



## Woodfibre LNG and FortisBC EGP Projects: Update from Squamish Nation's Environmental Team September 2020

Since June 2019, Squamish Nation's (SN) environmental team has been posting monthly project updates through the community newsletters.

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**We value your feedback! If you have any suggestions for environmental newsletter topics, please send an email to [swiyat@squamish.net](mailto:swiyat@squamish.net) or call 778 966 1117**

### Community Feedback on Project Amendments

**Survey  
deadline  
extended**

#### WLNG and FortisBC Questionnaires for Squamish Nation Members

WoodfibreLNG and FortisBC are both proposing changes to project design including a floating camp, minor pipeline re-routes, and relocation of a compressor station. More information is available in the survey (online or print).

These changes will need approval from Squamish Nation, provincial and federal governments.

If you have been following the project news, these amendment proposals are not new, and have been under consideration for nearly a year now. It is a lengthy process as governments determine what information is necessary to make a final decision. Input from membership will help Squamish Nation confirm if the necessary information is available.

#### **Please complete the WLNG and FortisBC questionnaires:**

- On the Squamish Nation website: <https://www.squamish.net/lng-fortisbc-survey/>
- Paper copies were mailed out & delivered in early August
- Additional copies or over-the-phone feedback is welcome at 778 966 1117

**Deadline: The environmental team is looking for input until **September 30, 2020.****



## FortisBC Geotechnical and Geophysics Work - Fall 2020

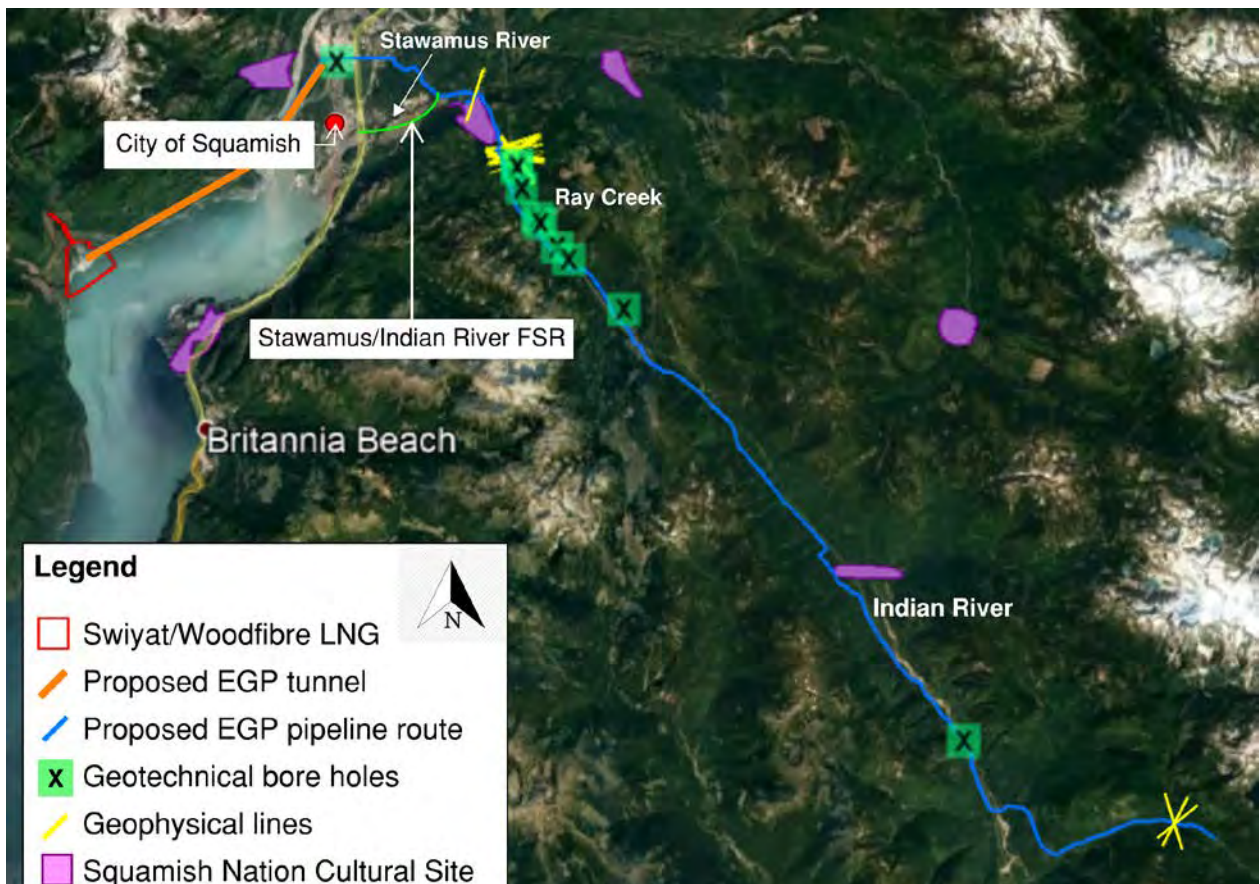
FortisBC are planning geotechnical and geophysics work within the forest service road (FSR), along the pipeline route in the Stawamus Valley and Indian River Valley (as well as near the Coquitlam compressor station), from mid-September to mid-November 2020.

Geotechnical investigations involve drilling narrow, vertical holes to learn more about the subsurface soil and rock conditions, while geophysical surveys are used to determine the bedrock depth and faults using radar/seismic methods.

Squamish Nation cultural monitors and archaeologists will be on site to monitor work and communicate findings. An external environmental monitor will be onsite for all project works.

**Road closures are not expected but lane closures are likely along the Stawamus/Indian River FSR.** All access restrictions will be communicated to members prior to and during the work program.

**If you are interested in learning more, or have questions or concerns, please contact 1-855-380-5784 / [egp@fortisbc.com](mailto:egp@fortisbc.com) or Squamish Nation's Community Outreach Coordinator (page 4).**





## Project Status Update

*Note that any project schedules depend on the companies meeting various pre-construction conditions from Squamish Nation, provincial and federal agencies*

### Woodfibre LNG:

Construction may begin with tree clearing in late 2021. Activities would ramp up in 2022.

The site will still be active in 2021 with pre-construction clean up. Notably, this includes closure of the landfill left from pulp mill operations, and ongoing environmental baseline & planning studies.

The company is awaiting a decision from BC Environmental Assessment Office on the requested 5-year extension to their certificate. A decision will be made by mid October.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of technical reports on the proposed floating camp (“floatel”) is expected in late autumn. Government decisions on the amendment application (including Squamish Nation decision) will be in late 2020 or early 2021, unless governments require more information from WLNG. See details on page 1.

### FortisBC:

FortisBC is responsible for the pipeline component of this project.

A preliminary project schedule is as follows:

- Clearing and Mobilization – spring of 2022 to late 2022
- Pipeline Construction – early 2023 to late 2024
- Tunnel Construction – mid-late 2022 to mid-late 2025
- Facilities Construction (e.g. compressor stations) – late 2022 to mid-late 2025
- In-Service Date and Reclamation – mid-late 2025

FortisBC’s existing approval from the province require that construction start by summer 2021, so FortisBC will also need to apply for a 5-year extension from EAO this autumn.

The amendment application (see page 1) will unfold over the next 6 to 8 months with review of technical reports and community engagement.



*Swiyat (site of Woodfibre LNG) – old mill infrastructure during site cleanup in 2019*





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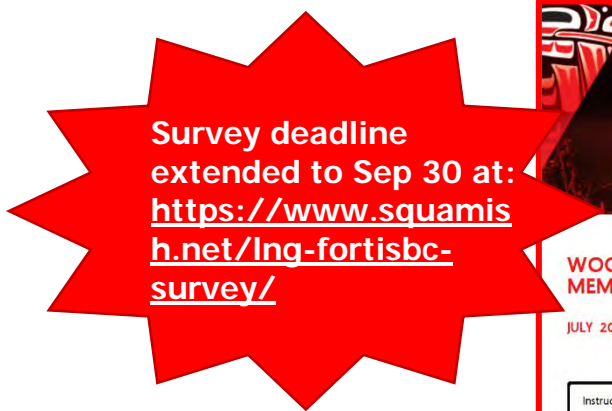
## Community Outreach Coordinator

Squamish Nation has hired a Community Outreach Coordinator for both projects to:

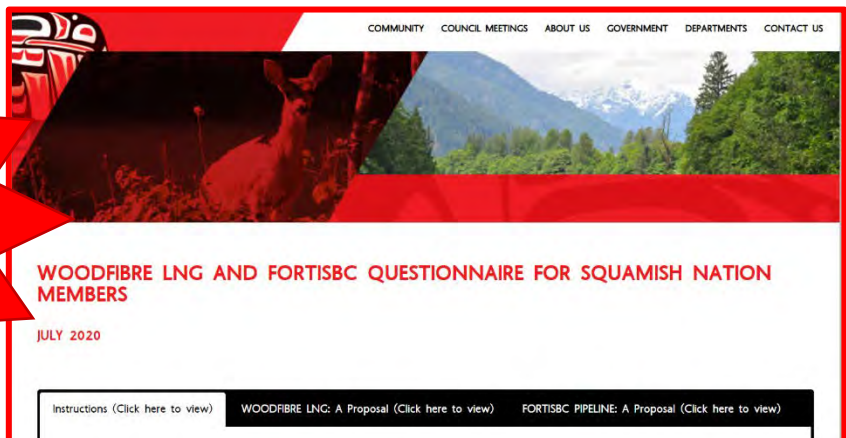
- Provide cultural, technical, and administrative support with implementing the environmental conditions.
- Support the Squamish Nation government to report to and listen to membership about environmental, safety and cultural concerns with the projects.

**Please contact Adrienne if you have ideas to share, or concerns to raise, regarding either project. During COVID-19, Adrienne is available to answer phone calls, emails and set up video conferences with individuals or groups at your convenience.**

Adrienne Charlie	778-966-1117	<a href="mailto:swiyat@squamish.net">swiyat@squamish.net</a>
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Survey deadline extended to Sep 30 at: <https://www.squamish.net/Inq-fortisbc-survey/>



## Education, Employment and Training

For Squamish Nation members, there are opportunities for jobs and training with the Woodfibre LNG and FortisBC projects. Please contact Paul Wick, Squamish Nation’s Director of Education, Employment and Training, to learn more about these opportunities.

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**We look forward to hearing from you**

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