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WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

Update from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title
and Environmental Working Group



Please be advised that rolling lane closures are expected along Mamquam Forest Service Road as part of road upgrades for Eagle Mountain Pipeline construction.

CONSTRUCTION HAS COMMENCED

A recap on the status for worker housing on both projects is below as decisions are now in place for both of these from Squamish Nation and BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO). From 2024 through 2026, two camps will be active. The FortisBC camp will be near Quest University. The Woodfibre LNG camp will be on site at swiyat, and out-of-town workers will not be able to access town while off shift.

FORTIS BC Eagle Mountain Pipeline Worforce Camp Approval

In 2022, FortisBC applied to amend the Squamish Nation Environmental Assessment Agreement (SNEAA) to increase the size and location of the camp for the Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline (EGP) Project. This change requires Squamish Nation approval (other camp related approvals are also required by the District of Squamish and the EAO). Squamish Nation and EAO have now approved the changes for the FortisBC camp south of Quest University, with new conditions.

During the 3 years of construction, the camp would house a maximum of 600 workers during peak occupancy from mid 2024 through 2026.

The initial SNEAA conditions and EAO conditions allowed a smaller FortisBC camp, but did not include controls or specific requirements on management the camp. Since the original SNEAA was signed in 2016, further housing pressures and community safety have been highlighted as main themes of concern related to the camp altogether. Community and worker safety is a priority given the increased risk to Indigenous women, girls, and two spirit people from resource extraction projects.

Squamish Nation environmental and regulatory staff for this project work as a Subcommittee. The Subcommittee's focus and objectives for conditions of approval were:

- Targeted planning to prevent harassment, violence, and sexualized violence within the camp
- Require FortisBC to be proactive in establishing a safe work environment and provide training to workers to support this.
- Clear accountability for issues and concerns raised in the Worker Code of Conduct - inclusive of consequences for individual aggressors.



FortisBC proposed camp rendering photo

WOODFIBRE LNG (WLNG) - Workforce camp approval: Floatel

In 2019, WoodfibreLNG applied to change the scope of their approved project. The requested change was a temporary camp for non-local workforce, by way of a converted cruise ship at Swiyát (Woodfibre) for up to 650 workers at peak capacity. WoodfibreLNG's existing approvals do not include a camp and instead would have all out-of-town workers in local housing and hotels. The workforce camp required approval from Squamish Nation and from BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO).

The Floatel has now been approved, with new conditions of approval, by Squamish Nation and EAO. It will be brought to site in early 2024 and remain moored for 3 or 4 years.

Squamish Nation's environmental Subcommittee participated in the review of this application. Environmental concerns and community safety were key considerations based on technical scoping and community engagement from 2019 to 2023. Squamish Nation issued its own amendment conditions in the SNEAA and worked with EAO on the province's new conditions.

Considerations included:

- Safety of women, Indigenous persons and other minorities at the Floatel and in the broader community
- Environmental impacts in Átl'ka7tsem (Howe Sound)
- Squamish Nation members Indigenous rights allowing access the Swiyat (Woodfibre) for traditional uses
- Ensuring that proponent is being held accountable and commitments are fulfilled

Conditions of approval require that:

- Out of town workers living at the floatel are not allowed to travel to and from town during off-shift hours.
- Several policies, training commitments, and reporting obligations must be completed to focus on safety and security.
- All floatel waste (garbage, sewage) must be barged to existing treatment facilities. No discharge will be authorized from the floatel to Átl'ka7tsem
- Squamish Nation cultural training for floatel residents, and ongoing Squamish Nation involvement in workplace culture. We will give a respectful welcome to guests in our territory and expect also the guests to behave respectfully.



Map of Woodfibre LNG's proposed floatel location within project area (shown in red)

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?

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