



# **UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY OCTOBER 2016**

## **TransAlta Finishes Up While Benefits Flow to ECN**

**TransAlta's powerline project is nearing completion and the benefits we negotiated for our Nation can be seen all around the reserve. Now the number one priority is getting the job done safely and making sure the land is reclaimed and to our satisfaction. See inside for all the details!**

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**SAFETY IS STILL EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY AS MAJOR CONSTRUCTION WRAPS UP AND THE TIDYING UP BEGINS. MEMBERS ARE STILL WORKING RIGHT UP TO THE END AND THERE ARE A LOT OF SMILING FACES AT THE NEW PLAYGROUND AT 108.**

### **Major Construction is Complete!**

TransAlta and ECN and as many as 30 community members have been hard at work on the new powerline and major construction wrapped up on September 26.

THE COMPLETED LINE



### **Next Steps**

Now the teams will begin working on removing equipment and the thousands of mats that were laid down to protect our lands from damage.

That work is expected to be finished by the end of October. ECN will work closely with TransAlta and contractors to ensure the project area is cleaned-up to our standards.

### **BENEFITS ARE FLOWING:**

- Work for 30 ECN community members.
- ECN delivered most of the subcontracting work.
- New playground delivering fun at 108.
- Firewood and fill has been provided for ceremonies and for landscaping by the Nation.
- Firewood also available for members.

Financial benefits to help ECN deliver services and strengthen our community:

- \$1.6 Million in 2016
- \$5.4 Million more over 19 years.
- And \$3.7 Million per year in taxes and structure payments.

The rig mats did a good job of protecting the land but if any damage did occur ECN environmental staff will be monitoring the reclamation work closely.

#### TYPICAL RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES



You will still see lots of activity in and around the reserve including the use of large equipment so please keep your distance. Please do your part and do not approach the work or workers.

## COMMUNITY ENJOYING THE BENEFITS AGREED TO BY TRANSALTA

### New Community Playground at 108 Has the Kids Laughing

The new community playground built using funds secured from TransAlta and AltaLink is up and running.

Our future depends on strong families and a strong community. The new playground is a culturally designed state-of-the-art place for kids to swing, jump climb and laugh and sitting areas and shelters for families to gather are also being built in the area. Bring the kids, young and old, and come and enjoy his terrific new facility.



## **Firewood and Fill for Ceremonies and Beautification Projects**

TransAlta has also provided ECN with supplies of firewood to be used in ceremonies and a pile of high quality fill for the Parks and Beautification department to improve common areas and the yards of our elders.

A supply of logs is also available to community members. You can find this wood under cover at the Handgames Arbour. Help yourself but please just take what you need for you and your family.

WOOD FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS



## **Thank You from Chief and Council**

We want to thank you for your ongoing support as we work hard to deliver the best possible services and work to strengthen our community

We also want to thank you all for your cooperation during the completion of TransAlta's project. Many of you found work and we all worked together to ensure the safety of our community and the construction teams.

We now look forward to using the cash compensation coming from TransAlta to deliver real and lasting benefits for you and the community as a whole.

**If you have any concerns or questions please call Project Liason, Kelly Morin at: 780 913 0980**