

Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam Rights & Title

Fortis BC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Project Update



When Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam (Rights and Title Department) met with members in the Summer, there was a request for more information on what is happening with the FortisBC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Project. We asked them to provide an update on some commonly asked questions below:

Eagle Mountain - Woodfibre Pipeline (EGP) Project Questions and Answers

- How many workers are in town? When will peak be reached?
- In August 2025, there were 37 local workers and 523 non-local workers working on-site per day in Squamish on average.
- The workforce will continue to be refined as construction progresses and actual on-site workforce numbers will be tracked and reported. It is anticipated that the workforce will fluctuate throughout the remainder of the construction period, with peaks in workforce in 2025 right now and likely occurring again in mid-2026.
- Where are the shuttles used to reduce traffic?
- There are currently six round trips from the Mountain Retreat Hotel to the Squamish Yacht club daily.
- In an effort to manage EGP Project non-local workforce presence in Squamish during peak construction, FortisBC or its construction Contractor(s) are also providing multi-passenger marine vessels to transport workers to and from the Indian Arm barge landing in order to access work sites in the southern portion of the Indian River Valley.
- What community safety initiatives has FortisBC committed to?
- FortisBC has sought to reduce potential workforce impacts from the EGP Project. As part of this commitment, we have a number of initiatives in place, including:
 - In-person gender and cultural safety training for the EGP Project workforce. The training provides an overview of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw culture and includes building awareness of gender and cultural safety, anti-racism, and risks related to violence faced by Indigenous women and girls and people with diverse gender identity or expression.
 - As of the end of September, more than 660 workers have been trained this year.
 - Health and medical clinic for EGP Project workers' use in Squamish, supporting their mental health and overall well-being.
 - A <u>third-party reporting line</u> for any member of the public to call or email about alleged conduct by an EGP Project worker occurring within the Indian River Watershed area and a 10-kilometre area around the District of Squamish in violation of the After Hours and Respect for Community section of the EGP Project Worker Code of Conduct, including harassment or violence.

- Respectful Community Conduct line: 1-855-514-6644.
- https://talkingenergy.ca/projects/eagle-mountain-woodfibre-gas-pipelineproject/respectful-community-conduct-line
- Rights & Title and FortisBC are also finalizing a Community Gender and Cultural Safety Program Document which summarizes the safety measures and initiatives that FortisBC has implemented - and will continue to implement - during project construction to support community gender and cultural safety, and to address concerns raised of potential disproportionate effects such as exacerbated violence or harassment on distinct subgroups, including Indigenous women and girls.

Any road closures coming up?

 FortisBC posts road closure information on our <u>Talking Energy website</u>. To ensure safety and facilitate coordination for traditional and cultural purposes. Please send any member access requests to **Whitney Joseph** at **swiyat@squamish.net** a week prior to required access.

How FortisBC provides updates....

FortisBC have promoted how they are reducing workforce impacts, as well as their community initiatives on our <u>Talking Energy website</u>, including:

- Between June 16-30 FortisBC had an advertising campaign to highlight a <u>blog</u> on Gender and Cultural Safety training. This included social media advertising, and a Squamish Chief <u>ad</u>.
- On July 14, FortisBC's <u>newsletter</u> included the Gender and Cultural Safety training blog, Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser, Squamish Enduro trail collaboration, Pitch-in Week participation, as well as a Squamish construction update
- On July 21, FortisBC launched a two-week advertising campaign to promote the project webpage and e-newsletter sign- up. This included social media advertising, and a Squamish Chief <u>ad</u>.
- On September 18, there was another ad placement in Squamish Chief: Reducing workforce impacts -- highlighting the Respectful Community Conduct Line

FortisBC have let us know they're committed to continuing to ensure project information remains accessible. They are grateful to the Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam (Rights and Title Department) for providing FortisBC this opportunity to reach out directly to Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw members via this newsletter.

FortisBC welcomes further ideas on how best to share updates that work for the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw community - please feel free to contact the FortisBC team at egp@fortisbc.com or 1-855-380-5784. You can also sign up for the FortisBC <a href="mailto:e

Please contact Whitney Joseph at **swiyat@squamish.net** or **778-966-1117** if you have any further questions.