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WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

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and Environmental Working Group



Squamish Nation member access to Swiýát (WoodfibreLNG)

Squamish Nation wants to ensure member access to the ancestral village site of Swiýát. To do this, we are working with WoodfibreLNG to develop an access plan for members wishing to hunt, harvest or conduct other practices in the area. The intent is to create a process that is reasonable for membership when planning to access Swiýát, in order to move through the Certified Project Area (CPA) and/or to moorage at WoodfibreLNG docks.

A pre-construction access plan for Indigenous groups seeking access to the site during the pre-construction (expected to last until Fall 2023) phase of the project has been finalized. A new plan has been developed for the construction phase.

The current plan outlines the following steps for membership to follow to access Swiýát:

1. Access first needs to be requested, due to health and safety considerations, by contacting Whitney Joseph at 778-966-1117 or swiyat@squamish.net or contact WoodfibreLNG directly by Phone at 1-888-801-7929 from 8:30am to 4:30pm on Monday to Friday or by email at info@wlng.ca. This request should be made 5 business days in advance. Woodfibre LNG will make best efforts to accommodate requests that are made with less than five business days' notice.
2. WoodfibreLNG site personnel will reply within 2 business days to confirm if access can be facilitated safely based on construction activities underway or if an alternate date is recommended.
3. WoodfibreLNG asks that visitors sign in at the WoodfibreLNG administration building and any vessels accessing the site meet minimum safety requirements which will be communicated at the time of request.
4. WoodfibreLNG require visitors to be escorted, sign a waiver and wear personal protective equipment when entering the project area to access the back country.
5. WoodfibreLNG personnel will meet the visitors to escort them through the site upon their return at a pre-determined time. If the visitors do not arrive after 1 hour of the arranged time, emergency services will be contacted.
6. Special requests can be arranged for harvesting or hunting needs if communicated at the start.

Does this approach make sense and is it reasonable for you to access Swiýát? Please contact swiyat@squamish.net or 778-966-1117 with your feedback.

FORTISBC UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD CLOSURES

FortisBC Eagle Mountain Pipeline Project has started construction. They are working with Squamish Nation to finalize commitments made under the Squamish Nation Environmental Assessment Agreement. You may observe the following construction activities in the coming weeks:

BC Rail Site

- Site clearing, grubbing & grading
- Well pump installation
- Water conveyance trenching & backfilling
- Delivery of site offices
- Preparing the site for tunnel infrastructure

Mamquam Forest Service Road

- Road upgrade works for Mamquam Forest Service Road (FSR), Stawamus River FSR, Indian River FSR, Stawamus River culvert (Instream Work)
- Road maintenance & dust suppression
- Stawamus River culvert (Instream Work)



NOTE:

The District of Squamish held their "Committee of the Whole" meeting on July 11 to discuss FortisBC's EGP Temporary Use Permit applications for the FortisBC Construction Yard near Valleychiffe and for the FortisBC Workforce Lodge near Quest University. The recording of this meeting is available [here](#). The public hearing for these two applications will be held on Tues Sep 26 at 6pm. See [here](#) for information on how to participate in writing, online, by phone or in person.

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
swiyat@squamish.net
or
778-966-1117