

Woodfibre LNG & FortisBC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Projects:

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



ROAD CLOSURES

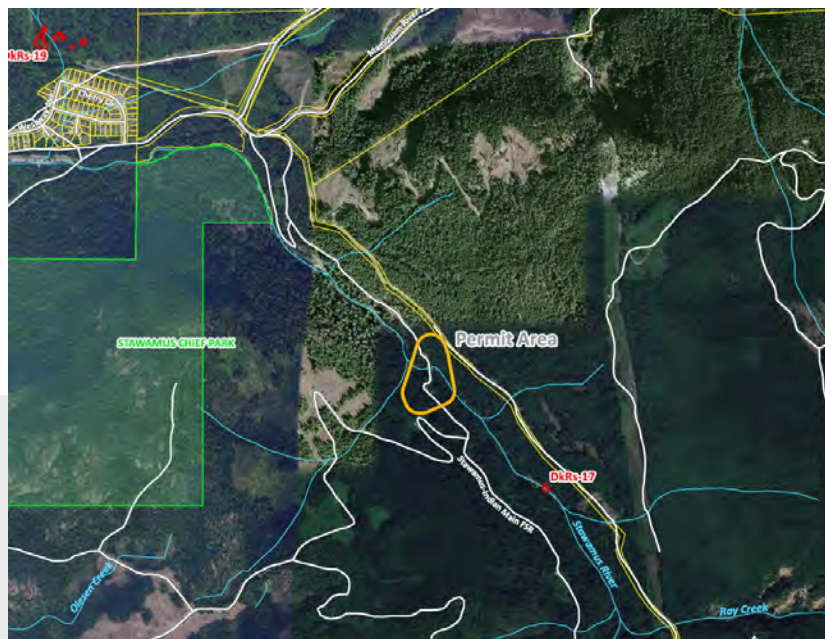
Fortis BC will be replacing a bridge over Stá7mes (Stawamus) River along the Stá7mes Indian River Main FSR. This will result in some road closures to access upper Stá7mes River watershed in autumn 2022. Details received from FortisBC in August 2022 stated that:

“Recent Stá7mes River Bridge (location shown in image below) inspections conducted by Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) show bridge deterioration requiring action by FortisBC.

Engineering review recommended full replacement of the bridge and the new minimum load requirement from FLNRORD for this FSR is L150. This is the basis for the new bridge design.”

Access from km1.0 into the Stá7mes Valley will be restricted once the bridge structure is removed.

Full road closure from September to November 2022 is expected. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Whitney Joseph @ swiyat@squamish.net or 778-966-1117.



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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LANDFILL CLOSURE

The landfill, located at Swiyát (Woodfibre), that was used off and on for decades during pulp mill operations is now planned to close in Fall 2022.

Currently the landfill is still permitted as an “active landfill” but has barely been used in years. Woodfibre decided in 2017 that it wouldn't be used for future work on site. They then started the years-long process to develop landfill closure plans and are now starting the active construction work.

Closing the landfill is a positive step: the area will be restored and closure will reduce polluted water requiring treatment on site (and risks of water treatment failure).

In general terms, landfill closure involves two main strategies to

keep water out of the landfill to prevent clean water from becoming polluted: (1) intercept water before it gets to the landfill and divert it elsewhere, and (2) cap the landfill with multiple layers of liners, gravel, and organics – with a vegetated top layer – so that rainwater drains without infiltrating into contaminated materials.

Groundwater that unavoidably seeps through the landfill is intercepted and directed to the water treatment plant. The need for water treatment will gradually wane without new waste being added.

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.



Landfill 2021, facing southeast along an existing right of way and planned temporary road



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