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# WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

Update from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title  
and Environmental Working Group



You are invited to Small Focus  
Group Session #4: March 25th 5pm-  
7pm at Eslha7an Room, CJMC.

Come meet with Rights & Title staff  
to learn more about the floatel,  
camp and community safety. We will  
join together, over a light meal, to  
share information and answer any  
questions you might have. **Please**

**RSVP to 778-966-1117 or  
swiyat@squamish.net.**

## INDIGENOUS MONITOR SPOTLIGHT

**Did you know that we have full time Indigenous Monitors on site during Project construction? The Nation has hired 6 Indigenous Monitors to be eyes and ears for the Nation at the WoodfibreLNG and FortisBC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline (EGP) Projects. All of these individuals completed archaeology, culture and environmental training we provided in the fall of 2023. This is the first time the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw has had a regulatory role to oversee a project of this kind. As a result, these positions were created to support the nation in it's regulatory role.**

We interviewed Christine & Stacey (pictured below), who have been working on the FortisBC EGP Project since Nov 2023 and here's what they had to say:

**Q. What does a typical workday entail?**

**A.** We meet at Totem Hall and look through the daily reports and head off to site. Some days we stay on the mainland to visit the BC Rail site (East portal), check the water monitoring system in the river, then we head up the Forest Service Road to inspect pipeline construction, converse with the environmental team and discuss what's on the work scope for upcoming projects. We also inspect different/all areas of the project, taking pictures, and noting down if there's any deficiencies. Other days we head across the water to monitor the work progression of the West tunnel and the quarry located at Swiýát.

**Q. What is your favorite part of your job?**

**A.** We are most focused on learning the environmental and inspection aspect of pipelining. We enjoy being a mentor to our colleagues. The personnel we have worked with on this project make our job enjoyable. When working on big projects a family type bond is formed. The ones we have met so far are professional, communicative, respectful and knowledgeable on the CEMP (*Construction Environmental Management Plan - approved by Squamish Nation*).

**Q. Any other comments you'd like to add?**

**A.** We are thrilled to be on this ground breaking project. Not only is the Woodfibre LNG plant projected for ZERO emission, the tunnel is one of the longest petroleum tunnel's in the world and our position out here is the first of it's kind. We are so proud to be part of the team.

If you have any questions about the Indigenous Monitor program or the work they're doing on site please contact Whitney Joseph at swiyat@squamish.net.



Stacey and Christine working on FortisBC EGP site.



## ONGOING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

**With both projects in the construction phase you may observe more activity downtown and at Swi'yát.**



### Swi'yát (WOODFIBRE LNG)

As noted in previous newsletter, marine construction needed to be complete by the end of January to avoid overlap with Slhawt' (herring) and Cháyilhen (salmon) season, this has now happened and marine construction will be paused until August 2024.

Sḵwxú7mesh Úxwimixw now has full-time Indigenous Monitors at Swi'yát as eyes and ears for the for the Nation to make sure Sḵwxú7mesh Úxwimixw conditions of approval are met.

WoodfibreLNG will also be wrapping up vegetation clearing shortly, before birds start their nest-building for the season.

The floatel is expected to arrive and house workers as early as April. Non-local workers will be transported from Vancouver directly to Swi'yát on 2-week rotations, transported by boat from Vancouver to avoid local impacts such as housing, traffic and social services.

### FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN PIPELINE

To avoid surface disturbances at the Squamish River and estuary, a tunnel is planned underneath.

FortisBC is assembling the tunnel boring machines and starting tunneling work at BC Rail (east tunnel portal) and Swi'yát (west tunnel portal).

Pipeline construction early-works are on-going along the Mamquam Forest Service Road and traffic may be impacted during this time. Keep an eye out for signage and potential delays. Indigenous Monitors continue to monitor construction activities on all EGP sites.

If any of the above construction activities impact your ability to access the territory, please contact Whitney at 778-966-1117.

## LOOKING FOR A LONG TERM, HIGH PAYING CAREER?

**Nexw7áy'stway' Training & Trades Centre is offering a Power Engineering program in collaboration with BCIT & Woodfibre LNG in April 2024**

***A power engineer is a technically trained professional responsible for the safe operation of the power plant.***

This training will open doors for a long term career in power engineering. Upon successful completion of the Class 4 Power Engineering program graduates will be offered a full-time position at Woodfibre LNG. If you are interested in this paid training opportunity, please contact Nexw7áy'stway' Training & Trades Centre at 604-980-7946. If you are interested in any other employment on any of the projects, please contact the Stitsma Career Centre at 604-985-7711 (North Vancouver) or 604-848-2202 (Sḵwxú7mesh Valley).



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**Have you been impacted as a result of the current construction activities that are taking place? Please report to:**

**Whitney Joseph, Squamish Nation:**  
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egp@fortisbc.com or 1-855-380-5784

**Woodfibre LNG:**  
info@wlng.ca or 1-888-801-7929