



FNMPC CONGRATULATES FORT NELSON FIRST NATION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CLARKE LAKE GEOTHERMAL PROJECT

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Friday, March 12, 2021 (Fort Nelson, BC) – The First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) congratulates Fort Nelson First Nation for securing a \$38.2 million grant from Natural Resources Canada to fund the development of the Clarke Lake Geothermal Project.

Since October 2020, FNMPC has been engaged by Deh Tai Limited Partnership, the economic development arm of Fort Nelson First Nation, to provide technical advice, coordination, and support to the Clarke Lake Geothermal Project. FNMPC's services played a role in bringing the project forward to today's funding announcement.

The Clarke Lake Geothermal Project is a ground-breaking 100% Indigenous-owned project, demonstrating business leadership toward green energy and environmentally sustainable energy generation for a region where the power needs are traditionally serviced by a gas-powered electricity plan. The Clarke Lake Project will contribute to a reduction in GHG's in the area while providing a clean-energy power source to benefit future generations.

"FNMPC is pleased to be providing capacity support and assistance to Fort Nelson First Nation for the Clarke Lake Geothermal Project. Today's announcement highlights what can happen when First Nations have access to the capacity and resources they need to implement their vision and become the proponents of major projects," stated Chief Corrina Leween, Vice Chair of FNMPC.

"We are thankful to have the extra business capacity support provided by the FNMPC to the Clarke Lake Geothermal Project through the early stages of development, and we look forward to continuing to work with FNMPC as the project advances toward commercial operations," stated Jim Hodgson, CEO of Deh Tai Limited Partnership.

Once in operation, the Clarke Lake Geothermal Project will produce between 7 to 15 MW of clean, reliable energy for the Fort Nelson region.

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