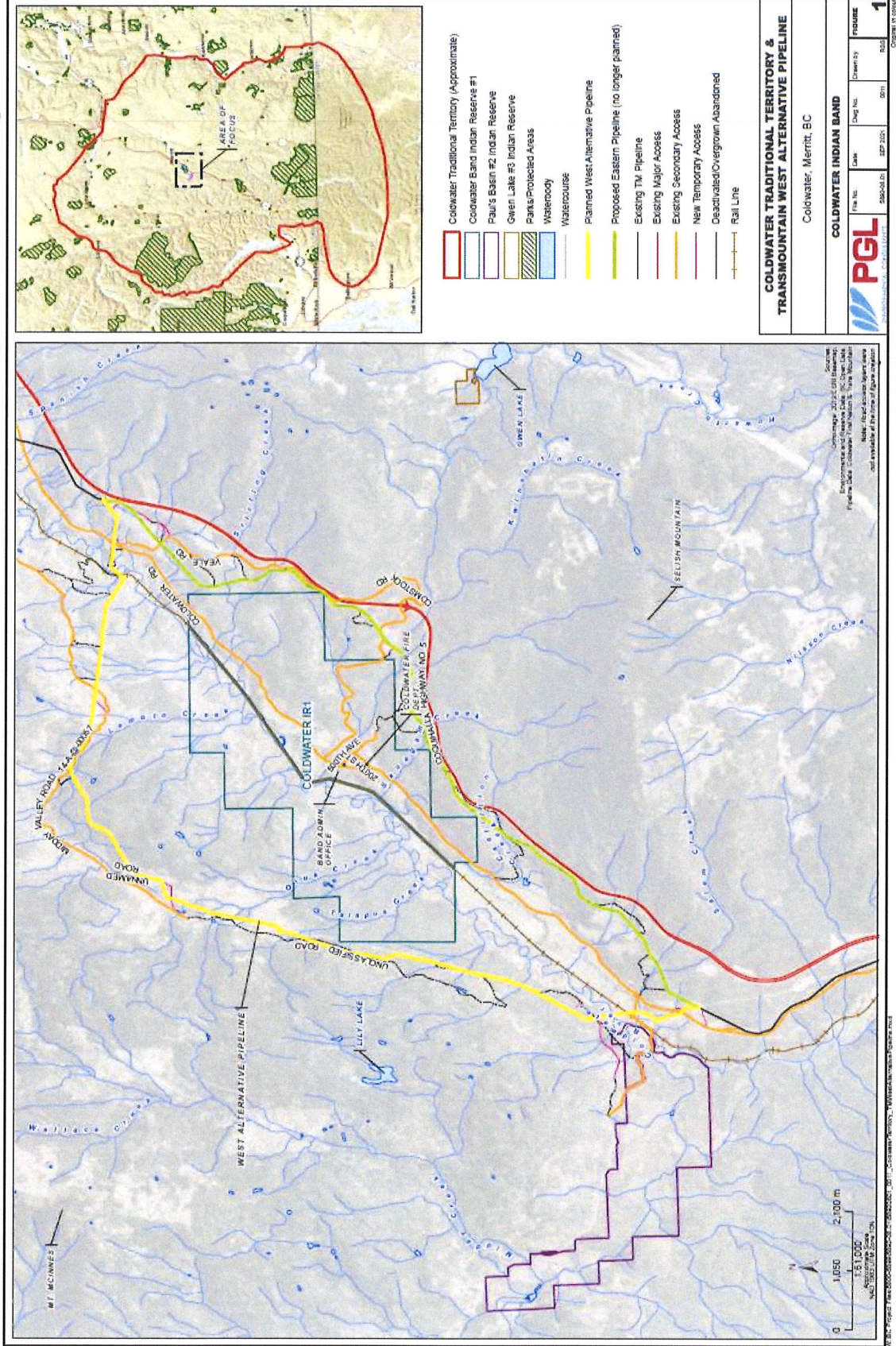
MAP INPUT

13. Please mark on the map any areas of importance that need protection (e.g., grandfather trees, cultural site).

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We will have more detailed maps available to distribute and share during the zoom meetings.

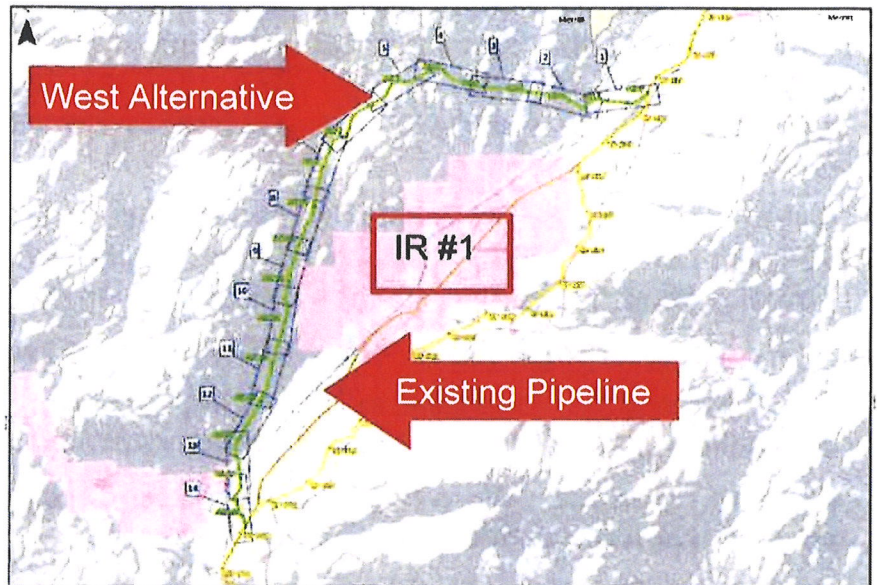


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Notice for Community Input
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need community input on concerns/questions
about TransMountain's West Alternative:

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COMMUNITY INPUT

TM plans to begin construction of the West Alternative in November 2021. To make sure we have all the information we need to protect what we value along the pipeline route, the West Alternative Committee are holding online meetings in September (in person meetings will no longer be possible due to covid).

NEW DATES

Previous attempts to hold these meetings have been hindered by Covid-19 and the wildfires. Our July and August dates were postponed based on Counsellor recommendations. Our new dates are:

- **Introductory Meeting:** Thurs Sep 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m
- **Main Community Meeting:** Tues Sep 21 and Wed Sep 22, 2021 (10am-12pm and 6-8pm each day)
- **Debrief Meeting:** Mon Sep 27 at 5:00pm

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MEETING STRUCTURE AND GOALS

Purpose: to identify specific locations and values that require extra protection or management along the West Alternative Route and define what those protections should be.

Urgency: the opportunity to provide input at these meetings is crucial so that TransMountain can hear from the community before construction starts in November. We are asking for input by Sep 30 so we can provide concerns and questions to TransMountain in early October as part of construction planning and protection measures.

Structure: After an introduction to the work, we will discuss the project, any questions from the community and then break into smaller teams to look at and mark up maps. You're welcome to contact us for a 1-1 discussion or fill out the paper or online survey.

We will have door prizes!

West Alternative Committee: is leading this work and is made up of Coldwater counsellors and Coldwater's environmental consultant, PGL (Bridget Dunne).

Meeting Handouts: We will be sharing an information package and map as a mailout so you have more context before the meeting.

Questions: These are the things we need to learn or confirm:

- *How do you use the West Alternative pipeline area?*
- *What are you worried about during pipeline construction?*
- *Where are the cultural, heritage, and/or traditional use areas that need protection during construction?*
- *What other areas (e.g., grandfather trees, medicinal / traditional plants) need protection?*

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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