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WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

Update from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title
and Environmental Working Group

FORTIS BC SITE VISIT

The Environmental Working Group (EWG) attends, at least, quarterly site visits that commenced during pre-construction and will be extending through the construction period. The purpose of these site visits are to:

- Maintain Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw presence on the project
- Monitor compliance of environmental management plans
- Keep familiarity of project status and processes

The EWG attended their second Fortis BC Eagle Mountain Pipeline site visit of the year in May 2023. Some of the areas of focus for this site visit were:

- Old growth trees and discussing avoidance of old growth management areas.
- A culturally modified tree near Ray Creek, discussions are ongoing with Squamish Nation Archaeology Manager to determine next steps.
- Geotechnical work was completed in 2022 to verify ground conditions. Based on the results of this data, Fortis BC is planning an aerial pipeline crossing of Ray Creek, Vegetation restoration work in this area was successful.



Vegetation restoration shown on far side of Ray Creek



Environmental Working group attending Fortis BC Site, May 2023

WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP?

Rights & Title oversees the two Environmental Working Groups assigned to the Woodfibre LNG and FortisBC projects. The Working Groups remain extremely busy with pre-construction environmental requirements, such as:

- Review of Environmental Management and Monitoring Plans: these plans explain how the companies will verify that the many "environmental mitigation measures" are being implemented, and also monitor whether the intended outcome is achieved.
- Amendment applications for construction workforce camps: how can FortisBC and Woodfibre LNG best avoid or reduce the possible impacts voiced by the community. Provide recommendations to leadership.
- Site visits to the FortisBC tunnel locations, other areas of the pipeline, and swíyat (Woodfibre LNG).
- Supporting offshoot activities like plant and ch'emesh harvest and community engagement.

MILL CREEK STEERING COMMITTEE

Squamish Nation is looking for community members interested in forming a volunteer (**honorarium provided**) Steering Committee to guide the restoration of Mill Creek at swíyat (the Woodfibre LNG site).

Mill Creek is a tributary of Howe Sound which flows southeast, roughly through the middle of the Woodfibre LNG property. From past pulp and paper operations, the habitat in Mill Creek is damaged – it lacks natural banks or overhanging vegetation. Still, Mill Creek supports fish including Chinook, Chum, Pink, Coho, Rainbow trout, Anchovies and Dolly Varden. Restoration efforts should improve the number of fish that can rely on this creek.

As a condition of the Squamish Nation Environmental Assessment Agreement for the project, Woodfibre LNG has committed to providing funding for the remediation and restoration of Mill Creek within the "Green Zone" – an area encompassing the lower reach of Mill Creek designated for restoration where we can get vegetation restored.

The Squamish Nation Steering Committee will be tasked with creating the vision for the restoration of Mill Creek by developing the conceptual, and eventually detailed restoration plans.

Technical expertise will be available for input as needed by the Steering Committee... the first job is defining a vision. The Steering Committee would need to look into:

- Fish habitat options, versus space available on site
- Cultural recognition of swíyat (signage or art work?)
- How to prioritize certain tasks if the work is to be done in phases over the next 5 or 10 years.

Interested members please contact Whitney Joseph at swiyat@squamish.net or 778-966-1117.

HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED?

Has your cultural use on our traditional territories been impacted in ANY way by the current pre-construction activities that are taking place?

Please report immediately to Whitney Joseph
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