



# Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement (VITR) Project:

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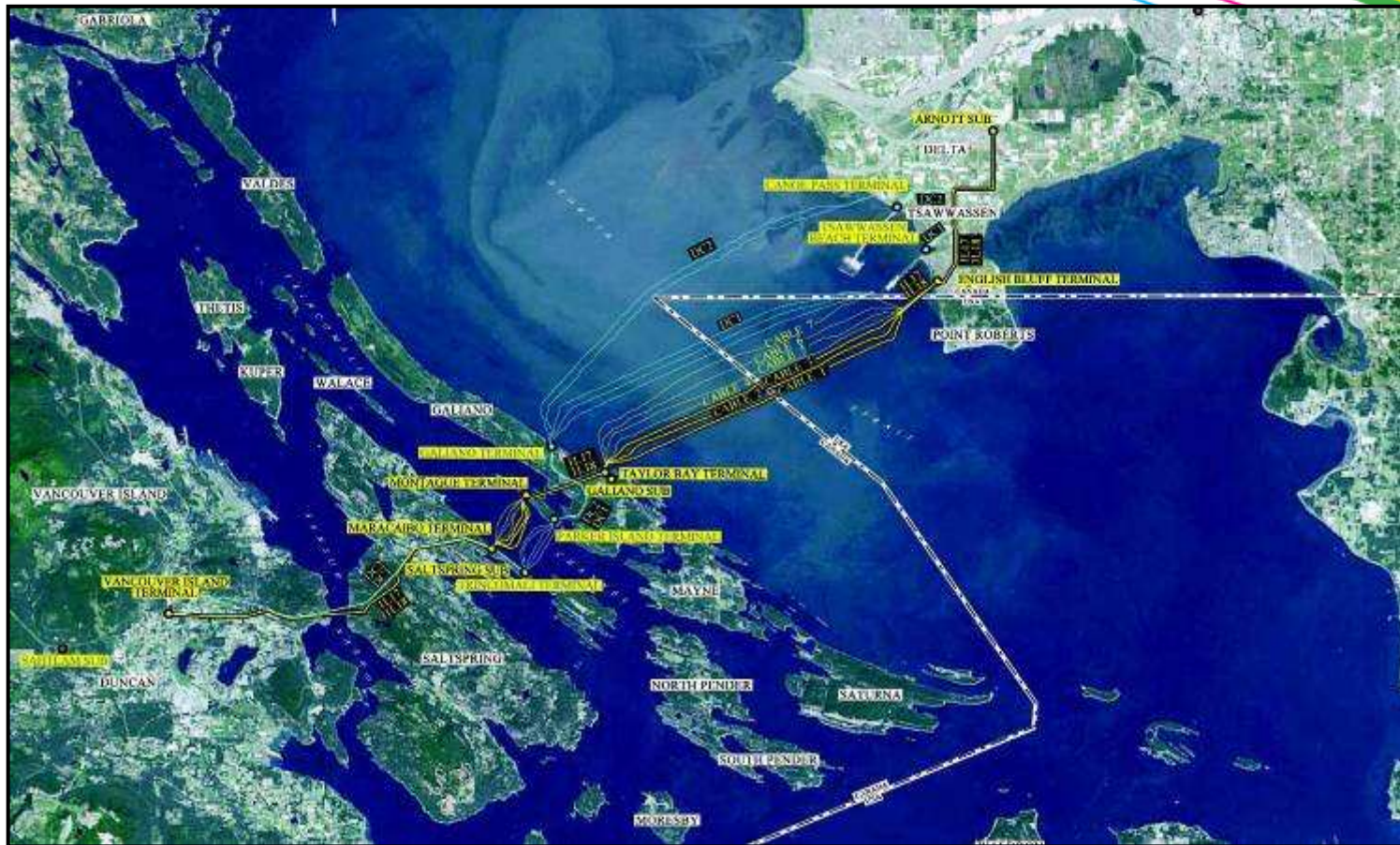


# Agenda

- Overview of VITR Project
- Working with Property Owners
- Q & A



# Overview VITR Project Alignment



# Primary Project Components

- Replacement of 2 - 138 kV circuits
- New double circuit 230 kV OH segments
- New single circuit submarine segments
- Four cable terminal stations & 230 kV substation upgrades



## Construction on the Islands

- 27 km on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands
- Approximately 110 parcels effected
- Started March 2007/completed June 2008



## Mainland Overhead Construction

- 12 km in the Municipality of Delta, BC
- Approximately 28 agricultural parcels effected
- Started fall 2007 and completed in September 2008



## Tsawwassen Community

- 3.7 km of 67 km Corridor
- Approximately 145 parcels effected
- Individual Construction and Restoration plans



# Submarine Cable Removal/ Installation

- Georgia Strait – 24 km
- Trincomali Channel – 4 km



# Station and Terminal Upgrades





## Land Types

- Residential Communities
- Agricultural Farm
- Recreational Properties
- Commercial Properties
- Parks & School



VITR route was all within existing Stat Right of Way

# History of the Statutory Right of Way

- Two Rights of Way throughout the SRW (1955 & 1968)





## BCH Properties Resources

Delta Section  
12 km/28 pls

1 Property Rep

Tsawwassen  
3.7 km/145 pls

4 Property Reps

Islands Section  
27 km/110 pls

1 Property Rep

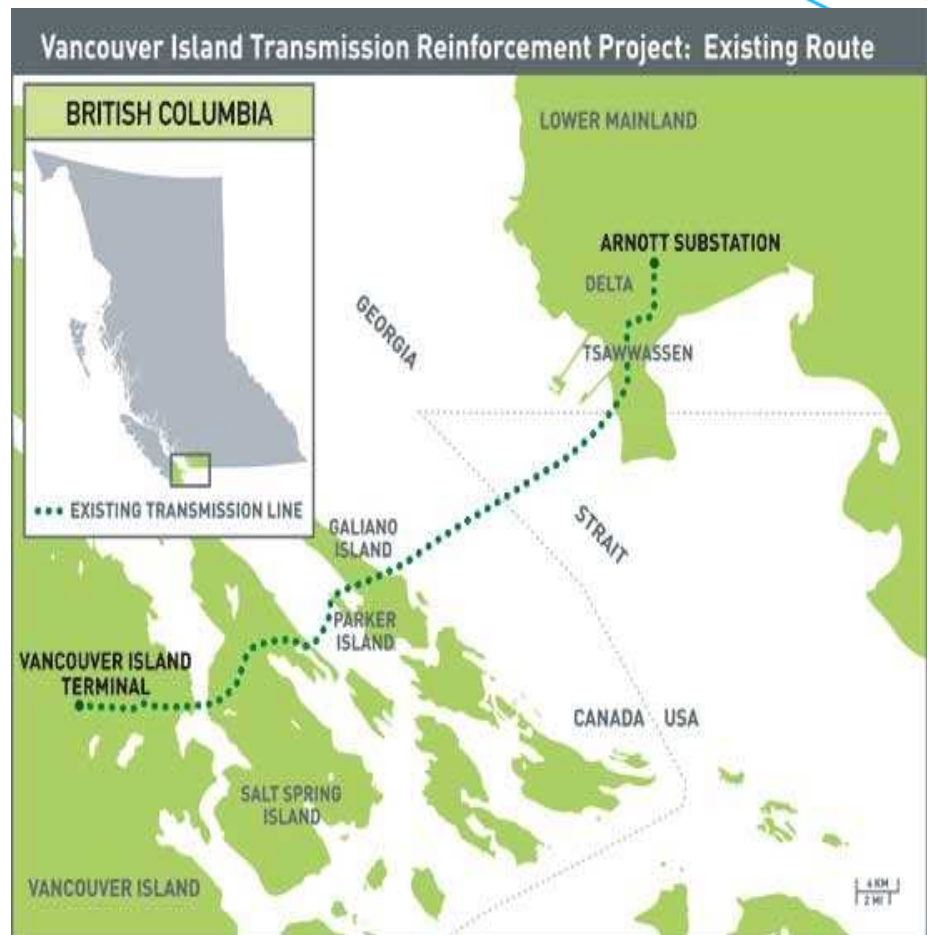


# WORKING WITH PROPERTY OWNERS

- ❖ Communicating with Property Owners
- ❖ Planning Restoration & Inconvenience Payment
- ❖ Public Opposition
- ❖ Legal Actions
- ❖ Government Home Purchase Offer Program

# Communications & Day-to-Day Activities with Property Owners

- Initially project information via BCTC Communications – Advertising, general project letters, Open Houses.
- Meeting with Property Owners - key project representatives invited, ie. environmental (Golder); construction contractor.
- Estimated timelines, construction maps are provided.
- Role changes



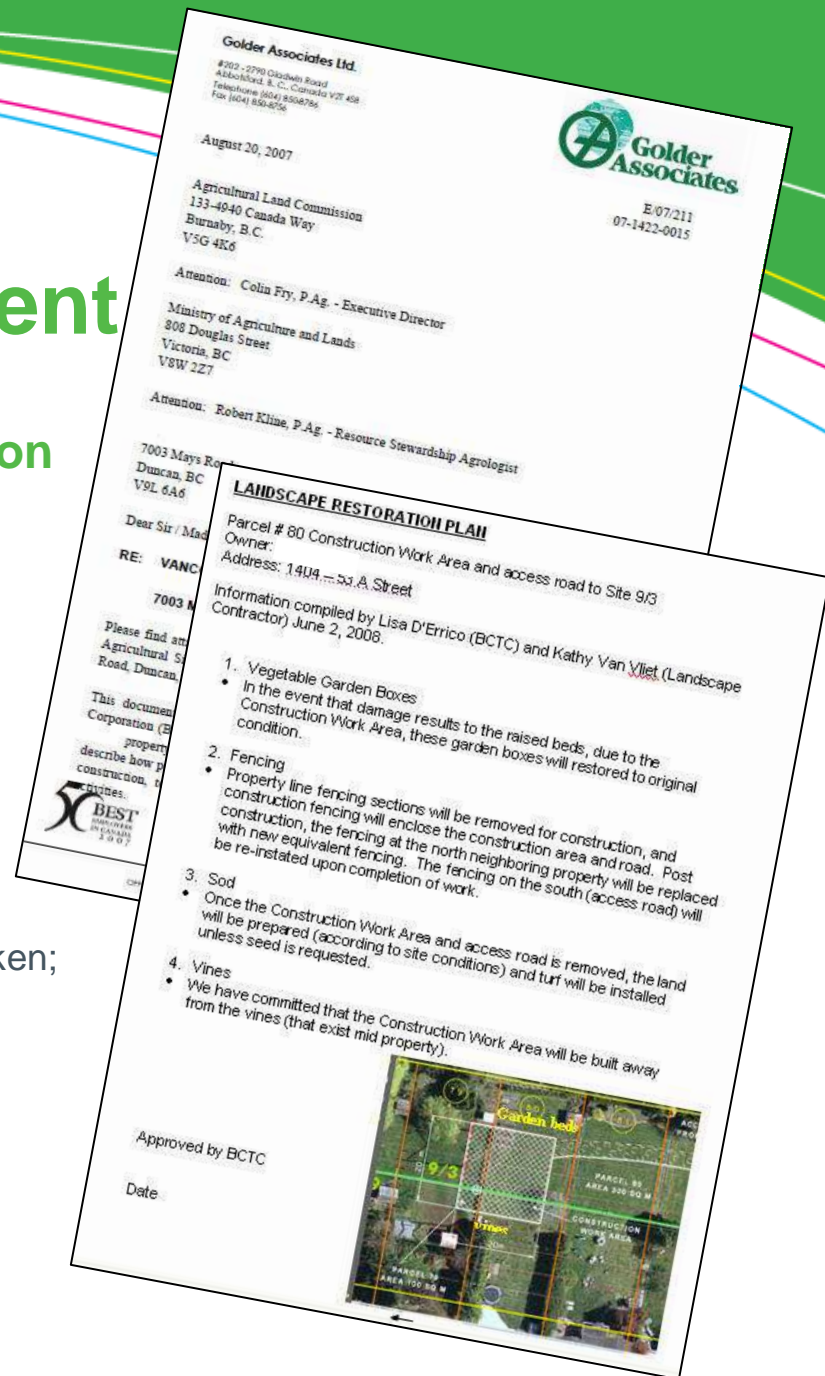
# Planning Restoration & Inconvenience Payment

- Prior to construction activities restoration was planned.

- Residential – landscape plan (Tsaw segment)
- Agricultural – reclamation plan (all)

- Inconvenience Payment in Tsawwassen

- Why – project timing was altered due to further studies in Spring 2007
- How – sites with construction areas (aka structure/pole sites) \$1/per square foot of area taken; access roads \$1000, \$1500, \$2000.



# Coalitions Formed & Public Opposition

- TRAHVOL – Tsawwassen Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines.
- IRAHVOL – Island Residents Against High Voltage Overhead Lines.
- MAPP – Mothers Against Power Poles



## Coalitions Formed & Public Opposition

- Denials of Access to the Statutory Right of Way
- Acts of Vandalism





## Legal Actions

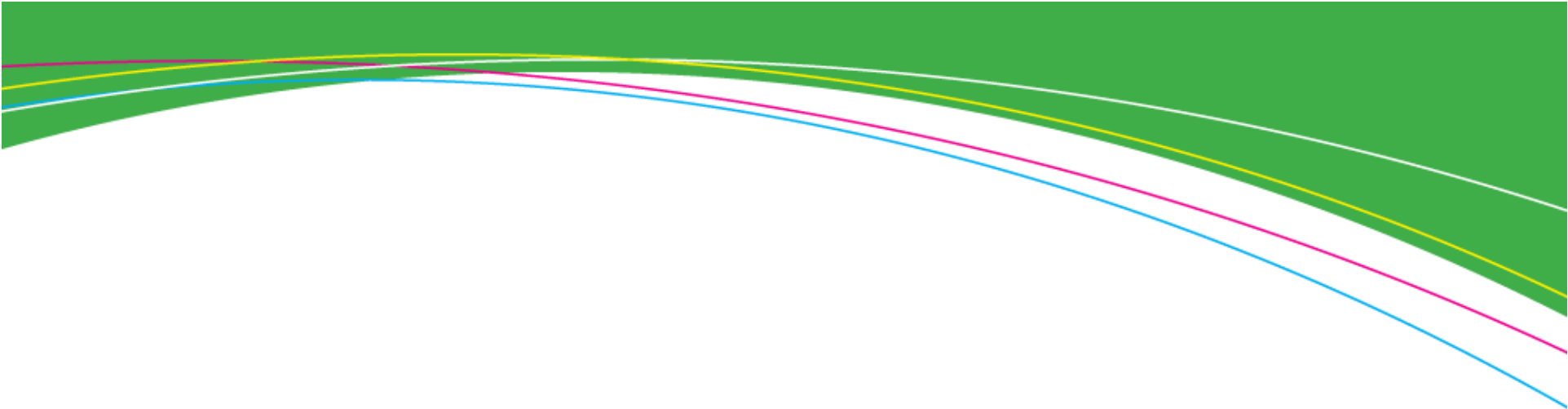
- Coalitions utilized the BC Court System – BC Court of Appeal ruled that BCTC / BC Hydro had appropriate rights for the VITR project.
- Denial of Access - BCTC / BC Hydro's only choice was to get court injunctions in order to gain access for construction activities.



## **Government Solution – Home Purchase Offer Program (HPOP)**

***Government initiated program to provide a Home Purchase Offer Program to property owners in Tsawwassen along the VITR SRW corridor after consultation with impacted property owners.***

- **Program is administered by the Real Estate Services arm (Accommodation Real Estate Services or ARES) of the BC Government on behalf of BC Hydro**
- **104 property owners out of 138 property owners eligible for the HPOP have accepted offers to sell their property**
- **Majority of the purchases and sales will complete between April and September 2009**
- **ARES will be working on a disposition strategy for the sale of properties**



# Questions & Open Discussion