

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: November 2, 2021

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning & Development

SUBJECT: Summary and Status Updates for Proposed West Coast Olefins Ltd. Projects

ATTACHMENT(S): Table 1: Summary of Proposed Projects
Map 1: Project Area Map for NGL Recovery Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated November 2, 2021 from the Director of Planning and Development titled, "Summary and Status Updates for Proposed West Coast Olefins Ltd. Projects".

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of details and status updates for the West Coast Olefins projects proposed within the boundaries of the City of Prince George and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

DISCUSSION:

At the September 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Council directed Administration to return a report back to Council in consultation with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George regarding the proposed West Coast Olefins project(s).

Administration reached out to West Coast Olefins and requested details of the projects proposed for lands located within city boundaries and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. West Coast Olefins provided a breakdown of the details related to the proposed projects.

The attached Table 1 identifies two (2) West Coast Olefins projects: i) NGL Recovery Project; and, ii) Ethylene Plant Project.

The NGL Recovery project is divided into four components including the Extraction Plant, Access Road for the Extraction Plant, HVP (NGL) Pipeline, and Separation Plant. Table 1 also includes the project description, project location, regulatory body/process, current status, and timing for the components of the NGL Recovery Project.

Map 1 has been included to provide a visual depiction of the components of the NGL Recovery Project, and the jurisdictional boundary they are located within.

The Ethylene Plant Project has been cancelled and withdrawn for the Regulatory Process. The withdrawal of this project has been confirmed by the Government of British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office.

Although portions of the NGL Recovery Project are located within City of Prince George boundaries, the regulatory body at this stage of the project is the BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC). The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is the regulatory body for the portions of the project located in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George since the lands are designated within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

This report provides Council with an overview and status updates of the two (2) proposed West Coast Olefins projects that are located within the boundaries of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. Administration has provided this informational report to clarify the details of the projects, and confirmation of the jurisdictional boundaries and regulatory approval authority for the components of the proposed NGL Recovery Project.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning & Development

APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting date: November 8, 2021