



Kaska Tribal Council

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OIL AND GAS WORKSHOP WRAPS UP IN WATSON LAKE

WATSON LAKE, YUKON -- The Yukon Territorial Government and the Kaska Nation are hosting a two-day interactive oil and gas workshop that wraps up in Watson Lake today.

“This workshop is the practical next step in implementing the bilateral agreement that was signed by the Yukon Government and the Kaska last month,” said Minister of Energy Mines and Resources, Archie Lang. “It is one way we are moving the economic agenda forward.”

“This workshop provides a good opportunity for the Kaska and government to meet with industry, and for all of us to gain a shared understanding of the scope of the work that is required to successfully implement the oil and gas component of the bilateral agreement,” said Kaska Tribal Council Chief Hammond Dick. “We are very pleased to welcome the oil and gas industry to our traditional territory.”

Topics of discussion include the Yukon oil and gas regulatory regime, training, resource and land use planning among others. Speakers include Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie, Minister of Energy Mines and Resources Archie Lang, Chair of the Kaska Tribal Council Hammond Dick, and Rob Hunt of Akita Drilling, among others.

The Kaska Nation includes five First Nations in the southeast Yukon and northern British Columbia. Their traditional territory covers about 25 per cent of the Yukon, adjacent areas of Northwest Territories and about 10 per cent of B.C. The Kaska land claims are part of the first comprehensive claim accepted by Canada under its 1973 policy.

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