

Woodfibre LNG & FortisBC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Projects:

September 2022 update from the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title and Environmental Working Group

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Squamish Nation members are invited to drop in to the Woodfibre LNG public open house, being held on Thursday **September 29th, 2022 between 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm** at Totem Hall in Squamish.

Members of Woodfibre LNG executive as well as subject matter experts will be available to discuss the project and provide updates.

This is an event hosted by Woodfibre LNG, but Squamish Nation will have regulatory / environmental representatives on hand as well. We will be happy to speak with anyone who would be interested in what's going on with this project.

Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be provided. Chief Dale Harry will provide a blessing at 6:00 pm.



HUNTING ACCESS

Do you (or have you in the past) utilize the back country for hunting (or for other cultural practices) at the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) village known as Swiyát (Woodfibre)? We want to hear from you!

The Woodfibre site has forest road access into Mill Creek, Woodfibre Creek, and Henriette Lake. These areas have always been used by our members. When Swiyát was a pulp mill off and on from 1906 to 2010, freedom to move through the site had some mixed results. During LNG construction and later during operations, there will be some changes needed to docking locations and forest road access. Ensuring Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw access to the backcountry behind Swiyát is a condition of approval for Woodfibre LNG. Please get in touch if you have any experiences to share or opinions on future access plans!

CONCERNS ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIO ECONOMIC IMPACTS?

Forward comments, concerns, and questions to Whitney Joseph at swiyat@squamish.net or 778-966-1117.

This update is on environmental regulation. Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Members and businesses seeking employment or business opportunities for the project are encouraged to contact:

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Protecting Culturally Important Plants

The pipeline for the WLNG project will generally follow the Indian River and Stawamus River before tunneling from downtown Squamish to Swiyát.

Construction of the tunnel in the backcountry will require clearing roughly a 30m strip of vegetation. This vegetation includes everything from mature forest to sections of invasive blackberries.

FortisBC is required to avoid or transplant rare plants and old growth forest as much as possible. Typical government permits do not address plants of cultural importance to Squamish Nation. This may include plants used for medicines, food, or ceremony.

Through the Squamish Nation conditions of approval, FortisBC has also provided resources for Squamish Nation to inventory plants along the pipeline route and identify ways to harvest or relocate plants.

Some work to harvest plants in clearing boundaries was done in 2020 and 2022. More is intended in 2023.

If you have any interest in the above activities please call (or text) 778-966-117 or email swiyat@squamish.net.

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 778-966-1117.



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