



Questions and Answers:
Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance

What is the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)?

The RBA was formed to pursue resource benefit sharing discussions and negotiations with the provincial government, federal government where applicable, and major resource companies in respect of major resource development in Northwest BC.

Who are the members of the RBA?

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS), the City of Terrace, the Districts of Kitimat, Stewart and New Hazelton, the Village of Hazelton, and all RDKS Electoral Area Directors have formed the Northwest British Columbia Resource Benefits Alliance (the "Resource Benefits Alliance" or "RBA"). Provision has also been made for other interested communities to join the RBA.

Where can I find more information on the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance?

Please refer to the Backgrounder on the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance at <http://www.rdks.bc.ca/>

What is the first priority of the RBA?

The first priority of the RBA is to start revenue-sharing discussions and negotiations promised by Premier Christy Clark during the 2013 provincial election and re-affirmed in June 2014.

When will revenue-sharing discussions get underway?

The RBA is ready to immediately start discussions with the province; Northwest BC is already booming and major public policy decisions and final investment decisions are expected this fall and in early 2015.

What is the goal of the RBA?

The RBA communities seek early access to an equitable share of the revenues from the massive economic expansion now underway in Northwest BC to:

- (a) fully address infrastructure deficits and needs, both now and into the future,
- (b) fully address all other impacts associated with major resource development, and
- (c) provide significant legacy resources to Resource Benefits Alliance communities.

What is an equitable share of revenues for RBA communities?

The province is projecting revenues of \$100 billion from LNG alone, without allowing for major resource development in sectors such as mining. For example, a 3% share of resource revenues over the 50+ year life of the projects would generate \$3 billion to invest in Northwest BC communities.

Can BC afford to provide significant revenue sharing to RBA communities without adversely impacting the current and future tax base of the region, reducing funding for other provincial programs, or risking the competitiveness of companies operating in Northwest BC?

Yes. The scale of projected resource development (over 100 major projects planned or underway) and related provincial revenues means that the needs and priorities of the province, as well as Northwest BC communities, can be met without adversely impacting local government tax bases, funding for provincial programs, and business competitiveness.

How will First Nations in Northwest BC be affected by the RBA revenue sharing initiative?

First Nations in Northwest BC will indirectly benefit from the RBA revenue sharing initiative as the RBA will be investing to build long-term sustainable communities for everyone to enjoy. Importantly, this initiative does not replace the fundamental constitutional responsibilities of Canada and BC regarding Northwest BC First Nations.

July 29, 2014