Information Bulletin

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PRINCE GEORGE – The funders and project owners of the Connected Coast have finalized an amendment to the project to ensure the project's objectives are achieved by 2025.

The Connected Coast is an innovative subsea cable transport project laying fibre along the coast to bring new, high-speed Internet capacity to rural and remote coastal communities in British Columbia. This project, announced in January 2018, is funded by the Government of Canada and Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). CityWest owns and operates the network infrastructure in partnership with the Strathcona Regional District via an established joint venture agreement.

Key Project Elements:

The Connected Coast project has several core objectives, including:

- Providing landing sites in proximity to underserved coastal communities, particularly Indigenous and remote communities lacking access to transport for sufficient Internet speeds (50/10 Mbps).
- Ensuring open access at key landing sites through a point of presence accessible to any Internet Service Provider to provide last-mile or cellular services to the community.
- Establishing an alternate transport fibre path from Highway 16 in Prince Rupert to the Internet exchange in Vancouver to provide connectivity resiliency to the region.

Approved Changes as of June 2024:

The Connected Coast project was approved in 2018. As of June 2024, the Government of Canada, NDIT and CityWest have agreed to a project change request to ensure that the project will meet its objectives by 2025.

The following changes have been approved:

- Extending completion date to March 31, 2025.
- Reducing landing sites in areas already served by existing service providers or where network design changes have altered the route, while retaining landing sites in proximity to underserved communities that require transport capacity.
- Route changes on the west coast of Vancouver Island to support updated design and engineering plans.

These updates ensure the project will provide enhanced connectivity to B.C.'s coastal communities while optimizing resources and maintaining the original intent of the project.
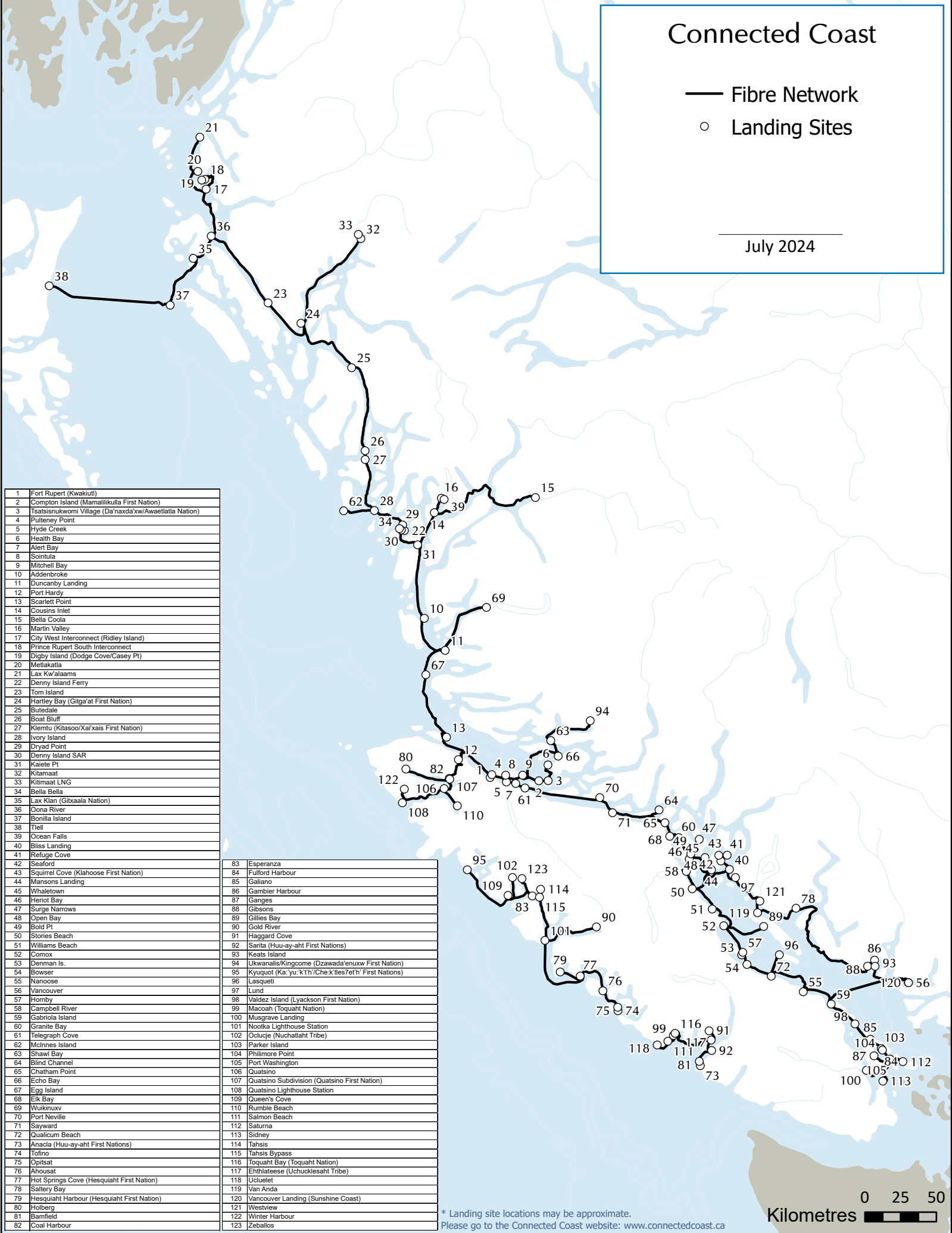
A revised network route has been developed and can be viewed on the Connected Coast website www.connectedcoast.ca/map.

- For more information on the Connected Coast project: https://connectedcoast.ca/
- For more information on connectivity infrastructure projects supported by Indigenous Services Canada targeted funding: Interactive map: Investing in Indigenous community infrastructure (sac-isc.gc.ca)
- For more information on the Northern Development Initiative Trust: https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/
- For more information on the Government of Canada's high-speed Internet funding programs:
- https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/high-speed-internet-canada/en/universal-broadband-fund/selected-universal-broadband-fund-projects
- To learn more about connectivity in British Columbia: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/connectivity-in-bc

Connected Coast

1	Fort Rupert (Kwakiutl)
2	Compton Island (Mamaliliikulla First Nation)
3	Tsatsisnukwomi Village (Da'naxda'xw/Awaetlatla Nation)
4	Pulteney Point
5	Hyde Creek
6	Health Bay
7	Alert Bay
8	Sointula
9	Mitchell Bay
10	Addenbroke
11	Duncanby Landing
12	Port Hardy
13	Scarlett Point
14	Cousins Inlet
15	Bella Coola
16	Martin Valley
17	City West Interconnect (Ridley Island)
18	Prince Rupert South Interconnect
19	Digby Island (Dodge Cove/Casey Pt)
20	Metlakatla
21	Lax Kw'alaams
22	Denny Island Ferry
23	Tom Island
24	Hartley Bay (Gitga'at First Nation)
25	Butedale
26	Boat Bluff
27	Klemtu (Kitasoo/Xai'xais First Nation)
28	Ivory Island
29	Dryad Point
30	Denny Island SAR
31	Kaiete Pt
32	Kitamaat
33	Kitimaat LNG
34	Bella Bella
35	Lax Klan (Gitxaala Nation)
36	Oona River
37	Bonilla Island
38	Tlell
39	Ocean Falls
40	Bliss Landing
41	Refuge Cove
42	Seaford
43	Squirrel Cove (Klahoose First Nation)
44	Mansons Landing
45	Whaletown
46	Heriot Bay
47	Surge Narrows
48	Open Bay
49	Bold Pt
50	Stories Beach
51	Williams Beach
52	Comox
53	Denman Is.
54	Bowser
55	Nanoose
56	Vancouver
57	Hornby
58	Campbell River
59	Gabriola Island
60	Granite Bay
61	Telegraph Cove
62	McInnes Island
63	Shawl Bay
64	Blind Channel
65	Chatham Point
66	Echo Bay
67	Egg Island
68	Elk Bay
69	Wuikinuxv
70	Port Neville
71	Sayward
72	Qualicum Beach
73	Anacla (Huu-ay-aht First Nations)
74	Tofino
75	Opitsat
76	Ahousat
77	Hot Springs Cove (Hesquiaht First Nation)
78	Saltery Bay
79	Hesquiaht Harbour (Hesquiaht First Nation)
80	Holberg
81	Bamfield
82	Coal Harbour

83	Esperanza
84	Fulford Harbour
85	Galiano
86	Gambier Harbour
87	Ganges
88	Gibsons
89	Gillies Bay
90	Gold River
91	Haggard Cove
92	Sarita (Huu-ay-aht First Nations)
93	Keats Island
94	Ukwanalis/Kingcome (Dzawada'enuxw First Nation)
95	Kyuquot (Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations)
96	Lasqueti
97	Lund
98	Valdez Island (Lyackson First Nation)
99	Macoah (Toquaht Nation)
100	Musgrave Landing
101	Nootka Lighthouse Station
102	Oclucje (Nuchatlaht Tribe)
103	Parker Island
104	Philimore Point
105	Port Washington
106	Quatsino
107	Quatsino Subdivision (Quatsino First Nation)
108	Quatsino Lighthouse Station
109	Queen's Cove
110	Rumble Beach
111	Salmon Beach
112	Saturna
113	Sidney
114	Tahsis
115	Tahsis Bypass
116	Toquaht Bay (Toquaht Nation)
117	Ethlateese (Uchucklesaht Tribe)
118	Ucluelet
119	Van Anda
120	Vancouver Landing (Sunshine Coast)
121	Westview
122	Winter Harbour
123	Zeballos

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