

Woodfibre LNG & FortisBC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Projects:

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



CHECKING IN ON TERMPOL STATUS

In 2014 Woodfibre LNG initiated and submitted a voluntary risk assessment to TERMPOL (Technical Review Process of Marine Terminal Systems and Transshipment Sites).

TERMPOL is led by Transport Canada and its committee includes members from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Canadian Coast Guard, Environment Canada, BC Oil and Gas Commission and a few other agencies.

The purpose of TERMPOL is to appraise vessel safety, route safety and cargo transfer operations (at the terminal), in this case, focusing specifically on the risk of uncontrolled releases of liquefied natural gas (either enroute or at terminal) and identify potential issues and recommend appropriate mitigation measures.

WLNG has stated numerous times that the company will complete TERMPOL and abide by any recommendations. We consider this a mandatory commitment, and we have periodically asked for a status report on TERMPOL.

The submission was put on hold in 2018 while WLNG continued developing design details. Woodfibre LNG is planning to submit the amended submission later this fall, and has recently reaffirmed that the company will complete the process and abide by any recommendations.



FLOATEL AMENDMENT: NO LONGER PAUSED

In 2019, Woodfibre LNG requested approval to use a barge-based worker camp (roughly 600 people) at Swiyát... we distributed a Squamish Nation community survey for input in summer 2019 about it (see squamish.net/woodfibre-lng for details from 2019).

The floatel application was put on pause in 2020, but WLNG has now provided an updated design and new information about waste management, worker rotations, and community interactions. Squamish Nation will be considering a regulatory decision about this application, likely in early 2023.

We have heard community concerns about waste, marine impacts, and how camps have often put Indigenous women at risk. We will work with the company and other regulators on the best reasonable ways to minimize these issues before the Nation decides if the floatel can be approved.

With the camp proposal, it is important to remember this is a choice between two options. As it stands, Woodfibre LNG approval allows workers to use local housing – likely a mix of rental properties and long-term leases with one or two local hotels. So either way we are working on how to minimize conflicts with our community while finding ways to support Squamish Nation businesses.

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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STAWAMUS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

SCHEDULE UPDATES AND CHANCE FIND PROCEDURE TRAINING

The replacement of a bridge over Stá7mes (Stawamus) River that resulted in some road closures to access upper Stá7mes River watershed will soon be complete.

Details received from FortisBC in August 2022 stated that: "Recent Stá7mes River Bridge inspections conducted by Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) show bridge deterioration requiring FortisBC to complete a full replacement of the bridge." Our team reviewed numerous technical reports on this bridge and agreed that replacement was a necessary move. To be clear, this is not construction for the pipeline project. It is roadwork that FortisBC is required to do because they have long been the primary permit holder on that road.

Access from km1.0 into the Stá7mes Valley has been restricted since the removal of the bridge structure.

The road is scheduled to re-open the last week of November 2022.

FortisBC employees participated in Chance Find Procedure (CFP) training on September 20th and 27th with a Squamish Nation ACE (Archeological, Cultural, Environmental) tech monitor and the Community Outreach Coordinator in attendance.

CFP Training was required before any work starts on site and provided guidance on what to do if suspected archaeological resources are uncovered during the lifetime of the project.

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.



Photo 1. Bringing new bridge girder to the site.



Photo 2. Setting up water quality monitoring downstream of the bridge work.

Readers are reminded that all back-issues of these newsletters to June 2019 are available at squamish.net/woodfibre-Ing.

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