

SPORTS

Bantams move on to zone finals

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The Smithers Hoskins Ford Bantam Storm are off to their zone finals after defeating Kitimat in two straight games at the Civic Centre this past weekend.

Game one on Saturday morning was an up-tempo, penalty and goal-filled affair.

The Storm entered the third period down by two goals, but came back to tie it and then take a two goal lead for a 10-8 win.

"It was a haywire game," head coach Don Pederson said.

"We didn't play sound defence, it was really scrappy and we just couldn't get into a rhythm with all the penalties."

The Storm rounded into form for game two of the best-of-three.

They built up a 2-0 lead heading into the third period, before exploding for three more goals to win by five.

"Game two was a lot better," Pederson said.

"We played better team defence, we weren't caught out of position very often and we rolled our lines.

"I thought we did a good job of rebounding from the first game, it was the type of game that you don't get a lot of satisfaction by winning."

Now, they'll move on to face Terrace in the final, with the winner moving on to tier three provincials in



The Hoskins Ford Storm celebrate their zone semifinal win on Saturday. They'll play Terrace in the final.

Nolan Kelly photo

mid-March.

Terrace will provide some stiff competition for the Storm.

They finished first in the regular season, beating the Storm in four of their five meetings.

Fortunately, because of ice rink scheduling conflicts in Terrace, the Storm will get to host the best-of-three series over the first weekend in March.

"We are going to have to come with our A-game," Pederson said.

"Hope that all our players pull together, that we get some sound goaltending and we play strong team defence.

"Everyone is going to have to play to the best of their ability."

Of note: The peewees came close to making their zone finals over the weekend, but fell just short after losing 5-3 to Vanderhoof in the deciding game.

Vanderhoof moves on to play Terrace in the zone finals.

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The KSM Project – What's required to get approval?

This summer, Seabridge Gold expects to hear the decision on its environmental assessment application for the KSM Project. The proposed gold-copper-molybdenum-silver mine located 65 kilometers north of Stewart will be a large mining operation providing valuable minerals to the world, tax revenues to the province and jobs, economic growth and infrastructure development to local communities. It's important to know the facts about how a mine is designed – and what's required to get approval.

Studying Effects on Water Quality and Fish

Protecting the environment is one of Seabridge's top priorities. Seabridge has thoroughly assessed the project and its impacts on the environment in its Environmental Assessment Application which includes topics such as potential effects to fish and aquatic habitat due to changes in water quality, including sub-lethal toxicity. Seabridge has worked with independent wildlife, fishery and engineering experts to develop a project that minimizes impacts on water, fish and the aquatic environment.

Did you know that the KSM Project Environmental Assessment is available to the public online?

The KSM Project EA is available online here: http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project_home_322.html. Anyone can access the document to learn more.

Developing a Large Mine Responsibly

Some people have asked whether KSM is too big to mine safely and responsibly. The project is similar in size and scope to Teck's Highland Valley Copper mine in Kamloops, BC. Highland Valley has been in operation since 1986, successfully produces 133,000 tons per day (tpd) and is a key economic driver in the interior of BC. It's important to remember, producing 130,000 tpd, as would KSM, is only average in size compared to other mines around the world.

There is no doubt KSM has engineering and project design challenges due to the terrain and the distance between the mine site and the processing area, which are connected by tunnels. KSM Project tunnels are similar in design to the Granduc tunnels located near Stewart, BC, which were constructed in the 1960s and are still usable today. Antofagasta's Los Pelambres copper mine in Chile also provides a great comparison to KSM given that it's



Brent Murphy, Seabridge's VP Environmental Affairs, with the complete Environmental Assessment Application.

situated in a rugged highland terrain 3,600 metres above sea level and is divided into two main work sites located many kilometres apart and connected by tunnels. Los Pelambres proves KSM's engineering and project design are manageable challenges.

Approval Process

Mines in Canada get approved when the benefits of a project far outweigh the risks. And mines only get built when there is a strong level of proof and certainty in the design and detailed plans are in place to manage any potential risks.

KSM's 35,000-page environmental assessment submission took five years to prepare – hundreds of people from more than 16 world-class consulting firms provided input and studies, and the design has been updated several times to reflect concerns of local citizens, including Treaty Nations and First Nations.

Seabridge's environmental assessment is under review by both the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the BC Environmental Assessment Office. These regulatory agencies are carefully considering the environmental impacts of KSM as well as the social and economic benefits of building a mine in northwest British Columbia.

To learn more about the KSM Project visit the KSM Project website (www.ksmproject.com) or our offices in Smithers or Dease Lake, BC.



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