

SUMMARY

The Canadian Vitality Pathway (CVP) is establishing trade pathways to maintain and accelerate pan-Canadian prosperity. Our goal is to create a ribbon of infrastructure rights-of-way across Canada to transport multiple forms of lower-carbon energy, products, people and information. The CVP is a safe and incremental option for all governments to work with industry, Indigenous Nations, and other interested organizations to prepare to deliver current and future infrastructure to build a better Canada. Through a collaborative approach, the CVP will establish a strong governance structure to attract investment to projects and partnerships that will open new markets. The CVP will establish greater market access for low-cost low-emission electricity, hydrogen, natural gas and upgraded/lower-carbon refined products, to meet Canada's emissions goals and re-energize economic health.

The Canadian Vitality Pathway is a mechanism to enhance the planning process for the development of critical trade infrastructure while also de-risking subsequent project development. This approach begins by involving Indigenous Nations and all Canadians in a dialogue about where this infrastructure should exist and what this infrastructure should accomplish. This approach will address key interests that are difficult to address in the traditional regulatory and development framework. To accomplish this, the CVP will establish a coalition of five key participant groups to address key regional issues, Indigenous engagement and environmental impacts up-front - in concert with the priorities of proponents, governments, and customers. As an operating entity, the CVP will ensure safe operation of the pathways and adherence to pre-defined and approved parameters for organizations choosing to utilize the pathways, thereby facilitating ongoing and continuous dialogue between proponents and the Indigenous Nations and communities through which the corridor exists.

Much of Canada has enjoyed over 150 years of prosperity, largely due to the export of raw products. This paradigm is rapidly changing due to greater assertion of Indigenous rights, lower demand from the US, worldwide decarbonization imperatives, electrification and efficiency improvements. It is now imperative for Indigenous people to participate in the opportunities from on-going and future development. To remain prosperous and competitive in a low-carbon world, Canada must focus investment on infrastructure that delivers greater efficiency, allows for downstream value capture and creates higher value both domestically and from export.

BENEFITS

- Improve interprovincial trade by lowering jurisdictional basis differentials and inefficiencies,
- Enable lowest-cost investments in decarbonization across the energy and transportation spectrums,
- Prepare for and enable accelerated decarbonization in transportation, buildings and other sectors,
- Enhance Indigenous participation with industry in the development of all energy and transport streams,
- Reduce reliance on imports and the effects of trade impasses,
- Reduce regional tensions, regulatory risks, costs and burdens for all parties, and
- Create new revenues for royalties and taxation from higher-value and expanded product sales.