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WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

Update from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title



SKWXWÚ7MESH ÚXWUMIXW REGULATORY ROLE

Squamish Nation's role on both projects is as a regulator, ensuring environmental and cultural conditions are met. In 2015/2016, Squamish Nation Environmental Certificate were issued to Woodfibre LNG and FortisBC requiring them to uphold legally binding conditions outlined by the Nation. Both companies must comply with additional environmental conditions from provincial (Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline and Woodfibre LNG) and federal (Woodfibre LNG) agencies during construction. We've provided high level updates for each condition below, if you would like more information please contact Whitney at 778-966-1117.

SNEAA CONDITIONS & UPDATES WOODFIBRE LNG COMMITS TO:

- 1. Prove Seawater Cooling will have no marine impacts or find a different alternative.** (RESOLVED – WoodfibreLNG now plans to use air cooling to avoid marine impacts)
- 2. Restoring Mill Creek and riparian area. Formal recognition that the project is located on the village of Swiyát will also be included here.** (Early planning started with a team including Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw staff, most of this will be implemented post-construction)
- 3. Locating other water sources during critical stream flow periods if the necessary water flow amount is not met on Mill Creek.** (Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw's approved the Water Management Plan, outlining requirements to maintain minimum summer flows for fish. We continue to monitor this condition.)
- 4. Fully funding a Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw marine use plan to help address cumulative impacts of industrial projects on the marine environment in Howe Sound.** (Agreement established and plan development is in the works between Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and consultants)
- 5. Providing access to Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw members through the Controlled Access Zone to allow for Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw practice of aboriginal rights.** (Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Access Protocol is in place for construction period, Rights & Title is looking at longer term options for after construction)
- 6. Approval required from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw through Environmental Working Group for the environmental management programs and monitoring plans** (11 construction stage plans were approved, lots of ongoing work to ensure plans are implemented. There will be more plans to approve before operations can begin.)
- 7. Providing insurance coverage or form of bond to address personal loss and injury costs of members that may be impacted by an explosion caused by an accident or malfunction of project.** (RESOLVED - Rights & Title Department and legal counsel worked with Woodfibre LNG to ensure there is adequate insurance coverage for the Nation & members)
- 8. No future expansion of the project without Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw approval.** (RESOLVED - no expansion is proposed)
- 9. No ship-to-ship fueling of LNG tankers in Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw territory.** (RESOLVED - no bunker fueling is planned.)
- 10. Further study on noise impacts of the Project on marine mammals.** (Marine mammal and noise monitoring is occurring during construction and will continue into operations. The Marine Mammal Management Plan addresses requirements during construction and a separate plan will be developed for the operations phase – both require Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw approval.)
- 11. Only operate the facility for the liquefaction and export of natural gas.** (RESOLVED - Facility planned for LNG use only)
- 12. Making certain mitigation measures proposed in its EA application that are considered voluntary measures legally binding under a Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Certificate of Project Approval.** (A Monitored Mitigation Measures Plan outlines a framework for Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to enforce commitments made during the Environmental Assessment)

AS A RESULT OF AN AMENDMENT, WOODFIBRE LNG ALSO COMMITS TO:

- . **Additional Mitigation Measures** (Added 109 WoodfibreLNG commitments into the conditional approval for Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw enforcement. Work will be ongoing to ensure WoodfibreLNG meets these commitments.)
- . **Cultural Awareness Programming** (Rights & Title approved mandatory training for all WoodfibreLNG employees and contractors which includes training on safety for women/girls as well as Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw governance. A traditional welcome will also be displayed in every room of the floatel)
- . **Floatel Indigenous Cultural Manager** (will contribute to Cultural Awareness Programming, steer positive workplace culture, provide support to workers as needed, and bring concerns to Floatel and Workplace Culture Committee)
- . **Floatel Effluent Prohibition** (requirement for Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw approval of floatel waste disposal plan and requirement for no discharge of human waste, grey water, domestic waste or garbage to Átl'ka7tsem)
- . **Access to land** (Recreational activity into back country behind WoodfibreLNG site only with Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw permission and escort to prevent impacts to territory)

SNEAA CONDITIONS CONT. FORTISBC COMMITS TO:

- 13. Avoid any industrial impacts in the Skwelwil'em Wildlife Management Area ("WMA") boundaries by constructing the new pipeline completely underneath or around the WMA.** (RESOLVED - This condition led to a significant project change, with a 9km tunnel from downtown Squamish to the site at Swiyát.)
- 14. No barges in Wildlife Management Area.** (RESOLVED - no plans barges planned in WMA.)
- 15. Relocating the compressor station from the location proposed in its EA Application to a location that poses no risk to Squamish members residing on any Indian Reserve in Squamish territory.** (RESOLVED - compressor station will now be located at Swiyát.)
- 16. Routing the pipeline to avoid impacts within, and adjacent to, the following cultural sites that have been legally designated under land use agreement with BC: Monmouth Creek, Stawamus Creek and Indian River.** (Measures to minimize disruption have been agreed upon and will be monitored for compliance by Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Indigenous Monitors.)
- 17. Approval required from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw through Environmental Working Group for the environmental management programs and the monitoring of the programs.** (9 construction stage plans were approved, lots of ongoing work to ensure plans are implemented. There will be more plans to approve before operations can begin.)
- 18. Providing insurance coverage or form of bond to address personal loss and injury costs of members that may be impacted by an accident or malfunction of project.** (RESOLVED - Rights & Title Department and legal counsel worked with FortisBC to ensure there is adequate insurance coverage for the Nation & members.)
- 19. No future expansion of the pipeline without Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw approval.** (RESOLVED - no expansion is proposed)
- 20. Making certain mitigation measures proposed in its Environmental Assessment application that are considered voluntary measures legally binding under a Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Certificate of Project Approval.** (A Monitored Mitigation Measures Plan outlines a framework for Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to enforce commitments made during the Environmental Assessment)

AS A RESULT OF AMENDMENTS, FORTISBC ALSO COMMITS TO:

- . **Geotechnical studies to address concerns of pipeline construction near Ray Creek, in the Stawamus watershed.** (RESOLVED- geotechnical concerns resolved after site visits and review of relevant studies.)
- . **Squamish compressor station now located at Swiyát to be assessed, every 7 years after projects starts operations, for feasibility to change gas-powered compressor turbines to electric motor drive.** (FortisBC to conduct electrification assessments every 7 years.)
- . **Minimize the disturbance in and around Indian River Cultural Site.** (FortisBC will relocate equipment out of site at end of day, invasive plant management and plant restoration)

PROVINCE OF BC COMMITS TO:

- 21. Not allowing transportation of oil through the pipeline.** (RESOLVED - no proposal to transport oil)
- 22. Government to Government discussions regarding marine use planning agreement to address cumulative impacts of industry in the Howe Sound area.** (Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw staff and consultants are in charter phase of developing Marine Use Plan, followed by Province engagement)
- 23. Working with the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to develop an Emergency Response Plan for the Squamish Valley area.** (Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw staff are beginning discussions with the Province on additional Emergency Response Plan development and enhancement. In the meantime, we have full time Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw staff living and working in Squamish to support with emergency preparedness and response in the Valley. We also have an Emergency Response Plan, Evacuation Plan, and hazard specific plans such as a Community Wildfire Resilience Plan and an Extreme Heat Response Plan to support safety of community members. For more information please visit (<https://www.squamish.net/divisions/community-services/public-safety/emergency-planning-response/>) or contact emergencyresponse@squamish.net)
- 24. No future expansion of the LNG Plant or pipeline without Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw approval.** (RESOLVED - No expansion proposed.)

WLNG, FORTIS BC AND THE PROVINCE OF BC ALSO COMMIT TO:

- 25. Entering into an economic benefits agreement with the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw that will be reflective of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw's aboriginal rights and title interests.** (RESOLVED - BC agreement signed in March 2019 and is being implemented).

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:

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EGP Community Conduct Line

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