

Alberta's Economic Growth Vs Trudeau's Environmental Concerns

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www.DiGiNews360.com understands that achieving carbon neutrality as early as possible is a creditable endeavor. Today the world is so dependent on hydrocarbons that it is not possible to do so without unbearable disruptions. Hence the world is trying to do so, over the next few decades, through voluntary action by countries, with only a limited financial incentive for poor countries. Canada is a G7 country, which is rich in natural resources, including that of LNG and crude from sands of Alberta. The Federal Government of Canada wants to reach the objective of carbon-neutrality as early as possible. The provinces of Alberta and British Columbia want to develop the production of LNG and crude from sands for supplying the whole of the world, even when the production involves emission of more Carbon. LNG is a cleaner fuel. Supplying it to Asian and other markets can help reduce the carbon emission in these Asian countries.

July 20, 2022, Alberta: LNG completes the hydro-testing of one of the world's largest LNG Tanks in British Columbia.

A \$40-billion-dollar LNG Canada project in Kitimat, B.C. is about 85 per cent complete and is scheduled to begin delivery mid-decade. Kitimat is a deep, ice-free harbor. Secondly, its location, close to the key export markets makes it suitable for the first export-oriented 'LNG port' of Canada.

(Reference: <https://www.lngcanada.ca/>)



Canada's first LNG export facility in Kitimat, British Columbia,
in the traditional territory of the Haisla Nation

July 19, 2023: The Last Module for the Kitimat facility was shipped by Texas-based Fluor, marking the completion of a critical phase in the construction of a large terminal for the liquefaction, storage, and loading of liquified natural gas (LNG) for export to global markets.

Jim Breuer, the Group President of Fluor's Energy Solutions business, said. "Liquefied natural gas is essential to the energy transition as it displaces higher-carbon forms of energy. We are proud to build Canada's first large LNG export facility, which will support global energy security."

Fluor and its joint venture partner JGC Holdings Corporation (JGC is a global engineering company headquartered in **Yokohama, Japan**.) are involved in engineering and setting up the facility at Kitimat for LNG Canada.

LNG Canada is a joint venture between **Shell, Petronas, PetroChina, Mitsubishi Corporation, and Korea Gas Corporation**. The project targets an initial capacity to produce 14 million tons of LNG per year, with the aims to export Canadian natural gas to Asian markets".

(Reference: https://www.rigzone.com/news/fluor_completes_modules_for_lng_canada_project-19-jul-2023-173383-article/)

July 13, 2023: Vancouver: International LNG 2023 Conference: **Alberta Premier Danielle Smith** said delegates told her that many countries in Asia cannot meet emission reduction goals without natural gas, and the goal should be for Canada to fill — and benefit from — that gap.

In an attempt to spur more LNG export projects on the West Coast, Smith said she and **B.C. Premier David Eby** began a discussion two weeks ago to explore leveraging Article 6 of the United Nations Paris Accord, which allows **Canada to gain carbon credits for reducing emissions abroad**.

She expressed frustration about the lack of federal infrastructure that would allow Alberta producers to fulfil global market needs.

Smith said Alberta is determined to greatly expand the reach of Canadian natural gas to more foreign markets, even though LNG isn't a key industry for the Trudeau government.

LNG 2023 Conference July 17, Saturday: **Brian Lilley**, a well-known columnist of *Toronto Sun*, said that **Jonathan Wilkinson**, the Federal Minister for **the minister of natural resources** could not participate in the important conference, since he was campaigning for Elliott Weinstein, the Liberal candidate in the Calgary Heritage riding, currently in the middle of a byelection. *In his own inimitable way, Brian pointed out the other events, in which he kept himself busy rather than participating in a conference, of great importance to Canada and to the Federal Department, under Wilkinson. Brian Lilley said,*" Wilkinson was out there for an event with

Weinstein on July 11, the same day he announced funding for an Alberta solar project, while on July 11 he was meeting with a group called Student Energy, a youth climate change movement.”



Marlaine Danielle Smith, the Premier of Alberta (from October 11, 2022)

While Wilkinson, the Federal Minister for Natural Resources, chose to miss LNG 2023, ‘the world’s leading figure from both the business and government side of the liquified natural gas industry’ found themselves listening to the keynote address from **Randy Boissonnault**, Trudeau’s tourism minister and MP from Edmonton. Boissonnault said that “**the development of an at-scale LNG economy is a strategic priority for Canada.**”



*Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Liberal MP from North Vancouver*

Brian Lilley pointed out that **Alberta Premier Danielle Smith** was able to make it, despite having spent three days in Winnipeg for the premier’s meetings.

For many Albertans, particularly for the hard-working oil workers and the Albertan Leaders, responsible for keeping Alberta a rich province, the issues regarding the export of Alberta's LNG and crude to the world have persisted for many years between Alberta and Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**. In 2020, cancellation of a massive Canadian oil sands project left Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and a fierce critic, **Alberta Premier Jason Kenney**, with the challenge of overcoming their differences to square economic growth with environmental concerns.

At that time, **Jack Mintz**, President's fellow at the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy, had said, "Trudeau and Kenney have to lay down arms and start working together. **If Canada wants to stay together**, it needs to reach some agreement on resource development."



Jason Kenney, the Premier of Alberta (2019–2022)

Trudeau is aiming Canada toward carbon neutrality by 2050. The Trudeau government has abandoned the proposals for LNG export facilities on both coasts, ostensibly, due to both regulatory reasons as well as economic ones. Attempts to build pipelines to carry crude and LNG from Alberta to the two coasts face bigger hurdles today than ever before.

LNG is a cleaner fuel than oil or coal and Canada exporting it could be a way to reduce global emissions. It could also be replacing Russian natural gas, which is funding Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

www.DiGiNews360.com calls upon the reputed Universities of Canada to conduct a study to find out whether the earth will be better served by making Canada carbon-neutral by 2050, while avoiding production of LNG and crude from sands in Alberta. Or the earth will be better served by producing as large an amount of LNG in Canada as possible and supplying it to the world at reasonable rates, even if it leads to Canada not becoming carbon-neutral by 2050.