



July 4, 2016 Construction team orientation meeting at the River Cree Marriot

JULY 2016 UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY

ECN MEMBERS GO TO WORK ON POWERLINE

TransAlta's powerline project kicks into gear the week of July 4th and more than 30 ECN and Community members will be going to work on the construction team. See inside for more details on the jobs, the project schedule and how the land will be protected during construction.

TRANSALTA DELIVERS ON ITS COMMITMENTS: ECN MEMBERS GET WORK AND THE LAND WILL BE PROTECTED BY EXTENSIVE RIG MATTING.

Project Starts Up the Week of July 4

TransAlta and its contractors are ready to restart major activities on the 1043L powerline project on the south side of the reserve. Construction is expected to last into the Fall and will be divided into three phases:

- Phase 1 (early July to mid-August) is the preparation phase and includes clean-up of old materials, road upgrading, brushing and laying down washed rig mats to protect the land from rutting and other damage.
- Phase 2 (mid-August to late September) is the construction phase and it will involve foundation installation, tower setting and wire stringing.
- Phase 3 (late September to early November) is the cleanup phase. Rig mats will be removed and the land will be remediated to the satisfaction of ECN.

During all phases you will see activity in and around the reserve including the use of large equipment. Operators are expected to conduct themselves safely and with respect for our community.

ECN and Community Members Go to Work

As part of our agreement TransAlta committed to providing jobs for ECN and community members on the construction project. TransAlta initially thought it could put 6-10 people to work but ECN asked them to think outside the box with their subcontractors to find more.

When the work was done more than 30 positions were identified and all of those positions will be filled from our community. Members will earn very reasonable wages while gaining valuable work experience. Congratulations to all of the successful applicants!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DEAL WITH TRANSALTA & ALTALINK

- A new playground for the 108 apt families will be built with Altalink's \$500,000 investment.
- TransAlta only rebuilding an old line--no new lines are proposed
- TransAlta to pay ECN over \$13 million in benefits and compensation
- They agree to no new powerlines in future
- We can seek removal of all lines when land needed for housing
- Will support a new valuation of reserve lands
- Defined employment and subcontracting opportunities

If you have any questions or concerns about project please contact ECN's Project Liason, Kelly Morin at (780) 913-0980

Our Land will be Protected

ECN has insisted that TransAlta use the best practices for protecting the terrain from damage by heavy equipment and trucks. They have agreed and more than 6000 rig mats will be laid down before any equipment is brought onto reserve. To ensure the mats contain no contaminants or foreign plant materials, each and every mat will be washed at a state-of-the-art Matador washing station before being laid down on the land.

MATADOR MAT WASHING STATION IN ACTION



TYPICAL RIG MATTING IN ACTION



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