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# WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

Update from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title and Environmental Working Group



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLANS

Squamish Nation has been, and will continue to be engaged on the Woodfibre LNG and the FortisBC Eagle Mountain Pipeline emergency preparedness and response plans to ensure everyone's safety throughout the construction phase of the project.

**The priority is to ensure Member safety through prevention. Some of the preventative measures include:**

- Conducting an emergency drill with each proponent to test the plans
- Developing a clear communication strategy to notify Squamish Nation right away
- Ensuring the pipeline is built to the best standards with:
  - Strong pipeline quality (even a large excavator wouldn't be able to puncture) with shut off valves in multiple locations
  - Pipeline will be scanned, and pipeline toughness tested prior to use to ensure there are no defects (and tested again during operation)
  - Pipeline buried at least 1.2 m deep with permits required for any ground disturbance in the area
  - Pipeline designed to leak before rupturing to prevent pressure build up
- The WoodfibreLNG site is designed to contain an explosion preventing any impact to the town of Squamish
- Shipping of LNG will be with double hulled vessels, and if a spill occurred the natural gas would evaporate (unlike oil)
- Ship to ship refueling is not allowed to limit spills in open water

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

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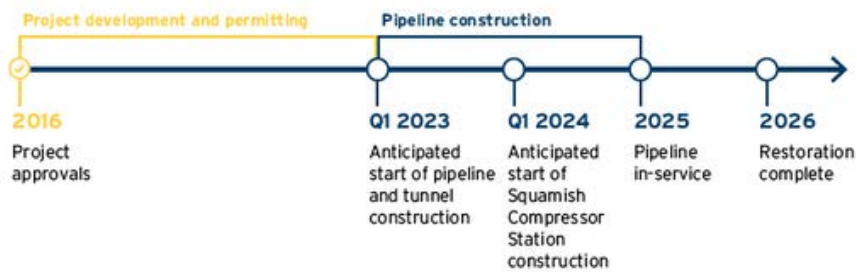
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## FORTIS BC UPCOMING TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

As the start of construction approaches, we aim to keep you informed. Initial works at the tunnel portal site (indicated below in red - located approximately 1 km from Yekwaupsum 18) will include site preparation, mobilization of equipment, installation of fencing, and grading the surface in preparation for tunnel infrastructure. This work is anticipated to start late March 2023 in which Yekwaupsum 18 residents may experience an increase in traffic along Government Road.

Construction at the tunnel portal site will be ramping up closer to summer 2023.

### Project schedule



Workyard area and tunnel portal entry (red)

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRADITIONAL PLANT HARVESTING?



Devils Club



Salmonberries

FortisBC plans to start vegetation clearing along the pipeline route this spring. The Nation have continuously expressed the importance of our traditional medicines and plants along this corridor. We're looking for a team of Members interested in traditional plant harvesting along the route in advance of clearing activities.

If you are interested in paid plant harvesting work please contact [swiyat@squamish.net](mailto: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?

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